



CalCAPA
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ABOUT CalCAPA

CalCAPA supports over 60 Community Action Agencies and CSBG Eligible Entities throughout California with the primary goal of strengthening communities by creating opportunities to overcome the causes and conditions of poverty. We strive to help low-income families reach self-sustainability by administering locally developed programs to meet the needs of each community. We also assist in ensuring federal and state funds are reaching citizens in the communities where they are intended. We have over 20,000 combined employees across California. Our 501 (C)3 non-profit organization was created nearly 60 years ago and administers over \$1 billion in resources annually through programs including energy assistance, emergency services, food distribution, early childhood and adult education, financial literacy, job training, housing and homeless initiatives and more. For more information, go to www.CalCAPA.org.

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.*



DAVID KNIGHT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

David has dedicated his 20+ year career to non-profit management including over 13 years in Community Action & Head Start management.

David began his career with the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) in Pikeville, KY. He then moved to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and subsequently, to Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

At the young age of 29, David was named the Executive Director for Pine Bluff Jefferson County EOC, and as such, was deemed the youngest Executive Director in the history of the state of Arkansas. David advanced through the ranks and became the Community Services Director for the National Association for Community Services (NASCSP) based in Washington, D.C., and handling all of the United States.

David was then named Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer for Hinds County Human Resource Agency in Jackson, Mississippi, prior to moving to Sacramento, CA, to assume the Executive Director position for the California Community Action Partnership Association (CalCAPA).

David received his Bachelor of Science in Social Work from the University of Mississippi and holds a certificate of Public Management and Leadership from the Institute of Government at Jackson State University.

He has completed over 300 hours of direct sales, leadership and marketing training and over 150 hours of training in the Certified Community Action Management Program. He is a certified Results Oriented Management & Accountability (ROMA) Master Trainer and trains nationally for Community Action Agencies.

David lives in Sacramento with his wife and enjoys hiking and outdoor sports.

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From California's FFY 2021 Community Services Block Grant Annual Report

WHO WE SERVED...



For FFY 2021:

There were 58 CAAs, serving 685,356 people with low incomes who were living in 410,671 families.

CAAs served 73,556 people who lacked healthcare, 66,583 people who reported having a disability, 75,106 senior citizens, 197,072 children living in poverty, and 6,509 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.

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

- 3,029 non-profits
- 1,805 for-profits
- 1,111 faith-based organizations
- 551 school districts



There were 1,086,529 hours of volunteer time donated to CAAs in California.

What kind of RESOURCES do CAAs have?

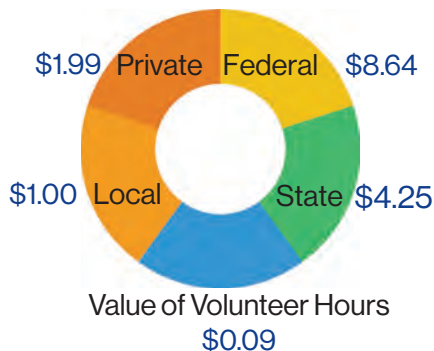
Community Action Agencies utilize a Results Oriented Management and Accountability system that is strategically designed to ensure accountability and improve performance management. In FY21, there were 29 ROMA professionals available in the network to help agencies with planning, reporting, data analysis and evaluation.



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

For every \$1 of CSBG, California's CAAs leveraged \$15.97 from federal, state, local, and private sources, including the value of volunteer hours.

- \$90,542,312 in CSBG funds were allocated in support of CAAs in California in FY21.
- Including all leveraged funds, California had \$1,525,944,068 available to the CAA network to improve the lives of people with low incomes in FY21.



24 CAAs in California also operate the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).



15 CAAs in California also operate the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).



12 CAAs in California also operate a Head Start Program.

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



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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

10,803 outcomes were obtained in the employment domain. This includes outcomes such as obtaining and maintaining a job, increasing income, and obtaining benefits.

EDUCATION

66,895 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

69,748 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

9,635 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

126,061 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

9,528 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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COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP



Representing
60 CSBG Agencies

Eligible entities are either public or private agencies that develop and implement programming that provide opportunities for families and communities of low income to become self reliant.

THE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY ACTION

\$2,571,807
Funds Allocated



122,467
Seniors



\$5,504,856
Funds Allocated



\$1,682,4587
Funds Allocated

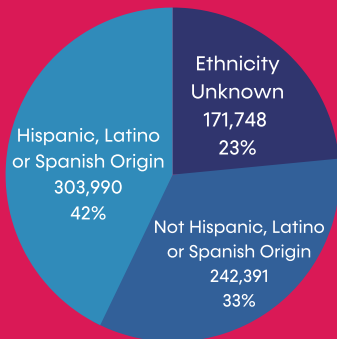


80,117
with disability

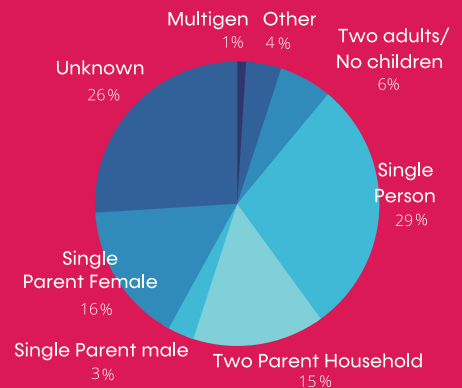
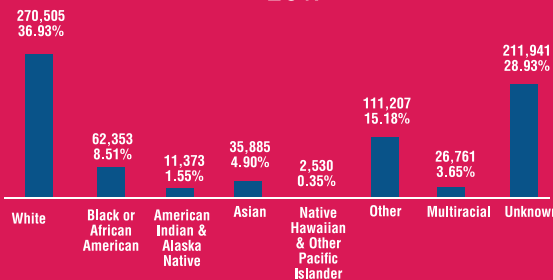


\$971,964
Funds Allocated

46,284
without health insurance



Race of CSBG Participants Served 2019



In FFY 2019 the last data available, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded CA \$58.8 million in CSBG funding which was leveraged into \$1.23 billion from local, state and other federal funding for communities.



Data from FFY 2019, last certified data available. Due to an increase in emergency services needed, FFY 2020 has seen a major spike in families served.

1,048,885 services & outcomes 35 million meals & food parcels

Employment Services

 **62,463**

Employment services were provided to reduce or eliminate barriers to initial or continuous employment

 **14,834**

Californians achieved outcomes such as acquiring a job, increasing their income, or achieving "living wage" employment and benefits

Housing Assistance Services

 **180,347**

Housing assistance services were provided

 **67,979**

Low-income individuals received temporary shelter, affordable housing placement, eviction and foreclosure prevention, utility payment assistance, or home weatherization services

Education and Cognitive Development Initiatives and Support

 **128,900**

Education and cognitive development services were provided

 **77,506**

Children, youth, and parents increased their skills and knowledge to improve literacy and school readiness and enriched their home environments.

Health and Social/Behavioral Development Services and Nutrition Services

 **184,680**

Health, social, and behavioral development services

 **35,040,255**

Nutrition services were provided

 **155,769**

Low-income individuals maintained independent living situations, improved their physical, mental, and behavioral health or received prepared meals and food parcels through distribution facilities

Income & Asset Building Services

 **80,597**

Income and asset-building services were provided

 **26,131**

Californians increased their savings, purchased an asset, raised their credit scores, or improved their financial well-being.

Civic Engagement and Community Involvement

 **18,295**

Civic engagement and community involvement opportunities were offered

 **51,384**

Individuals increased their knowledge and leadership skills to improve conditions in their community and their social networks

41% of families served in CA live in severe poverty below 50% federal poverty line



74% of families served by CSBG live below 100% of the poverty line