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**EDWARD G. RENDELL, Governor**

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**GOVERNOR RENDELL SEEKS COMMENTS ON PLAN TO USE  
STIMULUS FUNDS TO HELP LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS**  
*\$42 MILLION AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH HOUSING SERVICES, JOB TRAINING*

**HARRISBURG** – Pennsylvania's plan to empower low-income families and communities with \$42 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, or ARRA, is now available for public review and comment through May 28, Governor Edward G. Rendell said today.

The plan, available online at [www.recovery.pa.gov](http://www.recovery.pa.gov) under the "Announcements" section, describes Pennsylvania's intended use of the Community Services Block Grant, or CSBG, program funding provided as part of the federal recovery act. The additional \$42 million will supplement current CSBG funding to combat root causes of poverty and revitalize communities. The funds will be administered Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

"The national recession has created hardships for families all across the state, often through no fault of their own," said Governor Rendell. "As an increasing number of Pennsylvanians are affected, this additional funding will help community organizations continue their efforts to provide assistance to those who need it most."

The ARRA CSBG funds will be focused on certain priority areas, which include: supportive services and housing; financial literacy training; job training; job creation, including micro-enterprise development and entrepreneurship training; integration of immigrant communities, including job related English language training; and outreach to clients unlikely to be aware of the programs.

The grant funds will benefit 44 organizations – 42 Community Action Agencies and two Limited Purpose Agencies – which provide anti-poverty services in all 67 counties.

To ensure equitable distribution, the CSBG Recovery Act funds will be distributed to the 44 eligible entities based on straight percentage increases to the regular CSBG funding formula allocations.

Prior to the execution of grants, all eligible entities are required to submit detailed work plans and budgets.

Written comments should be directed to JamesEtta Reed, director of DCED's Center for Community Empowerment; at [jareed@state.pa.us](mailto:jareed@state.pa.us) or at 400 North St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

Governor Rendell is committed to ensuring that the public is able to monitor and provide feedback on how federal recovery dollars are being used by providing news, up-to-date information and regular reports on [www.recovery.pa.gov](http://www.recovery.pa.gov).

For more information and details on Governor Rendell's 2009-10 budget proposal to provide relief to struggling families and spark an economic recovery, visit [www.pa.gov](http://www.pa.gov).

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*The Rendell administration is committed to creating a first-rate public education system, protecting our most vulnerable citizens and continuing economic investment to support our communities and businesses. To find out more about Governor Rendell's initiatives and to sign up for his weekly newsletter, visit [www.governor.state.pa.us](http://www.governor.state.pa.us).*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** A list of eligible entities for CSBG funds, including their respective service areas, follows:

### **Community Services Block Grant Agencies**

#### **Southeast Region**

Bucks County Opportunity Council  
Community Action Agency of Delaware County  
Montgomery County Community Action Development Commission  
Mayor's Office of Community Services (Philadelphia)  
Chester County Department of Community Development

#### **Northeast Region**

Carbon County Action Committee for Human Services  
Commission on Economic Opportunity of Luzerne County  
Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc. (Lehigh and Northampton counties)  
Berks Community Action Program, Inc.  
Schuylkill Community Action  
Scranton-Lackawanna Human Development Agency  
Trehab, Inc. (Bradford, Tioga, Wayne, Sullivan, Susquehanna, and Wyoming counties)  
Monroe County Commissioners (Pike and Monroe counties)

#### **Central Region**

Community Action Program of Lancaster County

Community Progress Council, Inc. (York County)  
South Central Community Action Programs, Inc. (Adams and Franklin counties)  
Community Action Commission (Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry counties)  
Lebanon County Community Action Partnership  
Blair County Community Action Agency  
Community Action Partnership of Cambria County  
Central Pennsylvania Community Action, Inc. (Centre and Clearfield counties)  
Lycoming-Clinton Counties Commission for Community Action  
Tableland Services, Inc. d/b/a Community Action Partnership of Somerset County  
Union-Snyder Community Action Agency (also serves Mifflin and Juniata counties)  
Center for Community Action (Bedford, Fulton, and Huntington counties)  
Central Susquehanna Opportunities, Inc. (Columbia, Northumberland, and Montour counties)

**Southwest Region**

Allegheny County Department of Human Services  
Armstrong County Community Action Agency  
Fayette County Community Action Agency  
Pittsburgh Community Services, Inc.  
Indiana County Community Action Program  
Community Action Southwest (Washington and Greene counties)  
Westmoreland Community Action  
Community Services Program of Beaver County  
Butler County Community Action and Development

**Northwest Region**

Greater Erie Community Action Committee  
Community Action, Inc. (Jefferson and Clarion counties)  
Community Action Partnership of Mercer County  
Northern Tier Community Action Corporation (McKean, Potter, Elk and Cameron counties)  
Venango/Crawford Counties Office of Economic Opportunity  
Warren/Forest Counties Economic Opportunity Council  
Lawrence County Community Action Partnership

**Limited Purpose Agencies**

**Central**

Pathstone Corporation (statewide)  
Community Action Association of Pennsylvania (statewide)