

Virtual CAP - CSBG Economic Stimulus Funding Survey
March 2009 (23 responses)

#1 How does your agency plan to use federal economic stimulus funds?

Jobs/EcDev	CommDev	Housing	AssetBldg	EmerAsst	Other
11	5	9	3	13	5

#2 Responses to Question #1 for "Other"

Skills Enhancement training
Staff to handle mortgage default counseling increases
Foreclosure Mitigation and Transitional Housing
Loans for people to get homes bought
Self-Sufficiency and Homelessness Prevention
Create opportunities to develop job skills
Asset Maintenance--especially funding to pay fees to prevent a foreclosure; too often the workout includes fees of \$2000 - \$2500 that the homeowner just doesn't have; so we are planning to use some funds to pay for that. Also, we may try to establish a revolving loan fund to provide an alternative to or rescue from payday loans and rapid anticipation loans.

#3 What specific ideas do you have about how CAAs can most effectively use economic stimulus funding?

- 1 - Help supplement some qualified local services that have been cut due to budget constraints
- 2 - Case management
- 2 - Utility bill assistance
- 2 - Job training
- 3 - Prevent homelessness
- 3 - Mortgage counseling and financial help for mortgages
- 4 - Provide additional resources to existing programs
- 4 - Not to create new staff positions
- 5 - Energy needs
- 5 - Job creation
- 6 - Improve worker skills for available jobs
- 6 - Address the housing issues for low income
- 6 - Assist communities to redesign themselves in light of the tremendous changes occurring
- 7 - Due to recent reductions, staff that we had to reduce their hours and benefits will be able to return to work full time again
- 7 - As LIHEAP continues to pay the increases of utility cost, for those left out CSBG Emergency Assistance can pay those remaining utility bills, furnish some groceries, and pay a one month rent/or mortgage for those in need
- 8 - Market our grants to ALL non profit orgs so more can apply
- 10 - Addressing foreclosure problem
- 10 - Addressing families and individuals displaced from homes
- 10 - Creating jobs for low-income individuals and families
- 11 - Providing seed money for asset building programming/staff time/etc.
- 12 - Transportation for those in post-secondary education
- 14 - Partner with businesses to develop a combination program of education and work
- 15 - Intensive Case Management Including Job Readiness & Development
- 15 - Collaborator For All Local Services
- 15 - Working with youth & adults to enhance work ethic and personal responsibility
- 18 - Recruit and retain a competent staff
- 18 - Provide comprehensive services to IDA clients
- 18 - Build assets for future generations
- 19 - Increase knowledge/skills to get a better job
- 19 - Assist with car repair/insurance to promote staying employed
- 19 - Case management
- 20 - Ensure it is permitted to be used to address local needs, not the political priorities at the state or federal level
- 21 - Low-Income Home Repair Programs