



(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. Most of the ARRA grant awards ended September 30, 2010. The updates that follow are from ARRA awards with ending dates in 2011/2013.

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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 spend 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 1,367 (67.84%) homes were completed out of the contract goal of 2,107 homes. Expenditures are at 84.92 % of contract goal.



A home with LEAD contamination before CAPSBC work begins to eliminate the health hazard.



After LEAD abatement services have been performed by CAPSBC, the home is clean and safe.



A CAPSBC LEAD removal technician carefully strips off the old LEAD based paint.

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 term of the contract was extended 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 began in March 2010.

To date, 71 units were successfully abated and we are at 67.62% of our contract goal of 105 homes. Our expenditures to date are 92.16% of allocated contract dollars of \$1,234,736.

ARRA Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

CAPSBC was Awarded \$102, 764 in ARRA Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program funding for FY 2010. CAPSBC's Food Bank is partnering with several community and faith-based organizations to expand the number of food distribution sites, and serve at-risk students in specified school districts with supplemental food during the weekend.

Out of the original 57 ARRA sites established with ARRA funding, 53 sites remain in place:

USDA - 32; Salvaged Food - 11; Soup Kitchens - 10; serving a total of 12, 821 a month.



Community Action
ARRA at WORK



The Kidz Backpack Program assists 1,100 low-income students to supplement their diets over the weekend. Forty-three schools from five school districts are participating in the program - Adelanto Unified School District, Colton Unified School District, Redlands Unified School District, Rialto Unified School District, San Bernardino City Unified School District, plus the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Homeless Program.



Volunteers arrive at J.P. Kelley Elementary School in Rialto delivering food for the Kidz Fuel - Snack Pack program.



A volunteer with UPS helps distribute food to a child participating in CAPSBC's Kidz Fuel - Snack Pack program.

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

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

There are two program components:

- 1.) Homelessness Prevention - 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.
- 2.) Rapid Re-Housing - 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.

CAPSBC conducts outreach to remote eligible areas of the county to identify qualified clients for HPRP.

CAPSBC, through the HPRP "Housing Strides Program" has served a total of 74 families to date, which consist of 124 Adults and 140 children. Services provided were motel vouchers, rental and utility deposits, rental assistance, utility assistance, financial literacy classes, job leads, and main stream referrals.

HPRP Client Success Stories

"Ms. CV," a single mom with two children, was assisted through HPRP, Housing Strides Homeless Prevention Program. Her hours at work as a care provider had been cut to minimum hours, she was attending 4- D College part-time for Medical Billing and was in jeopardy of losing her housing. With the assistance of the program, she has been able to remain in her home with her children, obtain her Medical Billing Certificate and gain full time employment as a Medical Biller.

"Mr. & Mrs. M" have six children and one grandchild, when the M family came in to the program Mrs. M had lost her job as a fast food assistant manager due to a family emergency, Mr. M worked full time making minimum wage, with the assistance of the program the family has been able to remain in their home with financial assistance from CAPSBC. Mrs. M took ESL and GED classes, she now has full time employment at a fast food restaurant as a Manager, two of their daughters have graduated from High School they are attending college part time, with job leads provided by the program the girls have obtained part time employment.

Mrs. "MO" was a Victim of Domestic Violence and was at a Domestic Violence Shelter with her three children. She completed the Domestic Violence Program, with Housing Strides Homeless Prevention Program assistance, the family was relocated and is now stably housed. Mrs. MO is working full time and going to school to further her education