

From South Carolina's FFY 2021 Community Services Block Grant Annual Report

WHO WE SERVED...



For FFY 2021:

There were 14 CAAs, serving 125,876 people with low incomes who were living in 54,269 families.

CAAs served 19,669 people who lacked healthcare, 18,380 people who reported having a disability, 14,333 senior citizens, 41,900 children living in poverty, and 891 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.

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

- 543 non-profits
- 1,692 for-profits
- 350 faith-based organizations
- 93 school districts



There were 382,603 hours of volunteer time donated to CAAs in South Carolina.

What kind of RESOURCES do CAAs have?

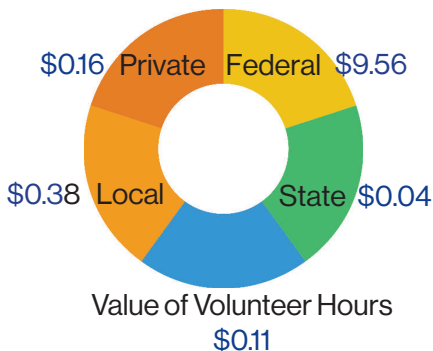
Community Action Agencies utilize a Results Oriented Management and Accountability system that is strategically designed to ensure accountability and improve performance management. In FY21, there were 36 ROMA professionals available in the network to help agencies with planning, reporting, data analysis and evaluation.



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

For every \$1 of CSBG, South Carolina's CAAs leveraged \$10.25 from federal, state, local, and private sources, including the value of volunteer hours.

- \$25,252,528 in CSBG funds were allocated in support of CAAs in South Carolina in FY21.
- Including all leveraged funds South Carolina had \$276,265,579 available to the CAA network to improve the lives of people with low incomes in FY21.



12 CAAs in South Carolina also operate the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).



9 CAAs in South Carolina also operate the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).



12 CAAs in South Carolina also operate a Head Start Program.

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



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

1,275 outcomes were obtained in the employment domain. This includes outcomes such as obtaining and maintaining a job, increasing income, and obtaining benefits.

EDUCATION

27,434 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.

INCOME & ASSETS

3,144 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.

HOUSING

14,107 outcomes were obtained in the housing domain. This includes outcomes such as obtaining and maintaining housing, avoiding eviction or foreclosure, and reducing energy burden.

HEALTH

60,725 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

337 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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