

# Highlights

Community Services Block Grant Information System (CSBG/IS)  
Statistical Report, FY 2005

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**FY 2005 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Network Resources** *In the FY 2005 CSBG/Information System Survey, 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia reported that:*

- Their CSBG local networks were made up of 1,086 local eligible entities, of which 89% were Community Action Agencies (CAAs);
- The local agencies used CSBG funding for their core operations and for developing and coordinating programs to fight poverty in 99% of the counties in the U.S.;
- The CSBG network's funding from all sources totaled almost \$9.9 billion;
- Nearly \$584 million came from the federal Block Grant that supports the core activities of the state and local CSBG network, and just under a billion was from private sources; and
- Volunteers provided almost 52 million hours of support, the equivalent of about 24,480 full-time employees' annual labor. If valued at only the minimum wage, the volunteers' time was worth more than \$266 million.

*CAAs used FY 2005 Block Grant funding to leverage state, local and private resources:*

- Every CSBG dollar was matched by \$15.90 from all other sources; and
- \$5.40 of that match came from state and local governments or private sources; this figure includes the value of the volunteer hours at the minimum wage.

## **FY 2005 CSBG Program Participants**

*CSBG/IS data on CAA program participants indicated that the CAAs provided services to:*

- Approximately 21% of all persons in poverty in 2005; and
- Almost 15 million individuals who were members of more than 6 million low-income families.
- Data provided by nearly 5 million families show that:
  - More than 2.9 million families had incomes at or below their HHS Poverty Guideline; of these
    - 31% were "severely poor," as they had incomes below 50% of their Poverty Guideline;
  - More than 1.7 million were "working poor" families who relied on wages or unemployment insurance and collectively made up 43% of all program participants;
  - More than 370,000 families were TANF participants. This equaled 19% of all TANF families; and
  - More than 1.3 million participating families were headed by single mothers.

*CAAs' programs served:*

- More than 3.7 million children;
- Almost 1.8 million adults who had not completed high school;
- Almost 1.2 million people who were disabled; and
- More than 2.8 million who lacked health insurance.



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