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CAPSBC Announces Community Partnerships to Serve the Public and Provide Job Opportunities using Federal Stimulus Funds

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – Patricia L. Nickols, CEO of Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (“CAPSBC”) today announced a countywide partnership to provide services to the public under the auspices of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Community Services Block Grant (“ARRA CSBG.”) Eighteen organizations are operating 21 projects in the program areas of asset building and development, food network expansion and youth training and employment. Partners include a mix of community and faith-based organizations, training centers, and a local university.

“CAPSBC received a total of \$4.2 million in ARRA CSBG funds,” said Nickols. “\$1.2 million was awarded on a competitive basis to delegate agencies to serve low-income households while creating or retaining jobs in the community. 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 the economy, save and create millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so the country can thrive in the 21st century. It 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.

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.

Agencies that comprise the ARRA CSBG partnership are listed below:

<u>Asset Building</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Arrowhead United Way	\$60,000
Inland Empire Women’s Business Center	\$59,100
Time for Change Foundation	\$52,249
Hearts and Lives	\$46,500
<u>Food Network Expansion</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Catholic Charities of San Bernardino/Riverside	\$60,000

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Desert Manna Ministries – Food Distribution	\$60,000
House of Prayer Gospel Outreach Ministries	\$60,000
Greater Faith Grace Bible Church	\$60,000
Inland Counties Health Systems Agency - Food Distribution	\$59,659
High Desert Domestic Violence	\$47,000
Westside Community Services Center	\$60,000

<u>Youth Training and Employment</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Foundation for CSUSB – Student Internship Program	\$60,000
Center for Employment Training	\$60,000
Young Visionaries Youth Leadership	\$60,000
Priscilla's Helping Hands	\$59,938
Youth Action Project	\$59,932
Foundation for CSUSB – Day Reporting/Job Development	\$59,922
PAL Center	\$59,912
Black Voice Foundation	\$59,200
Inland Counties Health Systems Agency – Youth Training	\$40,461
Desert Manna Ministries – Thrift Store	\$60,000

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. As one of the largest non-profit human services agency in San Bernardino County, CAPSBC, provides 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

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