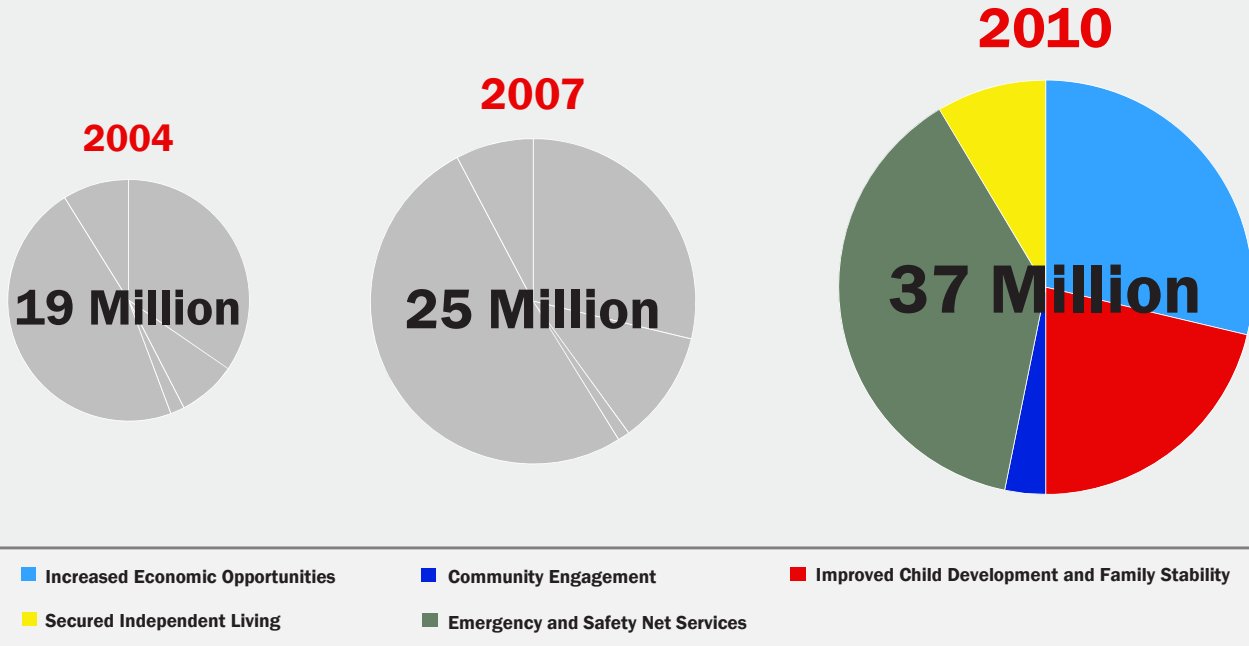




# Community Services Block Grant

## CSBG Moves Millions of People Out of Poverty by Addressing the Roots of Income Disparity

Poverty conditions reduced or eliminated resulted in:



### About The Community Services Block Grant

While there are many federal programs that seek to address poverty in a piecemeal fashion, the Community Services Block Grant system (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 (FY 2010) alone, CSBG helped 20.3 million Americans achieve economic security.

### CSBG Structure

CSBG is a nationwide network that works efficiently to address economic disparity across our country. CSBG achieves results through:

**Federal Investment:** CSBG is a federally-mandated investment and a national commitment to reduce poverty in our nation. This federal investment has led to a delivery infrastructure able to respond locally to the national problems that cause poverty. CSBG's nationwide structure provides a vehicle for administrators to create planned and coordinated interventions that create economic opportunity for Americans. Its wide scope also allows CSBG administrators to collaborate with their peers and draw from a larger anti-poverty community.





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**State Administration:** CSBG is administered at the state and territory level. This allows administrators to tailor their anti-poverty efforts to address specific problems and capitalize on the unique resources in their states. State and territory 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 of the CSBG program, tracking metrics such as employment, education, housing, and health.

**Community Implementation:** State and territory CSBG administrators partner with a network of over 1,060 local organizations; mobilizing individuals and leaders to build healthy, sustainable, and strong communities. CSBG's results-driven approach allows communities to build thriving economies using environmentally healthy and economically sustainable solutions. CSBG also gives local leaders the tools they need to address today's economic concerns and create a better future for vulnerable communities and struggling Americans. The majority of CSBG helps provide services to low-income individuals. In fact, only 16% is used for administrative purposes.

## Practical and Sustainable Outcomes through CSBG

Nationwide, CSBG has a proven history of allowing low-income individuals to achieve economic security, participate more fully in society, and strengthen their communities. CSBG funds have resulted in innovative programs that address the core causes of poverty such as lack of affordable housing, inadequate access to health care, and too few job opportunities. CSBG has helped Americans obtain employment; increase their education and skills; access critical early childhood programs; and maintain their independence.

## CSBG Outcomes



### Individuals helped by CSBG include:

- Over **5.3 million** children
- Nearly **2.6 million** seniors
- Nearly **2 million** people with disabilities
- More than **4 million** individuals who lacked health insurance

