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**CAPSBC Releases ARRA Stimulus Request for Proposal; Seeks  
Community Partnerships to Provide Job Opportunities**

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – Patricia L. Nickols, CEO of Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (“CAPSBC”) today announced the release of a Request for Proposal for local agencies to provide community services in partnership with CAPSBC under the auspices of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Community Services Block Grant (“ARRA CSBG.”) Funding priorities include asset building and development, food network expansion and youth training and employment. Eligible applicants include community and faith-based organizations with a non-profit designation, career and vocation schools, training centers, community colleges and universities.

“CAPSBC seeks proposals that create sustainable employment, provide high community impact, identify achievable and measurable strategies and deploy innovative, replicable, effective strategies to fulfill the desired outcomes of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act,” said Nickols. “The ARRA CSBG is on a fast-track, and agencies will be subject to increased levels of transparency and accountability.”

ARRA, also known as the Stimulus Plan, is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, save and create millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Recovery and Reinvestment Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression. It targets investments toward key areas that will save and create good jobs immediately, while also laying the groundwork for long-term economic growth.

CAPSBC is the designated Community Action Agency for San Bernardino County charged with providing programs and services for low-income individuals and families to help lift them out of poverty. CSBG is the core funding mechanism for CASPBC, and the ARRA CSBG represents a unique opportunity for CAPSBC to provide funding for public and private community-based agencies to offer programs and services that assist individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency.

Job creation and/or retention will be a top consideration for all ARRA funds. Successful applicants will set forth a plan to create jobs within their agency and provide services that lead to employment opportunities for clients who access the agency’s program. Emphasis on low-income populations is the top priority for CSBG, so services should be directed toward assisting low-income individuals,

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as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2009.

CAPSBC, as one of the largest non-profit human services agency in San Bernardino County, continues to be the leader in providing resources and opportunities to the low-income to improve their lives, contribute to their communities and offer a return on investment for our communities, cities and county. Programs include Weatherization, Home Energy Assistance, Family Development, Assets for Independence/Individual Development Accounts, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Homeless Management Information Systems and the CAPSBC Food Bank

The application submission deadline is Monday, July 27, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. Interested parties may access the RFP and application three ways. To download the RFP package, visit <http://www.capsbc.org>. If you would like the RFP and application package mailed or emailed, contact Gerald Brown at [gbrown@capsbc.sbcounty.gov](mailto:gbrown@capsbc.sbcounty.gov) and 909-723-1525. You may also visit CAPSBC Headquarters at 696 S. Tippecanoe Avenue between Mill Street and Central Avenue (across from the San Bernardino International Airport) to receive an application package.

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