

## Community Action Partnership

*Inspiring and equipping our communities for economic stability for all*

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Community Action Partnership serves Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Latah, Lewis, Idaho, Clearwater, and Nez Perce Counties in Idaho and Asotin County in Washington.

- The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is federal money provided to states and in turn to local community action agencies where community members determine how to use those funds in creating opportunities for everyone to achieve economic stability and security.
- Community Action Partnership is **locally governed** by a tripartite Board of Directors, made up of one-third public officials, one-third private sector members and one-third people in need.
- The Community Services Block Grant is a shining example of the most **responsive, effective, accountable** partnership between the federal government, state government and local communities because of the local decision-making process.

### ***The loss of the Community Services Block Grant would have significant community impact.***

- Community Action Partnership offices in Moscow (1,051), Orofino (1,348), Kamiah (727), Sandpoint (1,812) and Grangeville (1,026) would close immediately. ***Numbers in ( ) after each town indicate the number of people served by this office last year.***
- Community Action Partnership offices and/or food banks in Bonners Ferry (749), Kellogg (1,890), St. Maries (765), Coeur d'Alene (22,021) and Lewiston-Clarkston (14,100) would be forced to close upon depletion of reserves. With loss of CSBG funds and no other steady source of funding, offices/food banks in Kellogg and Bonners Ferry would close within 6 months. St. Maries office/food bank would close within 1 year. Lewiston and Coeur d'Alene food banks would close within 2 years. ***Numbers in ( ) after each town indicate the number of people served by this office last year.***
- The impact on rural communities where Community Action Partnership is the only game in town will be enormous.
- Circles Initiatives in the Lewis-Clark Valley, Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint would cease to exist.
- Housing and foreclosure counseling programs partially supported by the Community Services Block Grant would be lost.
- The framework that Community Action Partnership has built to engage people in our communities in work that results in economic security and stability for all will disintegrate.
- Community Action Partnership's ability to provide a structure for delivery of locally-donated emergency service funds – donated by churches, civic groups, local government – will be decimated, resulting in more requests for assistance directly to county social service offices, churches and human needs providers.
- Community Action Partnership's ability to leverage Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds to bring additional resources into our region will be lost. In 2009, CAP's \$788,622 in CSBG funds leveraged another \$3,233,049 in state, local and private resources. Loss of CSBG will result in the potential loss of at least \$14 million into the region in the next five years.

- Community Action Partnership's ability to innovate and create new programs in response to locally-identified needs will be destroyed. Community Action Partnership will no longer be able to develop programs that are important to local communities like:
  - **Vandal Community Tables** – *partnership between CAP, the University of Idaho food service, and Troy Lutheran Church for community meal program – Troy, 2007*
  - **Kindergarten Readiness Project** – *Partnership between CAP, Twin County United Way and local school districts to improve Kindergarten readiness for children from families in need – LC Valley, 2010*
  - **Save the Pumpkins** – *partnership between CAP, Lewis-Clark State College food service, and local fruit growers to produce holiday pies for elders and others in need – LC Valley, 2008*
  - **Homeless Food project** – *partnership between CAP, St. Vincent de Paul and Fresh Start to provide a mobile food program for people who are homeless – Coeur d'Alene, 2010*
  - **Fairview Terrace** – *12 units of affordable housing for those who are developmentally disabled developed in conjunction with a group of families of people who were disabled – Lewiston, 1994*
  - **Kamiah/Lewis County Human Needs Council** – *coordinated effort to address the needs of all residents – Kamiah, 2009*
  - **Back to School Backpack program** – *partnership between CAP and the Angels Over Sandpoint to provide school supplies for kids from families in need – Sandpoint, 2003*

In 2010, Community Action Partnership served **45,489** unduplicated individuals of which:

- **13,647** were **children** under the age of 18
- **9,041** were **elders**

And, Community Action Partnership provided:

- Gas vouchers to get to work to 419 households
- Gas vouchers for education to 39 households
- Weatherization measures to increase home energy efficiency to 783 homes
- Advocacy for 8,845 households
- Foreclosure counseling and prevention services to 176 households
- Assistance to increase economic stability to 12,236 people
- Temporary shelter for 381 people
- Food to 30,431 people

And, the community supported our efforts to provide economic stability and security for people in need through 209 volunteers contributing 86,318 hours with a value of \$2,748,383 to Community Action Partnership's work.