



Community Services Block Grant 2017 Program Summary



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Mission

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to reduce poverty, build strong communities, and provide resources and services to support families in achieving self-sufficiency. Nationally, more than 1,000 agencies work to end the causes of poverty in their communities. The Ohio Development Services Agency partners with Ohio's 48 Community Action Agencies to ensure CSBG funds serve those in need, while also committing to the **Community Action Promise**:

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.

In order to receive CSBG funds, Community Action Agencies must have a tripartite governing board. A tripartite board consists of one-third low-income persons or representatives, one-third elected public officials and one-third private sector representatives from within the community. Effective tripartite boards reflect and promote the unique anti-poverty leadership, action, and mobilization responsibilities assigned by

law to Community Action Agencies. The boards are responsible for assuring that agencies continue to assess and respond to the causes and conditions of poverty in the communities they serve, achieve anticipated family and community outcomes, and remain administratively and fiscally sound.

Each Community Action Agency is structured and trained to utilize a Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) process to improve customer service and overall agency management and accountability. Each Community Action Agency conducts a needs assessment to identify the services needed by individuals in their communities who are facing poverty. Programs are designed based on the unique community needs and each Community Action Agency mirrors the diversity of their community. Community Action Agencies provide services and activities that address employment, education, better use of income, housing, nutrition, emergency services and/or health services. It is through these strong partnerships that Community Action Agencies achieve success in improving citizens living conditions, increasing community ownership and pride, and assisting stronger families and support systems.

National Theory of Change

Recently, the CSBG program has assessed and redesigned how CSBG values are presented. The Theory of Change is intended to provide a graphic overview of the core principles, performance management framework, and services and strategies implemented to achieve the goals of Community Action across the nation.

The National Community Action Theory of Change was developed as a way to explain what Community Action is as a network. The Theory of Change:

- Describes the elements of a common framework Community Action Agencies use to produce change
- Portrays the broad picture of Community Action: long term goals, core principles, and system capacity
- Identifies the assumptions and core principles that guide and design of services and strategies to reach the long-term goals it hopes to achieve
- Demonstrates commitment to accountability for the entire network through the Performance Management Framework and specifically to agency excellence through the Organizational Standards
- Connects the foundation of a high performing national network to the services and strategies implemented by local Community Action Agencies in order to achieve the national Community Action goals.

Ohio's 48 Community Action Agencies will begin reporting under the revised Community Action Goals in 2018.

Ohio Community Action Agencies' Performance Outcomes

The efforts and outcomes of CSBG are monitored through six national goals. These goals were designed to highlight the achievements of the programs, as well as monitor success in three areas: **promoting self-sufficiency, family stability, and community revitalization.** Below is how Ohio performed in 2017.



GOAL 1 Low-income people become more self-sufficient

50% OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS OBTAINED AN INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT INCOMES AND/OR BENEFITS

50 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS PURCHASED A HOME WITH INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT FUNDS OR OTHER SAVINGS

1,905 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS OBTAINED A JOB



GOAL 2 The conditions in which low-income people live are improved

39,000+ COMMUNITY MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AND ANTI-POVERTY INITIATIVES

179+ ACCESSIBLE, SAFE AND AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE OR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES CREATED, OR SAVED FROM REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION

51 NEW INITIATIVES FOR ACCESSIBLE, NEW OR EXPANDED TRANSPORTATION RECOURSES WERE CREATED



GOAL 3 Low-income people own a stake in their community

1.4M+ LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS VOLUNTEERED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

59 LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS PURCHASED THEIR OWN HOME IN THEIR COMMUNITY AS A RESULT OF COMMUNITY ACTION ASSISTANCE

800+ LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS PARTICIPATED IN FORMAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, GOVERNMENT, BOARDS OR COUNCILS THAT PROVIDE INPUT TO DECISION-MAKING AND POLICY SETTING IN THE COMMUNITY



GOAL 4 Partnerships among supporters and providers of services to low-income people are achieved

6,900+ ORGANIZATIONS, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, DEVELOPED PARTNERSHIPS TO EXPAND RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO ACHIEVE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY OUTCOMES



GOAL 5 Agencies increase their capacity to achieve results

158,000+ HOURS DEDICATED BY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES TO TRAINING LOCAL GOVERNING BOARDS, WHICH SUPPORT EFFORTS IN PROVIDING SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY



GOAL 6 Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive systems

550,000+ INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED EMERGENCY FOOD SERVICES

100,000+ INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

12,000+ CHILDREN OBTAINED AGE APPROPRIATE IMMUNIZATIONS, MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE



Community Services Block Grant Snap Shot



MORE THAN 590,000
INDIVIDUALS AND 240,000
FAMILIES WERE SERVED IN 2017



MORE THAN 12,000 INFANTS AND
CHILDREN OBTAINED IMMUNIZATIONS,
MEDICAL, AND DENTAL CARE

**MORE THAN
1.6 MILLION VOLUNTEER
HOURS DONATED**



MORE THAN 380,000
BOXES OF FOOD WERE PROVIDED
TO FAMILIES IN NEED



MORE THAN 1.1 MILLION
RIDES WERE PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES

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