



(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.

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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 spent on energy consumption, and improves their health and safety. CAPSBC will create 40 jobs.

Accomplishments:

During this reporting period CAPSBC completed 108 homes under the DOE ARRA Program. To date, a total of 630 (42.48%) homes were completed out of the contract goal of 1,931 homes. Expenditures are 60.26% of contract goal.

ARRA Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

CAPSBC was awarded \$4.1 million dollars in ARRA Community Services Block Grant funding to create or sustain jobs while eliminating poverty by providing services that help low-income individuals to obtain the skills, knowledge and support they need to become self-sufficient.

ARRA Delegate Agencies - CAPSBC issued \$1.3 million to 18 community based organizations.

Accomplishments:

Twenty-two delegate agency projects concluded on September 30, 2010. Four projects involved income management, seven projects were nutrition oriented, ten projects were directed to youth training and employment, and a mentorship program was the final project. In addition, CAPSBC acquired a commercial stove, refrigerator and freezer on behalf of Samaritan Social Services to upgrade equipment and support the cooking classes and meal services provided in the Muscoy area for low-income residents.



Participants in The Life Changing Mentor Program enjoy a day at the ballpark. Qualified community members are trained to be mentors to children of incarcerated parents.

CAPSBC reported a total of 90 jobs created or retained in the final California ARRA Assessment Team (CAAT) data call on October 1, 2010.

All activity, program and fiscal, ended September 30, 2010, and final reporting to the State Department of Community Services & Development (SDCSD) will be completed by October 30, 2010.

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

The Family Development Program (FDP) budget for client assistance under CSBG ARRA was just over \$1 million. Since January 2010 when FDP began actively serving clients under CSBG ARRA, FDP has expended more than 91% of the budget and served nearly 1,000 households. In rental assistance alone, FDP has served 505 households with ARRA funding. In addition, FDP has provided motel assistance; provided food, gasoline, and clothing cards and bus passes; and also provided an array of miscellaneous services, including emergency car repair and utility assistance. CAPSBC reached out to remote areas of the county and established offices in West End, the High Desert, the Mountain communities, and the Morongo Basin to reach as many clients in need as possible.



Waiting for food at a CAPSBC Food Network distribution site.

ARRA Food Bank

To expand food distribution services.

Accomplishments

CAPSBC increased the number of distribution sites from 156 to 211. Food Bank is currently serving:

- 57 Feeding Sites
- 39,703 Households
- 65,000 Meals served per month



Community Action
ARRA at WORK



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

ARRA Asset Development

CAPSBC was awarded \$50,000 by SDCSD to promote awareness of the Earned Income Tax Credit and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance network that is available to qualified San Bernardino County Residents.

Accomplishments

In addition to the September 11, 2010 Financial Literacy event, two other events were conducted on September 24, 2010 (at the Sportsman Club, Joshua Tree) and on September 28, 2010 (at the Connection Community Church, Barstow). The workshops were facilitated by Linda Williams, from Consumer Action. Attendees were provided with information on how to build and manage their credit; how to identify suspicious activities with their credit and what the three major credit card bureaus are looking at when reporting derogatory information.

ARRA Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)

CAPSBC was Awarded \$102, 764 in ARRA Emergency Food Assistance Program funding for FY 2010. CAPSBC submitted a revised proposal in the amount of \$102,764 with an updated spending plan to include new kitchen equipment for seventeen soup kitchens.

The CAPSBC Food Bank is partnering with several community, faith-based organizations, and school districts to expand the number of kids that will be served by the Backpack Program.

Accomplishments



Children from Preston Elementary School in Colton who participated in the Kidz Fuel - Snack Pack program put their handprints on a big Thank You card for CAPSBC.

The Kidz Fuel Backpack Program is currently serving 1,095 students of which 863 are Elementary students and 232 students are attending Junior/Senior High School from 20 schools within the San Bernardino City and County Unified School Districts.

CAPSBC purchased \$79,394 worth of commercial kitchen equipment with EFAP ARRA Stimulus Grant funding. The equipment will go to 32 Soup Kitchens, to replace aged and antiquated equipment. The items include:

- 17 Commercial Refrigerators
- 5 Commercial Freezers
- 12 Commercial Microwaves
- 4 Commercial Restaurant Gas Ranges
- 25 8' ft. Aluminum Tables

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.

HPRP Housing Strides Program – has assisted 53 families to remain in their homes, obtain rapid housing, stabilize employment and finances. Financial Literacy Workshops are also provided to HPRP clients and these workshops are open to the public.

ARRA Lead

Under this contract, CAPSBC will complete lead hazard control services on 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 to \$1,164,736. Work started on this contract in March 2010.

- For this reporting period, 10 units were successfully abated. We are at 29.52% of our contract goal and 36% of allocated contract dollars expended.