



Presentation to the
Legislative Health and Human Services Committee
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Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

- ▶ A Block Grant from the US Health and Human Services Department
- ▶ Provides a flexible funding source to local communities through a network of community action agencies for the reduction of poverty
- ▶ Regulated by the federal Community Opportunities Accountability Training and Education Services (COATES) Act
- ▶ No State funds are involved to support the program

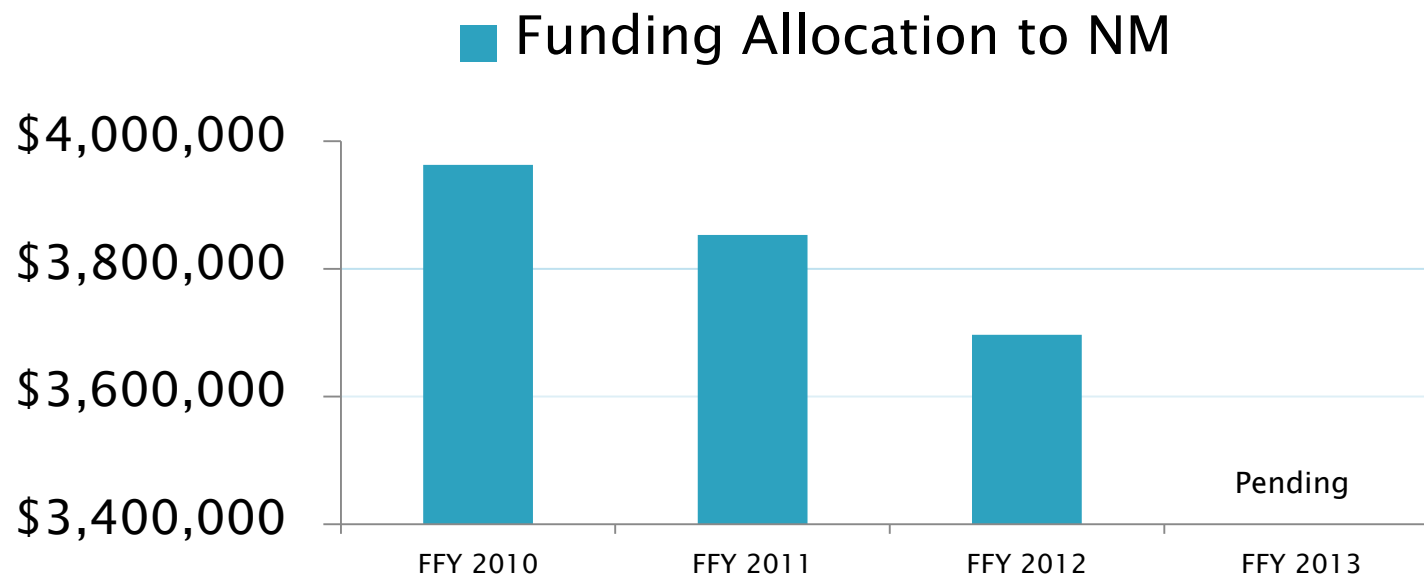
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) (cont'd)

- ▶ New Mexico's Community Action Act § 27-8-1 et seq. NMSA 1978, designates the Human Services Department (HSD) as responsible for CSBG
- ▶ Within HSD the CSBG program is administered by the Income Support Division's Work and Family Support Bureau
- ▶ Federal statute requires a legislative hearing at least every three years on the CSBG State Plan

Fiscal Controls and Program Oversight

- ▶ HSD reviews monthly expenditure and program reports for compliance
- ▶ HSD requires the Community Action Agencies (CAAs) to submit a single agency financial audit report annually
- ▶ HSD conducts fiscal and program on-site management evaluations/reviews
 - Administrative Review
 - Board of Directors Compliance
 - Program Review
 - Fiscal Review

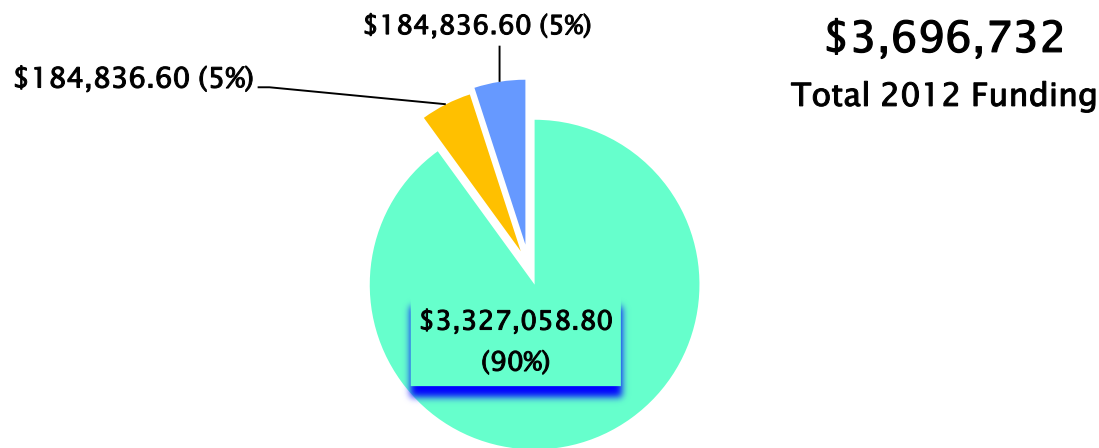
CSBG Federal Funding



- ▶ 2010--\$3,963,326
- ▶ 2011--\$3,853,550
- ▶ 2012--\$3,696,732
- ▶ 2013—pending federal budget approval

Distribution of CSBG Funding

- ▶ 90% Eligible Entities—Community Action Agencies (CAAs)
- ▶ 5% HSD's administrative expenses
- ▶ 5% Discretionary



CSBG Discretionary

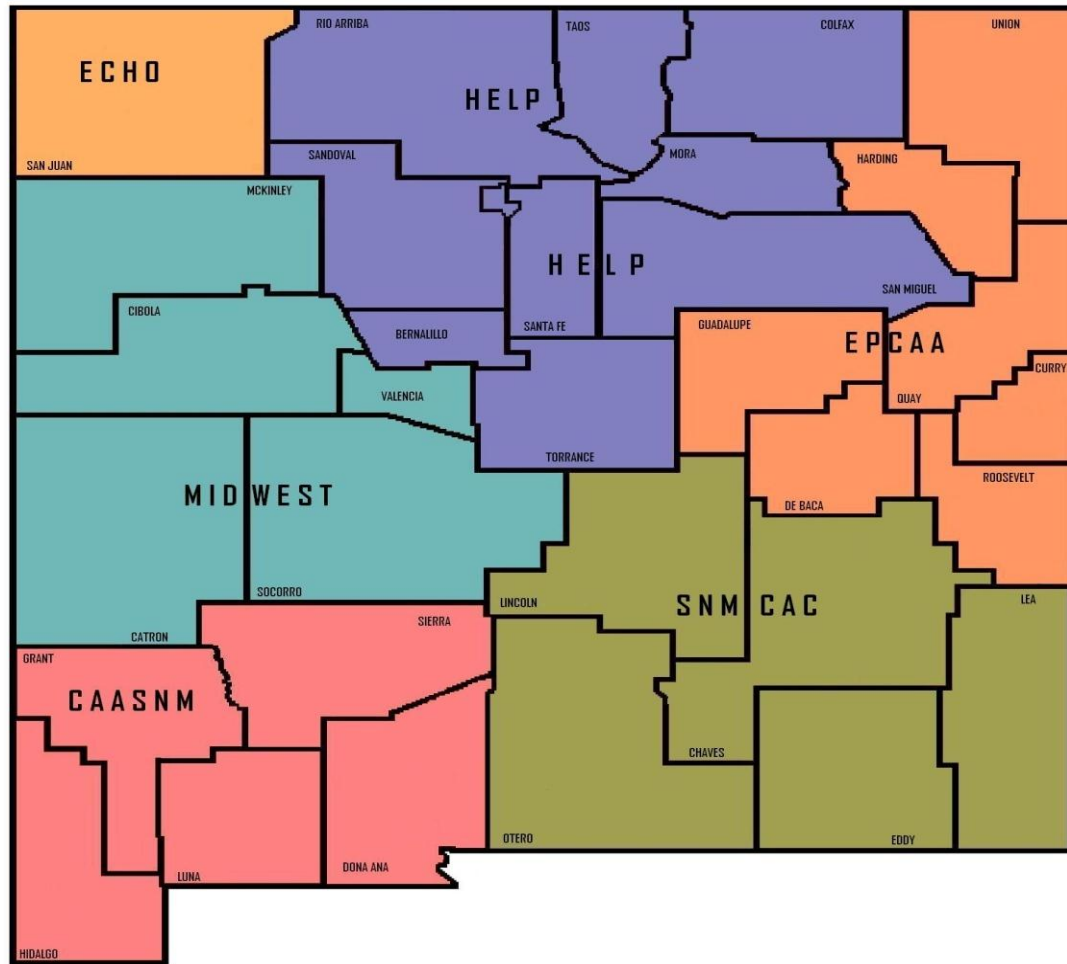
- ▶ The CSBG Act allows States to allocate no more than 5% of the grant to support initiatives that are outlined in the CSBG program. In NM, discretionary funds support CAAs' initiatives and activities. Below are examples of the use of discretionary funds:
 - Supported the Kids Backpack food program
 - Supported free Tax Preparation services to low-income individuals and families in Eastern and Southern NM
 - Supported Eastern Plains Community Action Agency's emergency assistance program
 - Supported training/technical assistance and capacity building to CAAs

Eligible Entities—Community Action Agencies (CAAs)

In NM, six CAAs were designated as eligible entities on September 30, 1981 by the federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964

1. Community Action Agency of Southern NM (CAASNM)
2. Eastern Plains Community Action Agency (EPCAA)
3. Economic Council Helping Others, Inc. (ECHO)
4. HELP New Mexico (HELP)
5. Mid–West NM Community Action Program (MIDWEST)
6. Southeast NM Community Action Corp. (SNMCAC)

Geographic Areas Served by the CAAs



Annual Distribution of CSBG Funds to CAAs

- ▶ A base allocation of \$50,000 to each CAA
- ▶ Additional \$79,515 to HELP–NM for statewide seasonal and migrant farm workers services
- ▶ Remainder apportioned to the CAAs is determined by the county poverty census data

Federally Approved Categories of Services Provided in NM

- ▶ \$786,991 of CSBG funds were used to support emergency services
- ▶ \$644,910 of CSBG funds were used to support nutrition initiatives
- ▶ \$486,715 of CSBG funds were used to support income management services

Federally Approved Categories of Services Provided in NM (cont'd)

- ▶ \$443,920 of CSBG funds were used to expand resources and opportunities for low-income individuals and families
- ▶ \$359,788 of CSBG funds were used to support employment initiatives
- ▶ \$325,896 of CSBG funds were used to support education initiatives

Federally Approved Categories of Services Provided in NM (cont'd)

- ▶ \$278,408 of CSBG funds were used to support housing initiatives
- ▶ \$212,718 of CSBG funds were used to support health initiatives
- ▶ \$174,903 of CSBG funds were used to support self-sufficiency initiatives

NM CSBG Fiscal Outcomes in FFY 2011

- ▶ Leveraged \$50,956,284 of federal, state, local, and private funding using CSBG funds
 - Federal Resources: \$41,793,023 (Note: this amount does not include CSBG funds)
 - State Resources: \$2,135,752
 - Local Resources: \$2,055,363
 - Private Sector Resources: \$4,972,146

NM CSBG Demographics in FFY 2011

- ▶ 75% of NM families served were in poverty (0–100% of the federal income guideline)
- ▶ 33% of NM families served were in severe poverty (0–50% of the federal income guideline)
- ▶ Served by the CAAs during FFY 2011:
 - 114,199 individuals
 - 50,953 families
 - 22,736 children
 - 17,745 seniors
 - 5,870 people with disabilities

NM CSBG Performance Outcomes Achieved in FFY 2011

- ▶ **Food Services**

6.1 million pounds of food were distributed to needy individuals and 52,432 needy individuals receive food assistance

- ▶ **Volunteers**

337,510 volunteer hours were donated to the CAAs

- ▶ **Income Management Services**

8,811 participants received free tax preparation assistance resulting in \$4.3 million in federal and state tax credits and refunds; and 190 participants increased their savings through the Individual Development Account (IDA) program.

- ▶ **Healthcare Services**

6,094 individuals received age-appropriate medical services

NM CSBG Performance Outcomes Achieved in FFY 2011 (cont'd)

- ▶ **Utility and Weatherization Services**

10,031 individuals received utility assistance and/or energy discounts; and 636 housing units were improved through weatherization or rehabilitation assistance

- ▶ **Employment Services**

6,238 participants obtained employment related services (e.g., tools, licenses, jobs)

- ▶ **Education and Child/Youth Related Services**

5,986 children, youth and families were assisted with parenting, counseling and school readiness activities

- ▶ **Housing Assistance**

1,694 individuals received emergency rental/mortgage assistance; and 29 families were assisted in the purchase of their homes

CSBG State Plan and CAAs

CSBG State Plan

October 1, 2011 – Sept. 30, 2013

<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/pdf/NM%20CSBG%20State%20Plan%20FFY%202012%20and%20-2013.pdf>

CSBG Program and CAAs in New Mexico

<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/isd/cap.html>

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