

# The Community Services **Block Grant and the State** Administrators that make it successful.

#### Legislative History of Community Action

The Economic Opportunity Act (EOA) is signed into law

1964

Created Office of

**Action Programs** 

**Economic Opportunity** 

Established Community

Services Act

The Act extended EOA programs and increased involvement of state and local governments

Community Services Block

CSBG

EOA is replaced

by the Community

1981

1998

most recently introduced in 2022

National directors have included Sargent Shriver under President Lyndon Johnson, and Donald Rumsfeld, former Secretary of Defense under Presidents Gerald Ford and George W. Bush. Both left indelible marks on the program and lifted its mission and

### CSBG State Offices

State Offices convene, connect, collaborate, and communicate to leverage resources, enhance information-sharing, and develop innovative tools, resulting in strong local networks and reduced poverty across each state and the country.

Fifty-three State and Territory Offices support approximately 1,000 Community Action Agencies across rural, suburban and urban communities nationwide. By stewarding funds, providing robust training and technical assistance, ensuring compliance with all applicable regulations, performing data collection required for annual congressional reports, and more; State Offices enable steady funding to flow from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and build pipelines out of poverty.

## CSBG funds build pipelines out of poverty through...

841,350 children, youth and adults were supported in education and cognitive development.

> **Accessible Education**



940,128 supports provided to adults and youth to obtain, retain and improve employment.



A More Resilient Workforce

**Healthy Homes** 



254,359 individuals received services to make housing safer, more stable, healthier, and more energy efficient.



Strong **Communities** 

451,291 individuals received needed substance abuse, mental health and domestic violence supports.



#### Learn More!

Find out how you can connect with your CSBG State Office. Reach out to NASCSP.

The National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP) is the sole national association charged with advocating and enhancing the leadership role of States in the administration of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).

NASCSP leverages its expertise to support its members with comprehensive training and technical assistance, acting as a conduit for best practices and peer connection, and advocating for strong programs with stakeholders. Learn more at www.nascsp.org.