



Federal Funding Report Economic Stimulus Update

(Reflects Supplemental Funding Designations from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009)

Federal funding plays a vital role in bringing a range of essential services to low-income Washington County families. In partnership with the Departments of Health and Human Services, Housing and Community Services, Human Services, Agriculture, Homeland Security, and Housing and Urban Development, Community Action assists low-income people to achieve self-determination.

A total of \$7,533,304 in Federal funds has been awarded to support Community Action programs in Washington County this fiscal year, accounting for 42% of the agencies 2008-2009 budget.

UPDATE: Approved by the 111th Congress of the United States of America, the "American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009" is a supplemental appropriation that will impact some Community Action programs. (This act is commonly referred to as the economic stimulus package.) These funds are to be used for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance for the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes. Outlined in this report are the totals for each initiative. The bill requires that all funds be spent by September, 2010. **Specific allocations to Oregon and our agency have not yet been announced.**

Department of Health and Human Services

Head Start: \$3,127,884

The Department of Health and Human Services has awarded Head Start funds to Community Action, which will serve 655 children in part-day pre-kindergarten, September 2008 to June 2009. An additional 72 children, 3-to-5 year old, will receive full-day, year-round center-based Head Start services at two sites operated by the program.

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING: \$1 billion has been designated for Head Start; \$1.25 million could come to Washington County.

Early Head Start: \$1,026,045

The Department of Health and Human Services has awarded Early Head Start funds to Community Action, which will serve 48 infants and toddlers in center-based Head Start child care settings in two locations. An additional eight infants and toddlers will participate in a combination model of Early Head Start services, attending class two days per week and receiving two home visits monthly. Twenty-four children will be served in a home-based model.

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING: \$1.1 billion has been designated for the expansion of Early Head Start programs; \$1.25 million could come to Washington County.

Head Start Federal Training Funds: \$57,627

The Department of Health and Human Services has awarded Head Start training funds to Community Action to enrich teacher skills and meet baseline educational requirements.

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING: Of the funds designated for Early Head Start, up to 10% can be used for training and technical assistance.

Child and Adult Care Food Program: \$287,568

The Department of Agriculture has awarded Child and Adult Care Food Program funds to Community Action to provide meals for 775 children participating in on-site Head Start programs.

Child Care Development Block Grant Funds: \$286,799

The Oregon Employment Department (Child Care Division) and the Department of Human Services have awarded Child Care Development Block Grant Funds through the Oregon Child Care Resource and Referral Network to support Community Action's Child Care Resource and Referral Program. In 2008-2009, these funds will make it possible for nearly 1,400 parents to go to work or school because they can access quality, affordable child care. In addition, funding for 2008-2009 will support the expansion and improvement of the local child care network, as more than 1,500 providers participate in thousands of hours of training to increase knowledge of early childhood development.

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING: \$2 billion has been designated for payments to the States for the Child Care Development Block Grant, which will be used to supplement, not supplant, State general revenue funds for child care assistance for low-income families. A portion of these funds can be used for training to improve the quality of infant and toddler care.

Low-Income Energy Assistance Program LIEAP

Energy Assistance: \$1,008,358

The Department of Housing and Community Services has awarded LIEAP funds to Community Action to assist low-income households with their utility bills. In 2008-2009, approximately 8,500 households will be served.

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING: \$1 billion has been designated for the energy assistance component of LIEAP.

Weatherization: \$602,379

The Department of Housing and Community Services has awarded LIEAP funds to Community Action to assist low-income households in lowering their utility bills by providing comprehensive weatherization. These funds, combined with WAP and BPA funding (see below), will allow 300 homes to receive comprehensive weatherization services in 2008-2009.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP): \$440,739

The Oregon Department of Housing and Community Services awards Department of Energy WAP funds to support Community Action's Weatherization Program. Combined funding will allow 300 homes to receive comprehensive weatherization services in 2008-2009.

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING: \$5 billion has been designated for WAP; \$4,235,793 could come to Washington County.

ADDITIONAL CHANGES: Client income eligibility has increased from 150% of the federal poverty level to 200% of the federal poverty level. The maximum weatherization allowance per dwelling has increased from \$2,500 to \$6,500. Up to 20% of the supplemental weatherization funds can be used for training and technical assistance.

Department of Energy Bonneville Power Administration (BPA): \$33,200

The Oregon Department of Housing and Community Services has awarded BPA funds to Community Action to support Community Action's Weatherization Program. Combined funding will allow 300 homes to receive comprehensive weatherization services in 2008-2009.

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG): \$88,661

Emergency Shelter Grant funds are used to support the Washington County Shelter Network which includes Community Action's Hillsboro Family Shelter, Family Bridge, and the Good Neighbor Center. These funds also support the Domestic Violence Resource Center's Shelter, Open Door Counseling's drop in services for homeless individuals and Lutheran Community Services' Hope Spring program. Approximately 1005 individuals will be provided essential services with these funds.

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING: \$1.5 billion has been designated for ESG; \$150,000 could come to Washington County.

Supportive Housing Program: \$162,218

Through the Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care competitive grant process, Community Action receives \$162,218 annually to provide on-going support services to families transitioning out of homelessness. This program serves 70 families each year.

Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP): \$252,414

Through the Department of Homeland Security, the local EFSP Board has awarded \$252,414 to Community Action to support emergency food and shelter activities throughout the County. These funds are used within Community Action to provide emergency rental assistance and support the Hillsboro Family Shelter. A portion of these funds are subcontracted to support emergency shelter provided through the Good Neighbor Center, Family Bridge, the Domestic Violence Resource Center and the Boys and Girls Aid Society's Safe Place youth shelter. These funds will support the cost of providing nearly 7,000 shelter bed nights to Washington County residents and prevent 290 families from becoming homeless.

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING: \$100,000,000 has been designated for EFSP; \$100,000 could come to Washington County.

Housing Stabilization Program Funds (HSP): \$43,764

The Department of Housing and Community Services has awarded HSP funds to stabilize families coming out of homelessness and provide emergency rent assistance to prevent families from becoming homeless. They funds may also be used to provided extended rent assistance, generally up to three months. In 2008-2009, the needs of 65 families will be met by these funds.

Community Service Block Grant: \$309,540

The Department of Housing and Community Services has awarded CSBG funds to Community Action to support the overall mission of the agency and the achievement of the six National Community Action goals.

Goal 1: Low-income people become more self-sufficient

Goal 2: The conditions in which low-income people live are improved

Goal 3: Low-income people own a stake in their community

Goal 4: Partnerships among supporters and providers of services to low-income people are achieved.

Goal 5: Agencies increase their capacity to achieve results

Goal 6: Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive systems

Within our Community Action agency, CSBG funds are allocated to support the Information and Referral Program, Opening Doors Prenatal Outreach, Energy and Emergency Rent, Child Development, and the Volunteer Management and Community Education programs within the development department.

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING: \$1 billion has been designated to carry out activities of the Community Services Block Grant Act; \$300,000 could come to Washington County.

Washington County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

Basic Needs: \$30,000

The Washington County Office of Community Development has awarded CDBG Funds to provide emergency rental assistance. These funds will prevent approximately 86 Washington County households from becoming homeless.

Shelter Access: \$19,000

The Washington County Office of Community Development has awarded CDBG funds to support the operation of a central phone number and waitlist that serves as an access point to the homeless services system for families seeking shelter in Washington County. The Washington County shelter network, which includes the Community Action Hillsboro Family Shelter, the Domestic Violence Resource Center, Family Bridge, and the Good Neighbor Center, serves approximately 1,000 families each year.

Bridges to Housing Child Care: \$6,000

The Washington County Office of Community Development has awarded CDBG funds to support families participating in the Bridges to Housing program with supplemental child care funds. These funds will assist approximately five families this year in finding and maintaining quality care for their children while they work to overcome multiple barriers to self sufficiency.

City of Beaverton Community Development Block Grant

Basic Needs: \$6,787

These funds are used to provide emergency rental assistance to families living in Beaverton. These funds will prevent approximately 20 Beaverton families from becoming homeless.