



FY 2019 BUDGET COMMUNITY ACTION STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR CSBG

COMMUNITY ACTION

Community Action believes that our country can't thrive unless our communities and families do. The future of America depends on everyone in urban, suburban, and rural places doing well. Our communities are stronger when all people can realize their full potential and contribute to their local community.

At some point in their lives everyone needs a helping hand. Community Action, through its 1,000 plus local agencies, both private and public, is a trusted source of support for over 15 million people in more than 6 million families annually across America.

Community Action's local control and flexibility form a solid foundation for generating solutions to address the complex causes of poverty in local communities.

Community Action uses sophisticated management and accountability practices to integrate a wide array of federal, state, and private resources in the creation of healthy and vibrant communities that provide opportunities for individuals and families to succeed.

The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

ADMINISTRATION'S FY2019 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Community Action rejects the Administration's FY2019 budget proposal to eliminate funding for the Community Services Block Grant. We support funding at \$750 million.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

The CSBG Act, the federal legislation governing Community Action Agencies (CAAs), requires states to work through the Community Action Network—the nationwide system of over 1,000 local CAAs—to connect families and individuals to opportunities to move from poverty to economic security. CAAs are trusted local organizations uniquely positioned to address the causes of poverty specific to their individual communities.

- *Through grants to states and local agencies, the CSBG Act defines, supports, and enforces the unique features of Community Action.* Local agencies must meet federal requirements to be formally designated as a Community Action Agency and receive CSBG funds. These requirements ensure that low-income individuals and others in the community have a voice in planning and oversight of local programs, that initiatives respond to locally identified needs, and that resources are coordinated and used

effectively. States use their portion of CSBG funds to monitor local agency performance and coordinate antipoverty resources statewide.

- *CSBG is the only dedicated funding source that supports core Community Action functions.* CAAs are highly successful at leveraging their small CSBG allotments to obtain a wide array of other public and private resources that address local causes and conditions of poverty. This success results from the agencies' formal designation as Community Action Agencies and from the extensive efforts of their staff and board members in conducting needs assessments, developing innovative strategies, coordinating with community partners, identifying public and private resources, and securing competitive grant funds. CSBG funds support these critical activities, along with fundamental agency operations and infrastructure.
- *CSBG provides flexible funds to support gap-filling activities that address unmet needs, innovative initiatives to combat poverty and promote self-sufficiency, and rapid response to urgent community needs.* CAAs identify causes and conditions of poverty that may not be addressed through an existing program or for which existing resources are not adequate. CSBG funds are used alone and in combination with other resources to support important antipoverty initiatives that would not otherwise be possible.

COMMUNITY ACTION AND OUR PARTNERS SUPPORTING A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR ALL AMERICANS

Community Action and its many partners believe future American progress depends on families constructing stable and strong foundations so everyone in the family—young children, teens, parents, and seniors alike—can reach their full potential. Providing supports that help stabilize a family creates hope and builds well-being. Opening to everyone the opportunity for education and training, the opportunity to work, and the opportunity to live in decency and dignity is both in America's best interest and a smart investment; it prevents the need for future services and contributes to stronger, more vibrant communities and economies.

We, the co-signing organizations below, support Community Action and call for funding the Community Services Block Grant at \$750 million for FY 2019.

List of Co-Signing Organizations

National Community Action Foundation

National Community Action Partnership

Rural Alaska Community Action Program	Anchorage	AK
Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.	Auburn	AL
Community Action Agency of Northeast AL, Inc.	Rainsville	AL
Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc.	Florence	AL
Community Action Agency of South Alabama	Daphne	AL
COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA	BIRMINGHAM	AL
Community Action Committee Inc. Chambers-Tallapoosa-Coosa	Dadeville	AL
Community Action Partnership of North Alabama	Decatur	AL
Community Service Programs of West AL, Inc.	Tuscaloosa	AL
Eleventh Area of Alabama Opportunity Action Committee Incorporated	Clanton	AL
Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity	Birmingham	AL

Marion - Winston Community Action	Hamilton	AL
Pickens Co. Community Action	Carrollton	AL
SEACAP	Enterprise	AL
Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership	Elba	AL
Walker County Community Action Agency, Inc.	Jasper	AL
Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association	Little Rock	AR
Crowley's Ridge Development Council, Inc.	Jonesboro	AR
Mississippi County, Arkansas, Economic Opportunity Commission, Inc.	Blytheville	AR
Northcentral Arkansas Development Council, Inc.	Batesville	AR
Arizona Community Action Association	Phoenix	AZ
Coconino County Community Services	Flagstaff	AZ
Community Action Human Resources Agency	Eloy	AZ
NACOG	Flagstaff	AZ
Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency	Jackson	CA
CalCAPA	Sacramento	CA
Community Action Agency of Butte County, Inc.	Chico	CA
Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County	Goleta	CA
Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County, Inc.	San Luis Obispo	CA
Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission	Fresno	CA
Long Beach Community Action Partnership	Long Beach	CA
Sutter County Community Action Agency	Yuba City	CA
Yuba County Community Services Commission	Yuba City	CA
Colorado Community Action Association	Denver	CO
Housing Solutions for the Southwest	Durango	CO
Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments	Canon City	CO
Access Community Action Agency	Willimantic	CT
CT Association for Community Action	New Britain	CT
National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP)	Washington	DC
Charlotte County	Port Charlotte	FL
Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc.	St. Petersburg	FL
Clayton County Community Services Authority	Forest Park	GA
EOA	Savannah	GA
Macon Bibb County EOC., Inc.	Macon	GA
Overview, Inc.	Milledgeville	GA
Southwest Georgia Community Action Council, Inc.	Moultrie	GA
Community Action Agency of Siouxland	Sioux City	IA
Community Action of Southeast Iowa	Burlington	IA
Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, Inc.	Hiawatha	IA
Iowa Community Action Association	Des Moines	IA
MATURA Action Corp	Creston	IA
Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc.	Marshalltown	IA
NEICAC	Decorah	IA
New Opportunities	Carroll	IA
North Iowa Community Action Organization	MASON CITY	IA
Operation Threshold	Waterloo	IA
South Central Iowa Community Action Program	Chariton	IA
UDMO, Inc.	Graettinger	IA

West Central Community Action	Harlan	IA
Community Action Partnership	Lewiston	ID
Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho	Boise	ID
Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (EICAP)	Idaho Falls	ID
BCMWS Community Services	Centralia	IL
C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation	Effingham	IL
Champaign County Regional Planning Commission	Urbana	IL
Community Contacts Inc.	Elgin	IL
Crosswalk Community Action Agency	West Frankfort	IL
Embarras River Basin Agency, Inc.	Greenup	IL
IACAA	Springfield	IL
Illinois Valley Economic Development Corp.	Gillespie	IL
Tokars	Yorkville	IL
Tri-County Opportunities Council	Rock Falls	IL
Wabash Area Development, Inc.	Enfield	IL
Western Illinois Regional Council-Community Action Agency	Macomb	IL
Indiana Community Action Association	Indianapolis	IN
JobSource	Anderson	IN
Lincoln Hills Development Corporation	Tell City	IN
TRI-CAP	Jasper	IN
Community Action, Inc.	Topeka	KS
East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corporation	Ottawa	KS
Harvest America	Mission	KS
Kansas Association of Community Action Programs	Topeka	KS
Mid-KS CAP, Inc.	Augusta	KS
Southeast Kansas Community Action Program, Inc.	Girard	KS
Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc.	Paintsville	KY
Central KY Community Action Council, Inc.	Lebanon	KY
Community Action Kentucky	Frankfort	KY
Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc.	Manchester	KY
Gateway Community Action	West Liberty	KY
Harlan County Community Action Agency, Inc.	Harlan	KY
KCEOC Community Action Partnership	Barbourville	KY
Kentucky River Foothills	Richmond	KY
Leslie Knott Letcher Perry Community Action Council, Inc.	Hazard	KY
Multi-Purpose CAA	Shelbyville	KY
Northeast KY Community Action Agency, Inc.	Olive Hill	KY
Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission	Covington	KY
Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc.	Hopkinsville	KY
West Kentucky Allied Services, Inc.	Mayfield	KY
Licking Valley C.A.P.	Flemingsburg	Ky.
Avoyelles Progress Action Committee, Inc.	Marksville	LA
Beauregard Community Action Assn., Inc.	DeRidder	LA
Cenla Community Action Committee	Alexandria	LA
Macon Economic Opportunity, Inc.	Oak Grove	LA
Quad Area Community Action Agency, Inc.	Hammond	LA
Vernon Community Action Council	Leesville	LA

West Baton Rouge Parish Council Community Action Action Inc.	Port Allen	LA
Citizens for Citizens, Inc.	Gloucester	MA
Community Action, Inc.	Fall River	MA
South Shore Community Action Council, Inc.	Haverhill	MA
Worcester Community Action Council, Inc.	Plymouth	MA
Community Action Program Legal Services, Inc. (CAPLAW)	Worcester	MA
Maryland Community Action Partnership	Boston	MA
Montgomery County Community Action Board	Annapolis	MD
Baltimore City Community Action Partnership	Rockville	MD
Community Concepts, Inc.	Baltimore	MD
Kennebec Valley Community Action Program	Lewiston	ME
The Opportunity Alliance	Waterville	ME
Dickinson Iron Community Services Agency	South Portland	ME
Human Development Commission	Iron Mountain	MI
Michigan Community Action	Caro	MI
Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency	Okemos	MI
Monroe County Opportunity Program	Farwell	MI
Ottawa County Community Action Agency	Monroe	MI
Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency	Holland	MI
Anoka County Community Action Program	Benton Harbor	MI
Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc.	Blaine	MN
CAP-HC	Bemidji	MN
Community Action Agency of St. Louis County, Inc.	Saint Louis Park	MN
Community Action Duluth	St. Louis	MN
Lakes & Prairies Community Action Partnership	Duluth	MN
Minnesota Valley Action Council	Moorhead	MN
MN Community Action Partnership	Mankato	MN
Northwest Community Action	Saint Paul	MN
Prairie Five Community Action	Badger	MN
Three Rivers Community Action	Montevideo	MN
Tri-County Community Action Partnership	Zumbrota	MN
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.	Little Falls	MN
United Community Action Partnership	Crookston	MN
Wright County Community Action, Inc.	Marshall	MN
Semcac	Maple Lake	MN
Community Action Partnership of North Central Missouri	Rushford	MN
East Missouri Action Agency, Inc.	Trenton	MO
Economic Security Corporation of Southwest Area	Park Hills	Mo
Missouri Community Action Network	Joplin	MO
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency	Jefferson City	MO
MS Association of CAA's	Winona	MO
Prairie Opportunity, Inc.	Jackson	MS
South Central Community Action Agency, Inc.	Starkville	MS
Action for Eastern Montana	Jackson	MS
Action Inc.	Glendive	MT
District 4 Human Resources Development Council	Butte	MT
	Havre	MT

Montana HRDC Association (aka MT CAP)	Bozeman	MT
Alamance County Community Services Agency	Burlington	NC
Blue Ridge Community Action, Inc.	Morganton	NC
	North	
Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission, Inc.	Wilkesboro	NC
Central Piedmont Community Action, Inc.	Siler City	NC
Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc.	Jacksonville	NC
Four Square CAA, Inc.	Andrews	NC
ICARE, Inc.	Statesville	NC
Mountain Projects Community Action	Waynesville	NC
NC COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOC.	RALEIGH	NC
Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency Inc.	Salisbury	NC
Sandhills Community Action Program, Inc.	Southern Pines	NC
SEACAA	RALEIGH	NC
Southeastern Community and Family Services, Inc.	Lumberton	NC
Telamon Corporation	Raleigh	NC
Welfare Reform Liaison Project	Greensboro	NC
Community Action Partnership	DICKINSON	ND
Community Action Partnership of North Dakota	Fargo	ND
Community Action Partnership-Minot Region	Minot	ND
Community Action Program Region VII, Inc.	Bismarck	ND
Community Action Region VI	Jamestown	ND
Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency	Devils Lake	ND
Region 8 Community Action Association	Fargo	ND
RRVCA	Grand Forks	ND
SENDCAA	Fargo	ND
Blue Valley Community Action Partnership	Fairbury	NE
Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership	Loup City	NE
Community Action of Nebraska	Lincoln	NE
Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska	Kearney	NE
Northwest Community Action	Chadron	NE
Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc.	Humboldt	NE
NH Community Action Association	Keene	NH
Southwestern Community Services	Keene	NH
New Jersey Association on Correction	Trenton	NJ
Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico	Las Cruces	NM
Economic Council Helping Others Inc.	Farmington	NM
HELP-NM, Inc.	Albuquerque	NM
Frontier Community Action Agency	Winnemucca	NV
Allegany County Community Opportunities and Rural Development	Belmont	NY
Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc.	Watertown	NY
JCEO of Clinton and Franklin Counties	Plattsburgh	NY
Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.	Niagara Falls	NY
Opportunities for Otsego, Inc.	Oneonta	NY
Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc.	Bath	NY
Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.	Ballston Spa	NY
Schenectady Community Action	Schenectady	NY

Schoharie County Community Action Program	Cobleskill	NY
Stahlka Agency, Inc.	Williamsville	NY
Tompkins Community Action, Inc.	Ithaca	NY
Washington County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.	Fort Edward	NY
Wyoming County Community Action, Inc.	Perry	NY
Mohawk Valley CAA	Utica	NY
Community Action Council of Portage County	Ravenna	OH
Community Action Wayne/Medina	Wooster	OH
Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland	Cleveland	OH
Pickaway County Community Action Org., Inc.	Circleville	OH
WSOS Community Action Commission	Fremont	OH
Ashtabula County Community Action Agency	Ashtabula	OH
Highland County Community Action Organization, Inc.	Hillsboro	OH
Hocking Athens Perry Community Action	Glouster	OH
IMPACT Community Action	Columbus	OH
Jackson-Vinton Community Action, Inc.	Wellston	OH
Lifeline, Inc.	Painesville	OH
Miami Valley Community Action Partnership	Dayton	OH
Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission	Defiance	OH
Ohio Heartland CAC	Marion	OH
Pathway, Inc.	Toledo	OH
Ross County Community Action Commission, Inc.	Chillicothe	OH
Washington-Morgan Counties Community Action	Marietta	OH
INCA Community Services	Tishomingo	OK
Communities in Action	Ontario	OR
Community Action Partnership of Oregon	Salem	OR
Community Action Team, Inc.	St. Helens	OR
United Community Action Network (UCAN)	Roseburg	OR
YCAP	McMinnville	OR
Central PA Community Action	Clearfield	PA
Community Action Commission	Harrisburg	PA
Community Action Partnership of Lancaster County	Lancaster	PA
Greater Erie Community Action Committee	Erie	PA
Habitat for Humanity of Beaver County	Beaver Falls	PA
Indiana County Community Action Program, Inc.	Indiana	PA
Mon Valley Initiative	Homestead	PA
Montgomery County Community Action Development Commission	Norristown	PA
Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity, City of Philadelphia	Philadelphia	PA
Pittsburgh Community Services, Inc.	Pittsburgh	PA
Schuylkill Community Action	Pottsville	PA
Union-Snyder Community Action Agency	Selinsgrove	PA
Westmoreland Community Action	Greensburg	PA
ACCION SOCIAL DE PUERTO RICO, INC.	GUAYNABO	PR
INSEC	SAN JUAN	PR
Westbay Community Action	Warwick	RI
Rhode Island Association of Community Action	Cranston	RI

Palmetto Community Action Partnership (CAP)	Charleston	SC
SCACAP	Columbia	SC
Wateree Community Actions, Inc.	Columbia	SC
Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership	Madison	SD
NESDCAP dba GROW SD	Sisseton	SD
SD Community Action Partnership	Lake Andes	SD
Blount County Community Action Agency	Maryville	TN
City of Chattanooga	Chattanooga	TN
CMCCAA	Clarksville	TN
Highland Rim Economic Corporation	Erin	TN
Tennessee Association of Community Action	Murfreesboro	TN
Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency	Cookeville	TN
Upper East TN Human Development Agency	Kingsport	TN
Central Texas Opportunities, Inc.	Coleman	TX
Community Action Committee of Victoria, Texas	Victoria	TX
Community Services, Inc.	Corsicana	TX
El Paso Community Action Program Project BRAVO, Inc.	El Paso	TX
Galveston County Community Action Council	Galveston	TX
Hill Country Community Action	San Saba	TX
Nueces County Community Action Agency	Corpus Christi	TX
Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties	Georgetown	TX
Pecos County Community Action Agency	Fort Stockton	TX
Rolling Plains Management Corporation	Crowell	TX
Texas Association of Community Action Agencies	Austin	TX
Tri County Community Action, Inc.	San Augustine	TX
Webb County CAA	Laredo	TX
Salt Lake Community Action Program	Salt Lake City	UT
Utah Community Action	Salt Lake City	UT
Clinch Valley Community Action Inc.	North Tazewell	VA
Dupree	Gate City	VA
Hopkins House	Alexandria	VA
Lynchburg Community Action Group Inc.	Lynchburg	VA
Monticello Area Community Action Agency	Charlottesville	VA
NEW RIVER COMMUNITY ACTION INC	RADFORD	VA
STEP, Inc.	Rocky Mount	VA
STEPS, Inc.	Farmville	VA
Tri-County Community Action	South Boston	VA
Virginia Community Action Partnership	Richmond	VA
Virginia Community Action Re-Entry Systems, Inc.	Roanoke	VA
Capstone Community Action	Barre	VT
Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity	Burlington	VT
Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	Westminster	VT
Vermont Community Action Partnership (VCAP)	Westminster	VT
Chelan Douglas Community Action Council	Wenatchee	WA
HopeSource	Ellensburg	WA
Olympic Community Action Programs	Port Townsend	WA
Washington State Community Action Partnership	Olympia	WA

El Centro de la Raza	Seattle	WA
Multi-Service Center	Federal Way	WA
Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners	Spokane	WA
CAP Services, Inc.	Stevens Point	WI
Community Relation-Social Development Commission	Milwaukee	WI
Couleecap, Inc.	Westby	WI
Foundation for Rural Housing, Inc.	Madison	WI
Lakeshore Community Action Program, Inc. of Wisconsin	Manitowoc	WI
North Central Community Action Program, Inc.	Rapids	WI
Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency, Inc.	Racine	WI
Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program	Dodgeville	WI
UMOS	Milwaukee	WI
West CAP	Glenwood City	WI
West Central Wisconsin Community Action Agency, Inc.	Glenwood City	WI
Western Dairyland EOC, Inc.	Independence	WI
Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP)	Madison	WI
EnAct Community Action	Charleston	WV
Mountain CAP of WV, Inc.	Buckhannon	WV
MountainHeart Community Services	Oceana	WV
PRIDE Community Services, Inc.	Logan	WV
West Virginia Community Action Partnerships, Inc.	Charleston	WV