

HIGHLIGHTS

Community Services Block Grant Information System (CSBG/IS) Statistical Report, FY 2002

FY 2002 CSBG Network Resources

In the FY 2002 CSBG/IS Survey, 48 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia reported that:

- CSBG local networks were made up of **1,086 local eligible entities**, of which 87% were Community Action Agencies (CAAs);
- Community Action Agencies (CAAs) used CSBG funding for their core operations and for developing and coordinating programs to **fight poverty in 96% of the counties** in the U.S.;
- The network's **funding from all sources** totaled nearly **\$9.8 billion**;
- **More than \$579 million** was expended from the federal Block Grant to support the core activities of the state and local CSBG network;
- **Almost 9 billion in other federal, state, local, and private resources** was mobilized and coordinated to combat local conditions that kept people in poverty.

Data from Fiscal Years 1998–2002 show how CAAs used the growing Block Grant resources to increase leveraged state, local, and private funding:

- **Every CSBG dollar was matched by \$15.52** from all other sources;
- **Almost \$5 of that match came from state, local, and private donations.** In fact, both private and local funding in the network exceeded FY 2002 CSBG resources; and
- **Almost 40 million hours of volunteer service** were contributed to local CAA programs, the equivalent of about 18,750 full-time employees.

FY 2002 CSBG Network Program Participants

CSBG/IS data on CAA participants indicated that in 50 states the CAAs provided services to:

- As many as **27% of persons in poverty** in 2002; and
- **More than 13 million individuals** who were members of almost **6 million low-income families**. More than 3.7 million families provided income data. Of these,
 - **More than 2.7 million families had incomes at or below their federal poverty threshold**, including at least:
 - **822,000 families who were “severely poor,”** with incomes below 50% of their poverty thresholds;
 - **Another 1.9 million families** with incomes between **50% and 100% of their poverty guideline**;
- **More than 3.5 million children**;
- **1.3 million families** headed by **single mothers**;
- **About 1.6 million adult program participants with less education than a high school diploma**;
- Over **470,000 TANF participant families** in FY 2002 CAA programs, the equivalent of 23% of the average monthly TANF caseloads in the states reporting; and
- **Almost 1.6 million “working poor” families** who relied on wages or unemployment insurance and who collectively made up about 40% of all participants.

