



National Association for State Community Services Programs



2009 Annual Report

NASCSP's mission is to assist states in responding to poverty issues.

From the Chair

The Weatherization Assistance Program and the Community Services Block Grant clearly contribute to the larger social good, States are a critical link in the multi-level approach to building economic and energy security. State leadership and expertise helps pull together resources, link disconnected and often isolated efforts, and spread best practices that meet the unique needs of individual communities.

Yet, the past year has presented some of the greatest challenges to the States' ability to alleviate poverty since the Economic Security Act commenced the War on Poverty. The Census poverty statistics give weight to what many of us already knew, the recession may be dwindling but the recovery for struggling Americans is painfully slow. State-administered CSBG programs are being called on to address the needs of the largest number of low-income families this nation has seen well over a decade before the program even began. CSBG serves about 70% of those in poverty. As the need grows, the demand for services grows.

The second challenge we faced came when American Recovery & Reinvestment Act funds, aimed at lessening the burden of the economic recession for millions of struggling Americans, were distributed to the CSBG Network without funding for States to provide the oversight, quality assurance, technical assistance, and linkages needed. This was a missed opportunity for the nation. While CSBG ARRA spending has been successful, much more could have been accomplished and more long-lasting innovations could have been sustained with State support. For sure, the CSBG Network will not survive without State oversight. Without the synergy of the federal, State, local partnership and the leadership provided by States, this program will cease to garner the support it has in the past.

WAP faced the huge challenge of ramping up from a program that had an average annual allocation of around \$225 million to an unfathomable level of \$5 billion of ARRA funding. The obvious difficulties of an expansion that size—hiring and training many new workers, maintaining quality work, and procuring vehicles, equipment and tools—were substantial, but the additional obstacles, mainly the delays caused by Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements and the resulting new wage determinations, resulted in some negative press about WAP and its inability to act quickly at the onset of the Recovery Act. After lower than expected production in 2009, all signs now point to WAP having overcome these obstacles and now accomplishing the goals set forth in ARRA. The WAP Network deserves a lot of credit for their perseverance and commitment to meet the ARRA challenges.

In the coming year, NASCSP will take on several new ven-



tures to help strengthen the States' role in achieving sustainable solutions to some of the most pressing and seemingly intractable problems facing our nation and economy. We'll continue to work closely with legislators regarding the role of States in CSBG reauthorization. Watch for new opportunities and resources as we launch a new project in partnership with the Department of Energy on the Healthy Homes Initiative.

The achievements of this past year and the promise of new projects coming up, should inspire us to embrace our role more fully—to provide the leadership needed to bring stakeholders together, engage communities, and tackle tough problems.

Thank you for your time and commitment to NASCSP. We would not have achieved all that we did last year without the support of our members and other partners.

Sincerely,

About NASCSP...

NASCSP's membership includes State administrators of both the US Department of Health and Human Services' Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the US Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). CSBG provides core funding to local agencies to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities and to empower low-income families to become self-sufficient. WAP helps low-income families reduce their energy costs by making homes more energy-efficient.

CSBG Services

In 2009, NASCSP continued to act as the exclusive source of comprehensive, timely, and meaningful data about the CSBG Network and contributed to the knowledge and practices of the Network through:

- Collecting and analyzing the FY 2008 CSBG Information System and National Performance Indicator data.
- Convening national training webinars around CSBG and CSBG ARRA reporting.
- Providing information, resources and tools to ensure accountable and effective spending of CSBG Recovery Act dollars.
- Convening quarterly regional calls led by CSBG Regional Specialists.
- Convening a monitoring training for State CSBG administrators, the only training of its kind.
- Preparing States for monitoring visits by the federal Office of Community Services, US HHS Office of Inspector General, and the Government Accountability Office.
- Distributing best practices, innovative program resources, and anti-poverty tools for the Network.

- Providing training and technical assistance tailored to the individual needs of numerous states, associations and agencies.
- Providing CSBG orientation training for new staff of the federal Office of Community Services.
- Working with public officials, stakeholders, and partners to share the states' position on key legislative issues.



WAP Services

In 2009, NASCSP continued to serve as the voice for the States in matters concerning the Weatherization Assistance Program, providing reliable, complete, and relevant data to all parties through:

- Extensive participation in the implementation of the WAP Recovery Act dollars through assisting grantees of the WAP and the Department of Energy in identifying and resolving issues and roadblocks.
- Further expansion of information and resource documents incorporated into the WAP Technical Assistance Center (WAPTAC— www.waptac.org).
- Collection and tabulation of information requests and surveys, including the 2008 WAP Funding Survey.
- Informing public officials, stakeholders, and partners of States' positions on DOE initiatives and WAP issues including the FY10 Budget.
- Development and implementation of Public Information trainings at the 2009 DOE National Weatherization Training Conference and other state and regional trainings.
- Distributed the Weatherization Works! Customizable Slide Show Presentation and tutorial to grantees and sub-grantees of the WAP.

- www.waptac.org — Provides weatherization practitioners and other professionals with a comprehensive database of information related to the WAP.

Tools, Outreach, and Training

NASCSP is a trusted source of information for its membership and Network partners, the public and private sectors, as well as for members of Congress and their research committees. In 2008:

- NASCSP's presentations at dozens of events across the country resulted in new relationships with partner organizations.
- In order to share the perspective of the association and the states on policy affecting WAP and CSBG, NASCSP submitted annual testimony to the US House of Representatives and the US Senate.
- NASCSP published 12 monthly issues of the NASCSP Newsletter to inform the membership on legislative matters and Network activities.
- During NASCSP's Annual Winter Training Seminar in Washington, DC, national and federal partners addressed attendees and new WAP and CSBG Directors received two days of detailed training in introduction to their programs.
- In September, the State of Minnesota co-hosted NASCSP's Annual Conference. During the conference, participants received critical information to advance the programmatic and managerial success of the CSBG and WAP.
- Throughout the year, NASCSP provided ongoing technical and management assistance to state WAP and CSBG offices.

Web Resources

In 2009, NASCSP maintained and operated four websites:

- www.nascsp.org — Serves as a coordination point for research and reports on WAP and CSBG.
- www.roma1.org — Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) is the CSBG Network's response to the call for accountability among federal funding sources. Administered by NASCSP, **ROMA1.org** is the community services Network's resource for ROMA tools, techniques, and practices designed to help the implementation of ROMA as a management tool.
- www.wapsirtt.org* — SIRTt informs members of new products and best practices.

Cover Photos

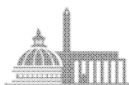
Photos from the 2009 NASCSP Mid-Winter Training Conference in Bethesda, Maryland and 2009 NASCSP Annual Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. (Top l to r): Timothy Warfield, NASCSP Executive Director; Yolanda Butler, PhD and David Hansel, DHHS/ACF; and Vaughn Clark, NASCSP Chair. Gil Sperling, US DOE/OWIP. Connie Greer, MN Office of Economic Opportunity, introducing MN State Senator Tarryl Clark. Participants in the Inaugural National Weatherization Awards, l-r, Steve Payne, WA-NASCSP West Chair; Mark Wolfe, NEADA; Carrie Smith, Maricopa County Human Services Department; Eugene Brady, Pine Street Neighborhood Revitalization; and Tim Warfield, NASCSP. Motivational speaker, Tou Ger Xiong.

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NASCSP Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Statement of Activities

INCOME	
Grant Revenue	1,184,395
Membership Dues	222,465
Conference Registrations	211,839
Contract Revenue	370,721
Other	23,817
Total	2,013,237
EXPENSES	
Personnel and Fringe	732,184
Contract Services	714,967
Program Operating Costs	356,067
Management & General	196,863
Total	2,000,081
NET INCOME	13,156

Statement of Financial Position

CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	556,793
Grants receivable	106,267
Accounts receivable	24,869
Other	46,810
Total current assets	734,739
Equipment, net	19,873
Total Assets	993,014
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	71,106
Deferred Dues	169,408
Other	55,442
Total current liabilities	295,956
Net assets - unrestricted	458,656
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	754,612