

# Community Action Agencies play a major role in Oregon's recovery programs

## About the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

"A year ago on February 17, 2009, Congress passed... the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). In the three months prior to the Act, the nation lost 2.2 million jobs. Financial institutions were on the brink of collapse, and the "Great Recession" was being recognized for what it was – the most calamitous economic downturn since the Great Depression....

"One year after the passage of the Act, we can report that approximately 2 million jobs have been created or saved thanks to the Act's impact on hiring in the private sector, by local and state governments and by non-profits... To date, I have spoken to governors of all 50 states and local officials from over 130 jurisdictions. These state and local officials – both Democrats and Republicans – have widely acknowledged the critical role that the Recovery Act has played in preventing teacher layoffs and avoiding tax increases.

"By design, the Act had three primary purposes: Rescue, Recovery and Reinvestment ... Almost 20 million Americans have gotten extended unemployment benefits thanks to the Act, and over 95 percent of working families have had their taxes cut. Jobs have been created thanks to tens of thousands of projects now underway nationwide. And the groundwork for the economy of the next century is being put in place as we invest in high speed rail, health technology, broadband, a smarter electrical grid, clean cars and batteries, and renewable energy.

"Our work is far from finished. Many projects are just now getting underway, and will be creating jobs throughout 2010 and beyond."

Vice President  
Joe Biden

*From the Annual Report to the President on  
Progress Implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*



Through 17 Community Action Agencies and four Tribal Nations, weatherization and energy conservation services are delivered at no cost to households at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

## Community Action Agency Activities

From the outset, community action agencies (CAAs) have worked with federal and state agencies to put Recovery Act funds to good use. CAAs are on the front lines, providing and coordinating services for some of Oregon's most vulnerable low income populations – seniors and people with disabilities, people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and those looking for jobs. The recession has hit these vulnerable groups especially hard.

CAAs and their partner organizations meet with people face to face, listen to their concerns, and find ways to use programs and resources to address their needs.

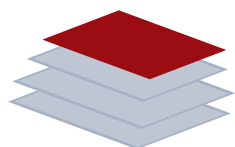
CAAs work with other partner organizations in the community including schools, mortgage lenders, food banks, employment agencies, and service providers.

Through this unique coordination, CAAs tailor programs and resources to meet the specific needs of the individual communities they serve. Together, CAAs facilitate the delivery of critical programs and services to the most needy Oregonians in every area of the state.

# ARRA Programs through Community Action Agencies

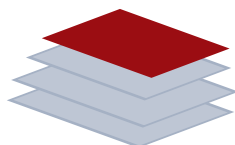
Community Action Agencies (CAAs) deliver ARRA Recovery Act Programs that provide emergency food and shelter, prevent evictions, provide training, facilitate employment and job transition, and provide a range of other needed services. Here are some of the results CAAs are achieving using Recovery Act funds:

**Low-Income Weatherization** - provides energy efficiency retrofits, which will reduce resident utility bills, create jobs and help the environment. Energy savings will continue year after year.



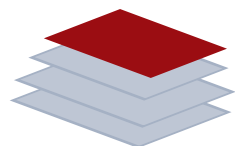
Oregon Funds Awarded	\$ 38,512,236
Percent through CAAs	77%
Est. homes to be weatherized	4,635
Est. Jobs Anticipated	628

**Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP)** - assists homeless and persons at-risk of homelessness with housing relocation and stabilization services, such as short-term rental assistance, credit counseling, moving cost assistance, and case management. Non-entitlement area results:



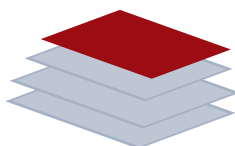
Oregon Funds Awarded	\$ 7,873,436
Percent through CAAs	100%
Est. people to be served	9,154

**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)** - supports case management, food assistance, rental assistance, employment assistance, homeless programs and other emergency services.



Oregon Funds Awarded	\$ 7,989,158
Percent through CAAs	100%
Est. people to be served	56,708
Est. Jobs Anticipated	146

**AmeriCorps** - members working through CAAs provide employment and skills training, home foreclosure and housing assistance, financial literacy programs, housing rehabilitation resource assistance, health care access, and community volunteer recruitment.



Oregon Funds Awarded	\$ 773,075
Percent through CAAs	49%
Est. Jobs Anticipated	63

## Other Community Action Agency administered ARRA Programs

In addition to the programs already mentioned – Community Action Agencies deliver additional programs with ARRA funds such as:

- Child Development Block Grant
- Emergency Shelter and Food Program
- Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Head Start
- Older Americans Act (Food and Nutrition)
- Oregon Commission on Children & Families Grants
- Transportation
- Workforce



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