



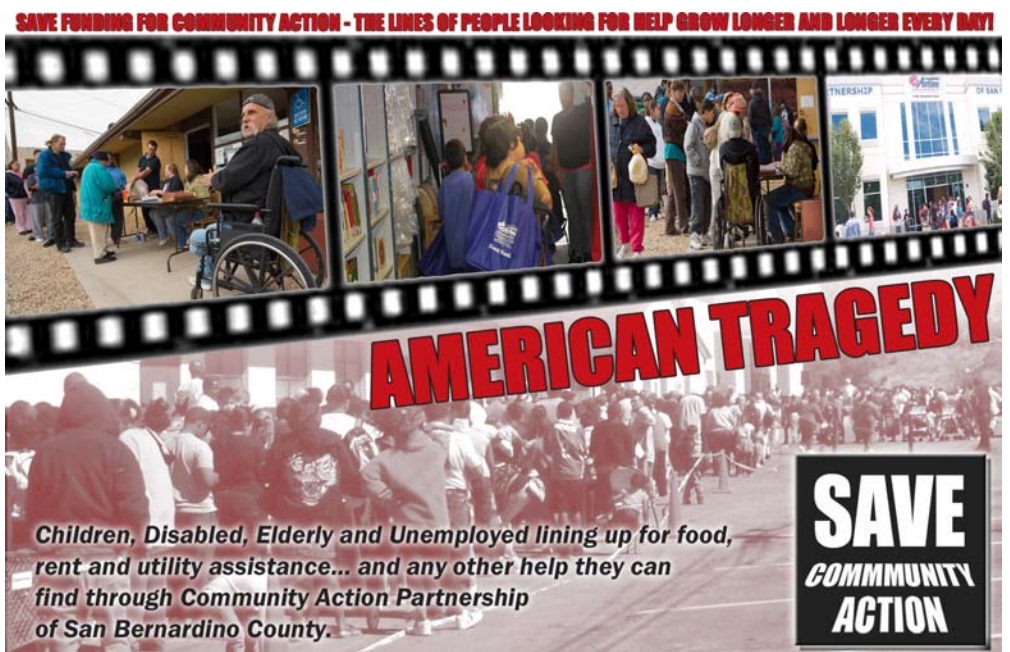
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White House Budget Slashes Core Funding For San Bernardino County Residents Emergency Food & Shelter, Energy Conservation & Utility Assistance Programs to be Impacted

San Bernardino, CA - July 8, 2011 - As Congress debates the Federal Budget, programs which fund services for low-income residents of San Bernardino County, could be slated for dramatic reductions. Proposed cuts to Community Services Block Grants (CSBG), a critical source of funding these services will have a direct and negative impact on thousands of families served by the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC).

CSBG funding is the “glue” that pulls community services together into one viable, cohesive program, enabling CAPSBC to run its Food Bank, Energy Conservation Programs, Asset Development Programs and other supportive services for those in need. Important initiatives that help low-wage workers, their families and retirees are in jeopardy of being slashed in half.

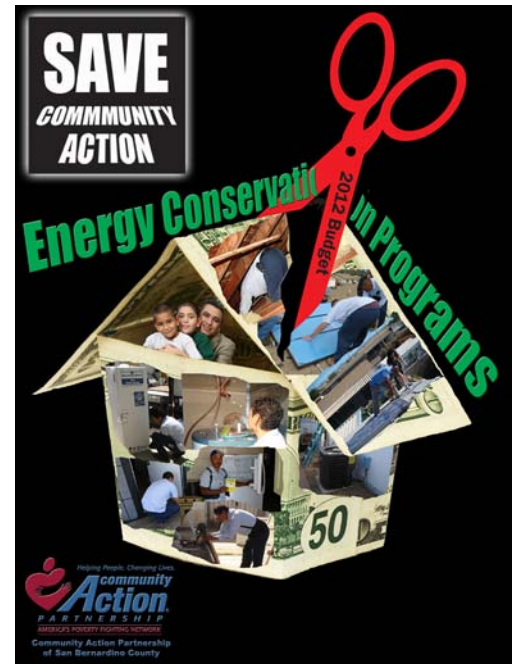
CAPSBC Food Bank would be severely impacted and San Bernardino County would stand to lose the majority of its distribution of nearly 10 million pounds of food that help a half-million economically disadvantaged households every year. There are currently 188 food distribution sites, including 33 Soup Kitchens which serve one million hot meals every year.



CAPSBC helps Individual Development Accounts participants every year in acquiring long-term assets, such as a home, education or business, with a 2-to-1 cash match savings initiative. In 2010 this program yielded the purchase of San Bernardino County homes valued at \$1.7 million. Asset development programs like this, which stimulate the local economy and encourage hard-working people to save and invest, would stand to be cut in half without the support of CSBG.

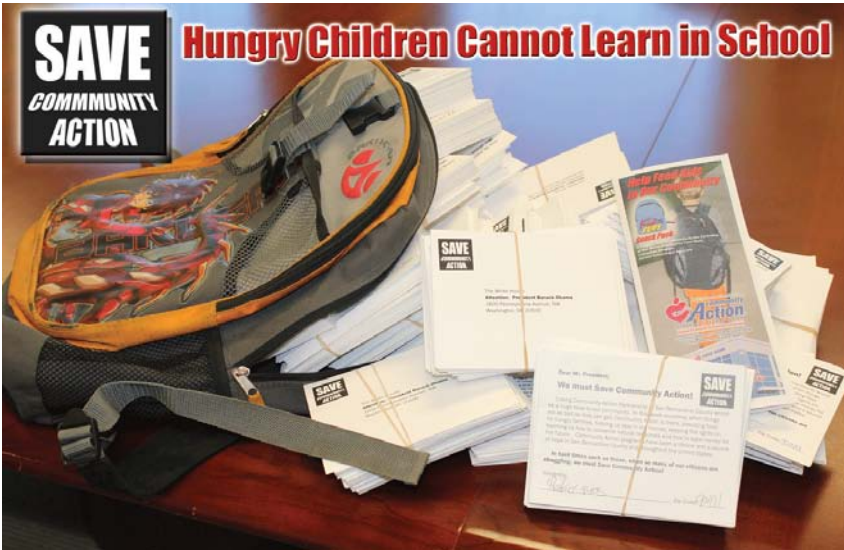
In 2010, CAPSBC energy initiatives made over 5,000 homes more efficient, creating energy savings for both residents and the environment and provided \$7 million in emergency assistance for high utility bills for 25,000 senior citizens, disabled persons and families with young children. The proposed 50% cut in the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will have dramatic and devastating effect on the millions of working people and elderly nationwide who benefit from this effective program. LIHEAP is the primary federal program available to help low-income households and senior citizens pay their home energy bill.

Without CSBG, Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County's ability to develop and build new programs and respond to emerging needs would be significantly reduced. CSBG-funded programs pay off many times over as they get people working and paying taxes, prevent expensive emergency shelter placements and keep low-income community residents off the unemployment and welfare rolls, at huge savings to taxpayers.



Across San Bernardino County, CAPSBC has collected thousands of signed postcards from concerned low income residents urging the President to reconsider his proposed cuts to the Community Services Block Grant in 2012 and to **SAVE COMMUNITY ACTION!** Four large batches of postcards were sent in packages wrapped in the poster messages shown here. A total of 11,813 postcards were mailed to the President and were copied to Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Congressman Jerry Lewis, Congressman Joe Baca, Congressman David Dreier, Congressman Gary Miller and Congressman Buck McKeon. In addition, 462 personal letters from clients were mailed to their congressional representatives.

“Congress needs to hear why these services are important to our community, and what will happen to people in the current economic crisis if their ability to access critical services is eliminated,” states Ms. Patricia L. Nickols, CEO of CAPSBC. “CSBG creates opportunities for all members of our community. CSBG helps people find jobs, get educated and become secure. However, a cut of this magnitude will mean severe losses to our community at a time when the need for our services has never been greater.”



During the last two years, CAPSBC has seen a greater number of customers who have never needed services before. These include growing numbers of residents who have lost jobs and retirees who are struggling on fixed incomes.

CAPSBC's many partners include Catholic Charities of San Bernardino & Riverside County, Salvation Army, Lighthouse for the Blind, the ROCK church, Set Free Christian Fellowship, Desert Manna Ministries, St. Paul A.M.E., Boy's & Girl's Club, local schools, community & senior centers, domestic violence shelters and countless

other faith-based organizations just to name a few.

"The loss of CSBG will impact our entire community. The ripple effect will be far-reaching because the impact of these programs is so deep and so strong. The CSBG funds allow us to pursue new ideas and initiatives to meet community needs," said CAPSBC Board of Director's Chair, Nancy Ruth White.

For more information about Community Action Partnership and it's programs call (909) 723-1500, visit us on the web at www.capsbc.org or www.facebook.com/SaveCommunityAction or www.facebook.com/CAPSBC