



**COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)
SUMMARY OF FY2010-2011
ARKANSAS STATE PLAN**

Introduction

The Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of County Operations, Office of Community Services, is responsible for administering the Community Services Block Grant, which is a federal anti-poverty program that supports services designed to help low-income individuals and families become self-sufficient.

Amount of Funds

Arkansas expects to receive approximately \$9,461,600 in federal funds for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011. Based on Public Law 105-285, the state agency is required to pass through at least 90% of the funds to the sixteen private nonprofit eligible entities (Community Action Agencies). These agencies provide statewide coverage to all 75 counties. No more than five percent may be used by the state agency for administration. The remaining 5% will be spent as a discretionary fund to advance the purposes of the Act.

Allowable Services

Services are provided through these funds to low-income persons to obtain employment, pursue an adequate education, make better use of the income they have available to them, obtain and maintain adequate housing, receive essential human services, obtain emergency food assistance, become more self-sufficient, take a responsible part in community improvement including the development of public and private grassroots partnerships with local law enforcement, address the needs of youth, and make more effective use of programs relating to state welfare reform efforts. The level of priority established for each of these areas is up to the Board of Directors for each eligible entity. Eligible entities are also expected to use CSBG funds as leverage to obtain more resources from other funding sources to provide additional essential services in their areas.

Government Performance and Results Act

The Government Performance and Results Act was signed into law by President Clinton in August, 1993. This legislation requires government organizations and private non-profits receiving federal money to show measurable progress in assisting clients with these funds. A requirement for performance-based monitoring is being met by the Office of Community Services through Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA).

Geographic Distribution of Funds

Each of the eligible entity areas will receive funding based on their previous funding and the number of low-income persons in the service area. An allocation chart is attached.

Five Percent Discretionary Funds

Five percent of the CSBG allocation will be used by the state agency, as in past years, to make grants to eligible entities to assist individuals and families affected by natural disasters, provide training and technical assistance to eligible entities, and for special grants to eligible entities for projects of benefit to local communities.

Public Comment

The state will advertise the availability of the state plan for review, advertise the date and place of the public hearing, and inform the public of their right to comment orally at the hearing and in writing. The Plan will be posted on the Arkansas Department of Human Services website (www.arkansas.gov/dhs/homepage.html) and placed at all Community Action agencies and the Office of Community Services during normal business hours, from July 10-August 10, 2009. Written comments should be submitted to the following contact person, by 4:30 p.m., August 10, 2009:

Thomas E. Green, Assistant Director
Office of Community Services
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Post Office Box 1437, Slot S-330
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Grantee Public Hearings

The state agency requires each Community Action Agency to conduct public hearings in their service areas on their specific plans.

Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made available at the Public Hearing, upon request, by calling (501) 682-8719.

FY 2009 FINAL CSBG ALLOCATION

AGENCY	ALLOCATION
ARVAC	\$762,516
BRAD	\$211,304
CADC	\$2,225,088
CAPCA	\$379,039
CRDC	\$942,886
C-SCDC	\$364,936
CSO	\$331,719
EOAWC	\$337,747
MCAEOC	\$326,782
M-DCS	\$359,099
NADC	\$269,971
OHC	\$316,847
OOI	\$500,578
PB-JCEOC	\$428,470
SEACAC	\$371,257
SWADC	\$387,230
TOTAL	\$8,515,469

For Planning Purposes