



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Michigan Community
ACTION
Helping People. Changing Lives.

 2022
FEDERAL ADVOCACY AGENDA



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COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

The federal Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) is Community Action's core funding. These funds are a vital source of support and can be tailored to the individual needs of each local Community Action Agency and their local service areas.

MCA supports:

- Reauthorizing the CSBG Act in the 116th Congress.(CSBG was last authorized in 1998.)
- Increasing funding of CSBG to match growing requirements for data collection and reporting.



HOUSING SERVICES

Michigan's low-income families deserve decent, safe, and affordable housing, and many Community Action Agencies offer programs that assist them in achieving home ownership, while protecting those facing foreclosure and homelessness. Cultivating responsible homeownership and rentals is essential to growing our state's economy.

MCA supports:

- Increasing federal funding for affordable housing.
- Enhancing policies that prevent homelessness.
- Expanding homebuyer education and mortgage counseling.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND HEATING ASSISTANCE

Reducing the amount of energy used in our businesses and households benefits all of Michigan. Community Action Agencies' energy services increase home values, put local contractors to work, and reduce household utility expenses. Our partnerships with utility companies and individual agencies' own fundraising events stretch public dollars even further.

MCA supports:

- Expanding funding for the US Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) to promote the health and safety of residents, to lower the energy burden for low income families, and to increase conservation.
- Reducing regulatory barriers to leveraging utility Energy Efficiency Programs with DOE Weatherization to maximize resources.
- Increasing funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).



VETERANS SERVICES

Michigan veterans are at risk for homelessness, unemployment, and physical and mental disabilities. Treating these special citizens with respect and value is of the utmost importance.

MCA supports:

- Expanding Veterans Programs such as Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF).



COORDINATION OF HEALTH/ WELLNESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

For Michigan to be at its best, residents must have equal opportunities to become and stay healthy. It is increasingly recognized by the healthcare industry that the Social Determinants of Health are essential to improve the health outcomes of all people, especially residents in poverty. It is more important than ever for healthcare and health insurance providers to work with social service agencies such as CAAs to improve health outcomes, reduce health inequities, and decrease the total cost of care.

MCA supports:

- Promoting the use of Community Health Workers to address the Social Determinants of Health in areas of high need.
- Removing work requirements for Medicaid Expansion (Healthy Michigan) for participants.
- Expanding funding for the US Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) to reduce asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and other health issues to promote home safety and wellness to reduce health care costs.
- Continuing to expand health insurance coverage to uninsured populations.



FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE ECONOMY

Empowering people to participate in the community and in economic opportunities requires access to services like the internet and the ability to prove residency and citizenship. Seeking work, attending school, volunteering, voting and finding a place to live all require identification and increasingly, access to the internet.

MCA supports:

- Expanding wireless and broadband access in underserved communities.
- Growing federal child care tax credits for low income families to empower their participation in work.



FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

When properly nourished, children learn and retain information better and adults are healthier, more positive, and more resilient. Community Action Agencies in Michigan feed thousands of people every year through a wide variety of food-related services, including food pantries, Meals on Wheels, and congregate meals for seniors.

MCA supports:

- Securing adequate administrative funding for the Commodity Supplement Food Program.
- Advocating for reasonable work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

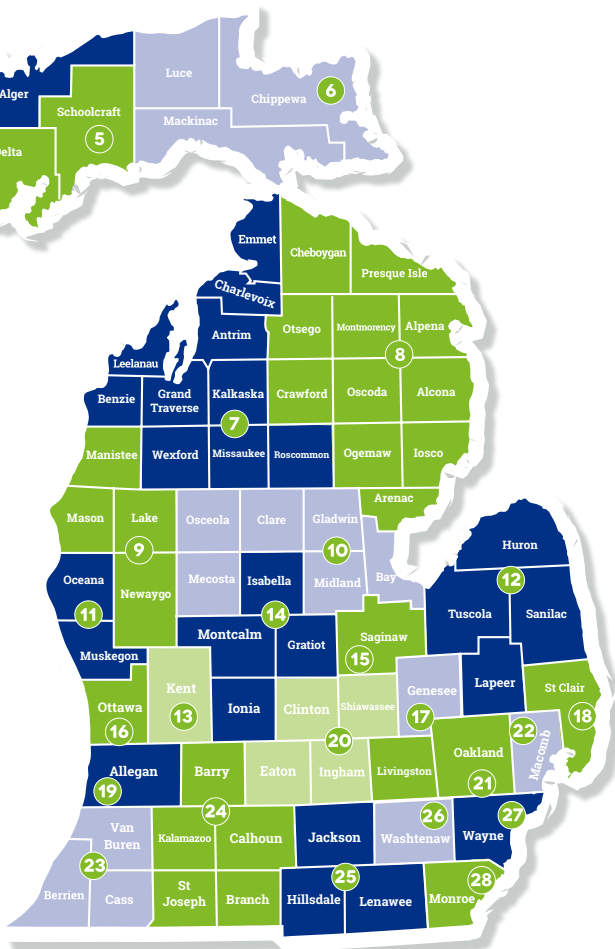
OUR PROMISE!

MCA has a promise and code of ethics that guides our work. Our promise to the community and our partners is: Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

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SERVICE AREAS OF MICHIGAN'S COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES



- 1 Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency**
(906) 667-0283
- 2 Baraga-Houghton-Keweenaw Community Action Agency**
(906) 482-5528
- 3 Dickinson-Iron Community Services Agency**
(906) 774-2256
- 4 Community Action Alger-Marquette**
(906) 232-6522
- 5 Menominee-Delta-Schoolcraft Community Action Agency**
(906) 786-7080
- 6 Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Agency**
(906) 632-3363
- 7 Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency**
(231) 947-3780 (800) 632-7334
- 8 Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency**
(989) 358-4600
- 9 FiveCAP**
(231) 757-3785
- 10 Mid Michigan Community Action Agency**
(989) 386-3805

- 11 Muskegon-Oceana Community Action Partnership**
(231) 725-9499
- 12 Human Development Commission**
(989) 673-4121 (800) 843-6394
- 13 Kent County Community Action**
(616) 632-7950
- 14 EightCAP**
(616) 754-9315
- 15 Saginaw County Community Action Committee**
(989) 753-7741
- 16 Ottawa County Community Action Agency**
(616) 393-4433
- 17 Genesee County Community Action Resource Department**
(810) 232-2185
- 18 Blue Water Community Action**
(810) 982-8541
- 19 Community Action of Allegan County**
(269) 673-5472
- 20 Capital Area Community Services**
(517) 393-7077

- 21 Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency**
(248) 209-2600
- 22 Macomb Community Action**
(586) 469-6999
- 23 Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency**
(269) 925-9077
- 24 Community Action**
(877) 422-2726
- 25 Community Action Agency**
(517) 784-4800
- 26 Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development**
(734) 544-6748
- 27 Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency**
(734) 284-6999, (313) 388-9799
- 28 Monroe County Opportunity Program**
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