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Community Action
ARRA at WORK

(ARRA) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ● Stimulus \$\$\$\$ In Action

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, also referred to as the Recovery Act, is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and address the economic challenges we face today. The Recovery Act is an extraordinary response to our national economic crisis and includes measures to enhance independence and expand job opportunities for those in greatest need. Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) received significant funding to assist those most impacted by the downturn in the economy here in San Bernardino County.

ARRA Department of Energy (DOE)

CAPSBC was awarded \$9.2 million dollars to weatherize 1,931 homes by September 2011. The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) increases energy efficiency of homes owned or occupied by low-income county residents, reduces the amount spent on energy consumption, and improves their health and safety. CAPSBC will create 40 jobs.

During this reporting period CAPSBC completed 129 units under the DOE ARRA Program. To date, a total of 1,110 (52.66%) homes were completed out of the contract goal of 2,107 homes. Expenditures are at 52.66% of contract goal.

ARRA Lead

CAPSBC will complete under the ARRA Lead Hazard Contract, lead hazard abatement services on 105 qualifying homes and create between 6 and 8 jobs. The terms of this contract was amended from June 1, 2009 through October 31, 2011 to December 31, 2011. The amount was increased from \$885,981.00 to \$1,164,736. Work started on this contract in March 2010.

For this reporting period, 10 units were successfully abated. We are at 51.43% of our contract goal. Our expenditure to date is \$95,376.00 or 55.95% of allocated contract dollars expended.

ARRA Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

CAPSBC was Awarded \$102,764 in ARRA Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program funding for FY 2010. The CAPSBC Food Bank is partnering with several community and faith-based organizations to expand the number of food distribution sites, and school districts to expand the number of kids that will be served by the Backpack Program.

The CAPSBC Food Bank has expanded by 33 USDA Food Distribution Sites, 11 Salvaged Food Sites and 10 Soup Kitchens through the ARRA TEFAP funding. The USDA Sites served 4,844 households, the Salvaged Sites served 1,507 households and the Soup Kitchens served 7,658 meals per month. The USDA ARRA sites and ARRA Soup Kitchens are now on our regular TEFAP Program and the Salvaged Food Sites are part of our

regular non-USDA Food Site Network. These sites will continue on the regular USDA Programs, based on the availability of food.

ARRA Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)

CAPSBC was awarded \$710,812 by the San Bernardino Department of Community Development and Housing for rental and utility assistance to prevent eviction and homelessness.

Under the Homelessness Prevention component, the Family Development Program (FDP) provides rental assistance to prevent eviction and homelessness for up to 18 months not to exceed \$3,000; and utility assistance for up to 18 months not to exceed \$1,800. The contract pays 50% and the client pays 50%. The clients targeted under this contract are those who have been impacted by the economy; or experienced a major emergency that has impacted the household income.

The Rapid Re-Housing component only allowed serving homeless persons that are victims of domestic violence, or who are exiting a transitional housing program. Under the contract we are able to provide security deposits, utility deposits, and/or motel vouchers to assist in getting clients into permanent housing.

Since the implementation of the program in October 2009, CAPSBC has provided \$145,038 in rental assistance; \$14,104 in utility payments and deposits; and \$5,750 in motel vouchers. Forty-eight (48) households representing 73 adults and 96 children are currently receiving ongoing rent and utility assistance to prevent eviction and homelessness. Seventeen (17) households representing 30 adults and 32 children have successfully exited the program and remain stably housed.

ARRA Sustainability

On January 26 & 27, CAPSBC hosted a Webinar with ARRA CSBG Delegate Agencies to assess the desire among agencies to pursue funding as a San Bernardino County Collaborative. In 2011, CAPSBC has a goal of raising \$650,000 in funding in collaboration with other agencies. Immediate areas of interest are Asset Development and Food Security.

