

# FY15 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

**Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families

**Programs with PZ Benefits:**  
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

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**Website:** <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/csbg>

**Benefit Type:** Technical assistance between Promise Zone designee and Community Action Agency

**Eligible Communities:** Urban, Rural, and Tribal

**Benefits to Promise Zone:** Program Assistance

**Goal:** The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) provides funds to States, territories, and tribes to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities. CSBG local eligible entities, primarily Community Action Agencies (CAAs), carry out their missions by creating, coordinating, and delivering a broad array of programs and services to their communities. CAAs identify priority areas based on community needs assessments and may focus on critical areas such as job training, health care, housing, or economic development. CAAs reach out to low-income people in their communities, address their multiple needs through a comprehensive approach, develop partnerships with other community organizations, involve low-income clients in the agency's operations, and administer a full range of coordinated programs designed to have a measurable impact on poverty. Community Action's long history and expertise in a comprehensive approach to intake and assessment will allow for great success around neighborhood revitalization efforts in particular.

**Program Description:** *CSBG funding supports projects that:*

- ◆ Lessen poverty in communities;
- ◆ Address the needs of low-income individuals including the homeless, migrants and the elderly; and
- ◆ Provide services and activities addressing employment, education, better use of available income, housing, nutrition, emergency services and/or health.

With the support of CSBG funding, states and CAAs work together to achieve the following goals for low-income individuals and communities:

- ◆ Increased self-sufficiency;
- ◆ Improved living conditions;
- ◆ Ownership of and pride in their communities; and
- ◆ Strong family and support systems.

Working together, anti-poverty agencies increase their capacity to achieve results. Partnerships among service providers play a large role in the successful implementation of CSBG grants.

To locate the CAA nearest you, visit the [Community Action Partnership website](#).

The Office of Community Services is available to assist you with making a connection with your local CAA. Federal program contacts are listed on the following website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/resource/csbg-staff-assignments-by-region>