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The Community Services Block Grant: The Network's FY 2003 Non-Federal Funds

Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and other Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) local grantees in 49 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico reported that their FY 2003 funding was more than $9.3 billion, including $589 million from CSBG.

CSBG and 'Leveraged' Funds in FY 2003

The federal government utilizes the level of non-federal leveraged funds as one measure of the performance of the CSBG local network. In FY 2003, the network's non-federal funds added nearly $2.6 billion or about 28% of local expenditures. CAAs provide opportunities for private donors to offer their resources to programs that improve the well-being of families and the quality of life in communities; they also generate federal, state and local government support by seeking out contracts, grants, partnerships and donations. CAAs expended CSBG funds on a wide variety of services and initiatives, and CSBG-paid staff is responsible for securing new resources.

In FY 2003, there was $4.36 in combined state, local, and private funding per federal CSBG dollar. State-funding narrowly exceeded funds from private partnerships. Private sector contributions of funds, goods, and services totaled more than $922 million; or more than $1.57 for each CSBG dollar. State funds were just over a billion dollars, or $1.84 for each CSBG dollar.

Trends in Non Federal Funding for the CSBG Network

Over the five-year period from FY 1999 through FY 2003 the network's inflation-adjusted funding from all sources combined grew by 29% and non-federal resources grew 36%; state funding increased 8%, but real-dollar local government and private sector contributions grew 37% and 92% respectively. Non-federal funding peaked in FY 2002; in FY 2003 a decline in state resources brought the total down, even though private resources and local funding grew slightly. However, non-federal funds were 30% of the network's resources in FY 2003, versus 28% in FY 1999.

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