

Model Damage Assessment on Your Letterhead

Impact of CSBG CUTS and Loss of CAA status

CAA full name and Service Territory

Board Chair and E.D. Contact info

Stock Intro Sentence

The President's Budget Request for FY 2010 includes changes in funding for Community Action which will reduce the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) by 50% and allow the remaining funding to move to other communities or organizations.

We have been asked by the community leaders who direct this organization to analyze the effect on our services to residents and our investments in future economic opportunities for all. The consequences would be as follows: (your examples here- these are our generic ones)

- Without CSBG funding, X Community Services will **close the dental care facility that serves..., and Counties. At least 1450 uninsured low-wage workers and their families will not receive preventive care or treatment.** Last year they made 3600 visits. There is no other safety net dental program in our county for children. .

- **No new and innovative projects** like the Dental Clinic will be initiated to meet the needs of our rural areas and small cities. The Clinic was initiated by X CAA in 20... when our local Board decided to focus on solving the problem of poor dental health plaguing many local working families and their school age children. CSBG staff and funding were used to:
 - Recruit partners
 - Develop the loan package for the facility
 - Recruit the dental college to...
 - Pay the volunteer dentists' insurance

- Without CSBG, **the only homeless shelter in the County will be staffed only 3 hours per day, not 8.** There will be no coordinator to schedule our 68 local volunteers to clean, cook and equip the facility. This program received 2,838 volunteer hours from various businesses, local community individuals and faith based organizations that benefited the agency through their time for this program.

The number of homeless persons in the county has exploded in the last two years due to the economy. We turned away over 800 persons last year due to being at capacity and served 448 persons. The homeless shelter will be reviewed to see if it will be viable to continue without CSBG funding.

- Without CSBG, there will **be no tax preparation clinics for low-wage working families, over 100 households were assisted in claiming tax refunds that brought \$120,000 back to the local economy.** This program is run by a fulltime CSBG staff coordinator during the four months that it trains and recruits volunteers to help assist with tax preparation .

- Without CSBG, the following services will be hard to access because they will have to move out of the CSBG-funded rural and neighborhood centers' where they reach X residents yearly. The centers will close and the buildings will be sold.

- Program 1
- Program 2
- Program 3

➤ Without CSBG, the data system that **tracks the performance of all (20) programs** at X Community Services will no longer be supported; a CSBG-supported manager trains all the staff to measure and report results and ensures the reports are accurate.

Without CSBG, **the organization's leaders may close the agency within two years**; the reason is that they will lose the professionals and the financial resources that allow them to channel one-size-fits-all government programs into appropriate projects that change the conditions that are limiting our neighbors' opportunities. X CAA will not have the one funding resource that today allows us to innovate, develop facilities or new services, rally local volunteers and contributions, support effective local groups, and take advantage of resources that open new opportunities for our citizens