



# Community Services Block Grant

From the FY 2010 Community Services Block Grant Information System (CSBG IS) Survey

## Colorado

### CSBG Allocation, FY 2010:

**\$6,043,816**

#### Amount leveraged by Community Action from other sources, for every \$1 of CSBG

- \$62.43** Federal Resources
- \$14.39** State, Local, and Private Resources
- \$76.82** Total Resources

#### Network Coverage in the State

- 40** Agencies
- 100%** Counties covered by Community Action

### Addressing the Root Causes of Poverty

CSBG is a nationwide network that works efficiently to address economic disparity across our country. While there are many federal programs that seek to address poverty in a piecemeal fashion, CSBG is the only investment exclusively focused on reducing poverty. It is a common sense strategy that effectively uses a powerful mix of federal, state, and local resources to address the problems that lead to systemic poverty. CSBG allows states to strategically target the root causes of poverty on a local level. In the last year alone, the CSBG Network served 24% of all families in poverty and reduced or eliminated 37.2 million conditions of poverty.

State CSBG administrators coordinate with other federal, state, and local programs, creating a synergy that improves efficiency, access, and results for low-income individuals and communities. Administration on a state level also provides robust accountability and oversight, tracking metrics such as employment, education, housing, and health.

### In 2010, CO Community Action Served:

**187,338 Individuals**

**113,820 Families**

### Participants Included:

- 77%** with incomes at or below the Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG)
- 40%** in severe poverty with incomes at or below 50% of the FPG
- 34%** "working poor" families relying on wages or unemployment insurance
- 18%** families in which at least one family member was a retired worker
- 39,908** children
- 23,422** adults who had not completed high school
- 12,942** people with disabilities

### Community Engagement

Volunteer hours donated to Community Action: **177,730**  
 Number of Partnerships: **1,944**

### Uses of CSBG Funds by Community Action

Employment	<b>1.9%</b>	Nutrition	<b>6.0%</b>
Education	<b>1.6%</b>	Linkages	<b>44.6%</b>
Income Management	<b>0.3%</b>	Self Sufficiency	<b>7.9%</b>
Housing	<b>6.0%</b>	Health	<b>4.0%</b>
Emergency Services	<b>27.8%</b>	Other	<b>0.0%</b>



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## Performance Outcomes for Colorado

Conditions of poverty reduced or eliminated by  
the CO CSBG Network in FY 2010: **218,363**

These conditions were measured by:

### Gained Employment or Obtained Supports to Reduce or Eliminate Barriers to Employment

**28,550** Low-income participants in CSBG Network employment initiatives obtained supports which reduced or eliminated barriers to initial or continuous employment, acquired a job, obtained an increase in employment income, or achieved “living wage” employment and benefits.

### Increased Economic Asset Enhancement and Utilization

**281** Low-income households achieved an increase in financial assets or financial skills as a result of CSBG Network assistance.

### Improved Child and Family Development

**2,815** Infants, children, youth, parents, and other adults participated in developmental or enrichment programs facilitated by the CSBG Network and achieved program goals.

### Secured Independent Living for Low-Income Vulnerable Populations

**8,044** Low-income vulnerable individuals received services from the CSBG Network and maintained an independent living situation as a result.

### Obtained Supports to Reduce or Eliminate Barriers to Family Stability

**48** Low-income participants obtained supports which reduced or eliminated barriers to family stability through assistance from the CSBG Network.

### Obtained Emergency Assistance

**175,084** Low-income individuals and families received emergency assistance from the CSBG Network.

### Expanded Community Opportunities and Resources

**1,445** Community opportunities or resources were improved or increased for low-income people as a result of CSBG Network projects or initiatives, or advocacy with other public and private agencies.

### Empowered Communities through Maximum Feasible Participation

**2,096** Community members and low-income people mobilized to engage in activities that support and promote their own well-being and that of their community as a direct result of CSBG Network initiatives.