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CAPSBC Announces Community Partnerships to Serve Public

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Patricia L. Nickols, CEO of Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County ("CAPSBC") 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 longneglected 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 communitybased agencies to offer programs and services that assist individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency.

Agencies that comprise the ARRA CSBG partnership are:

Asset Building Arrowhead United Way, \$60,000

Inland Empire Women's Business Center , \$59,100

Time for Change Foundation, \$52,249

Hearts and Lives, \$46,500

Food Network Expansion Catholic Charities of San Bernardino/Riverside, \$60,000

Desert Manna Ministries – Food Distribution, \$60,000

House of Prayer Gospel Outreach Ministries, \$60,000

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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

Youth Training and Employment 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, \$59,912

Black Voice Foundation, \$59,200

Inland Counties Health Systems Agency – Youth Training, \$40,461

Desert Manna Ministries – Thrift Store, \$60,000