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WHO WE SERVED...



For FFY 2021:

There were 15 CAAs, serving 126,281 people with low incomes who were living in 70,281 families.

CAAs served 6,691 people who lacked healthcare, 27,286 people who reported having a disability, 17,135 senior citizens, 32,087 children living in poverty, and 4,185 veterans and active military persons.



WHAT IS CSBG?

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) provides critical funding to Community Action Agencies (CAAs) to operate programs addressing the causes and conditions of poverty under three national goals:

- Goal 1** - Individuals and families with low incomes are stable and achieve economic security.
- Goal 2** - Communities where people with low incomes live are healthy and offer economic opportunity.
- Goal 3** - People with low incomes are engaged and active in building opportunities in communities.

Arkansas' Community Action Agencies are centrally located to serve their communities. For maximum impact, they partnered with:

- 380 non-profits
- 374 for-profits
- 251 faith-based organizations
- 124 school districts



There were 360,517 hours of volunteer time donated to CAAs in Arkansas.

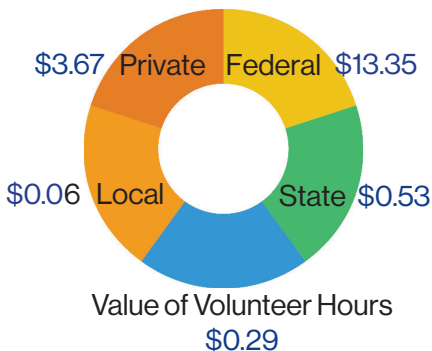
What kind of RESOURCES do CAAs have?

Community Action Agencies utilize a Results Oriented Management and Accountability system that is strategically designed to ensure accountability and improve performance management. In FY21, there were 26 ROMA professionals available in the network to help agencies with planning, reporting, data analysis and evaluation.



Community Action Agencies leverage several other federal, state, local, and other private funds.

For every \$1 of CSBG, Arkansas' CAAs leveraged \$17.90 from federal, state, local, and private sources, including the value of volunteer hours.



*Value of Volunteer Hours calculated using federal minimum wage.
** Values may not equal total due to rounding.

- \$9,677,748 in CSBG funds were allocated in support of CAAs in Arkansas in FY21.
- Including all leveraged funds Arkansas had \$171,663,354 available to the CAA network to improve the lives of people with low incomes in FY21.



14 CAAs in Arkansas also operate the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP).



5 CAAs in Arkansas also operate the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).



10 CAAs in Arkansas also operate a Head Start Program.



Community Action Agencies utilize CSBG funds to address specific local needs through services and programs that address one or more of the core domains in which we work: employment, education and cognitive development, income, infrastructure and asset building, housing, health and social behavioral development, and civic engagement and community involvement.

EMPLOYMENT

1,518 outcomes were obtained in the employment domain. This includes outcomes such as obtaining and maintaining a job, increasing income, and obtaining benefits.

EDUCATION

8,465 outcomes were obtained in the education and cognitive development domain. This includes outcomes such as improved literacy skills, school readiness, and obtaining additional education and diplomas.

HOUSING

38,998 outcomes were obtained in the housing domain. This includes outcomes such as obtaining and maintaining housing, avoiding eviction or foreclosure, and reducing energy burden.

INCOME & ASSETS

6,004 outcomes were obtained in the income and asset building domain. This includes outcomes such as maintaining a budget, opening a savings account, increasing assets and net worth, and improving financial well-being.

HEALTH

13,903 outcomes were obtained in the health and social/behavioral development domain. This includes outcomes such as increasing nutrition skills, improving physical or mental health, and living independently.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

171 outcomes were obtained in the civic engagement and community involvement domain. This includes outcomes such as increasing leadership skills, and improving social networks.



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