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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)

During this reporting period CAPSBC completed a total of 128 homes under the DOE ARRA Program. Seventy-two of the completed units were in the City of Barstow bringing the number of homes weatherized under DOE to 381. Work has begun on 20% of the 330 plus units in the San Bernardino area.

SCSD conducted a Webinar on July 13, 2010 which provided an update on statewide production expectations of DOE and advising the SCSD network of forthcoming Amendment (#4) by August 30, 2010. This Amendment will specify a requirement of 60% of expenditures from the first half of the round of funding the providers received and 100% by December 31, 2010. The total units weatherized in California as of June 30, 2010 is 8,679 leaving the State 287 units below the June 30, 2010 goal of 8,966 units.

ARRA Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

ARRA Delegate Agencies - CAPSBC issued \$1.2 million to 18 community based organizations. The 21 projects are now underway across the county. Four projects involve income management, seven projects are nutrition oriented, and ten projects are directed to youth training and employment.

On July 1, 2010, CAPSBC submitted the California ARRA Assessment Team (CAAT) Quarterly Report of jobs created/retained as a result of ARRA CSBG funding.

For the quarter, CAPSBC reported 51 jobs created, 35 jobs retained.



The Weatherization Crew of Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County.

ARRA Emergency Services – The Family Development Program provides safety net services to those individuals in jeopardy of becoming homeless and in need of emergency assistance.

Accomplishments:

- 236 households served with rental assistance - dollars expended \$ 173,423.
- 111 households served with emergency motel assistance – dollars expended \$126,596.
- 39 households served with miscellaneous assistance – dollars expended \$12,930.
- An additional amount of \$140,777 has been expended to purchase food cards, Wal-Mart cards for clothing, bus passes, gasoline cards, and cards for Payless Shoes.

ARRA Asset Development

• New Asset Development Manager was hired and assumed duties on May 3, 2010. New Family Development Specialist for IDA assumed duties on May 27, 2010. New Program Coordinator I assumed her duties on June 21, 2010.



ARRA Delegate Agencies

Arrowhead United Way
909-884-9441

Inland Empire Women's Business Center
909-890-1242

Time for Change Foundation
909-886-2994

Hearts and Lives
909-337-9922

Catholic Charities of San Bernardino & Riverside
909-388-1239

Desert Manna Ministries
760-256-7797

House of Prayer Gospel Outreach Ministries
909-874-4810

Greater Faith Grace Bible Church
909-875-4891

Inland Counties Health Systems Agency
951-697-6565

High Desert Domestic Violence
760-843-0701

Westside Community Services Center
909-384-5428

California State University San Bernardino Foundation
909-537-7438

Center for Employment Training
909-478-3818

Young Visionaries Youth Leadership
909-881-3382

Priscilla's Helping Hand
909-881-2800

Youth Action Project
909-888-7881

California State University San Bernardino Foundation
909-537-5654

PAL Center
909-887-7002

Black Voice Foundation
909-888-5040

- A meeting of the EITC/VITA Coalition took place on June 30, 2010.
- An EITC and Financial Awareness event is being planned for September 11, 2010, under the EITC ARRA contract.
- Planning has begun for production of a short informative video regarding the Earned Income Tax Credit. The video will be used as a marketing tool to increase awareness.
- 25 IDA clients currently using "Debt-watchers" online tool for monitoring debt management and credit.

ARRA Food Bank

On an average, the CAPSBC Food Bank works with about 160 agencies year round. Currently, as a result of the ARRA Stimulus funding and new Food Bank ARRA Projects, the number of Food Bank Partnership's is now at 219, made up of non-profits, faith and community-based organizations, including some county and city departments.

ARRA Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

CAPSBC Food Bank

We are partnering with several community, faith-based organizations, and school districts to increase the number of kids that will be served by the Backpack Program. Enrollment is currently at 356 kids with 13 schools of the San Bernardino City Unified School District participating by the end of July. We are working on coordinating the program infrastructure with San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools to expand to 1,000 students.

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

CAPSBC was awarded by the San Bernardino Department of Community Development and Housing in the amount of \$701,890 for rental assistance to prevent eviction and homelessness.

- 27 households (representing 103 individuals) receiving ongoing rent and

utility assistance to prevent eviction and homelessness.

- New HPRP Specialist assumed duties on May 24, 2010.
- Third series of Financial Education workshops began on July 6, 2010, and will run through September 14, 2010.

ARRA Lead

Under this contract, CAPSBC will complete lead hazard control services to 105 qualifying homes and create between 6 and 8 jobs. Contract Amendment #1 was received from the SDCSD for processing on February 12, 2010. 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, one unit was successfully abated and six units are pending completion. This is due to unavailability of independent clearance inspector.



Backpacks stuffed with nutritious snacks are lined up ready to go. Children of low-income families who participate in the Food Bank's Backpack program get to take home one of these backpacks from school on Friday afternoons to feed them on the weekends.