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WISCAP SUPPORTS COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT REAUTHORIZATION

The Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP) applauds the introduction of the **Community Services Block Grant Reauthorization Act (HR 1695)**, bipartisan legislation designed to reduce poverty by supporting the activities of community action agencies and empowering low-income individuals and families to respond to the unique problems and needs within their communities.

“Our communities across the state- rural and urban alike- depend on CSBG funding to develop extensive community partnerships, coordinate services, respond to emergencies, and fill gaps in services,” said WISCAP Executive Director Brad Paul. “CSBG assumes a critical role in developing effective federally-supported, locally driven strategies to fight poverty.”

Through a community-based needs assessment and local decision-making process, CSBG helps move people from poverty to independence. Last year in Wisconsin, \$8,701,704 in CSBG funding helped support sixteen Community Action Agencies and two special purpose agencies, which provided essential services to over 243,000 Wisconsinites. Community Action Agencies in our Wisconsin continue to be on the front lines in helping low-income families and individuals address a range of challenges, including helping people obtain affordable housing, bringing transportation to low-income communities, and providing critical services to individuals, families and communities impacted by the opioid crisis.

About WISCAP: *The Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP) is the statewide association for Wisconsin’s sixteen (16) Community Action agencies and two single-purpose agencies with statewide focus. You can learn more about WISCAP at wiscap.org*

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