

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

Deadline Subject to Committee Guidance

Dear Colleague:

Please join us in requesting \$800 million in FY2025 appropriations for the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), which provides core funding for the nationwide network of more than 1,000 local Community Action Agencies (CAAs). This modest increase from current levels is critical to enable the Community Action network to sustain its vitally important work for America's low-income communities. We further urge that Congress continue the essential current policy of allowing CAAs to serve households with incomes of up to 200% of the poverty line.

Located in virtually every American county, these primarily nonprofit agencies are an integral part of local efforts to reduce poverty, help people become self-sufficient and revitalize communities. Moreover, the Community Action network stands ready to give immediate help whenever a crisis or unforeseen event upends the lives of low-income people and communities.

For 60 years, Community Action Agencies have worked to address the causes and conditions of poverty by administering a full range of comprehensive, coordinated programs. These agencies serve an estimated 10 million low-income people each year, in 5 million families, helping them gain useful skills, access new opportunities and achieve financial independence. CAAs provide a critical "first stop" for those in need and help our constituents navigate resources in the broader community, including intervention for homeless veterans, emergency food assistance and job training. CAAs serve our seniors and citizens with disabilities by connecting them to services that allow them to maintain their independence. They see and respond to emerging needs, such as the opioid crisis and the devastating impact of fentanyl on overdose rates in our communities.

As the needs within low-income communities continue to outpace available resources, we urge you to support this low-cost, high-impact program and sign on to our request for \$800 million in funding and continued eligibility at 200% of poverty. Services funded by the Community Services Block Grant enable economic independence for our most vulnerable citizens. We thank you for your continued support.

You can sign this letter using [Quill](#). Please reach out to Kit Devine (Rep. Costa) kit.devine@mail.house.gov or Matthew Clarkin (Rep. Fitzpatrick) matthew.clarkin@mail.house.gov with any questions. Deadline to sign is TBD. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jim Costa

Member of Congress

Brian Fitzpatrick

Member of Congress