



American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Summary

In response to the most devastating economic crisis experienced since the Great Depression, President Barack Obama signed into law the **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)** on **February 17, 2009**. The Act is a strategic investment in America's future, laying the foundation for a robust and sustainable 21st century economy.

To increase economic activity in **Oregon**, an expected **\$2.875 billion** in ARRA funding will support initiatives aimed at saving and creating **jobs**, modernizing **health care**, improving **schools**, modernizing **infrastructure**, and investing in **clean energy technologies**.

In **Washington County**, Community Action is receiving approximately **\$5,094,047** to increase the delivery of essential services at a time of unprecedented need. The funds will be spent between April 20, 2009 and July 6, 2012. We are creating and supporting **34-39 jobs** locally.

An estimated **2,206 Washington County families who are struggling to make ends meet**, will have their lives improved as a result of ARRA funding to Community Action through the following services:

Weatherization: Through the Department of Energy, Community Action is receiving **\$2,719,454** to be spent April 20, 2009 through March 31, 2012, which will double the number of Washington County homes receiving weatherization services. As a result, an **additional 600 families** will be provided with home energy assessments and energy education. Half of these families will receive additional comprehensive services to increase the health, safety and energy efficiency of their homes. Community Action has created **4.64 jobs** in our Weatherization program. Subcontractors anticipate creating another **11-15 jobs**.

Economic Impact of ARRA Weatherization: During the ARRA project period, **\$2.719 million** will be spent and **56.43** direct and indirect jobs will be created. There will be an additional **\$3.87 million** spent locally on goods and services, immediately and over the 30 year life of the improvements, for an economic impact of **\$6.59 million**. In addition, **\$1.498 million** in energy savings will be realized over the 30 year lifetime of the energy conservation measures.

Head Start: Community Action received approval of **\$428,013** for Head Start, creating **2.09 jobs**, and **\$93,507** for Early Head Start, creating **.81 jobs**. These funds will support recruitment and retention of qualified teachers by providing cost of living increases and staff development for Head Start staff. Community Action's Early Head Start program received approval of **\$242,546** to expand the Home-Based model in December 2009. This funding will create **4.45 jobs** and serve **24 additional infants and toddlers**, and their families, from November 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing: Washington County is sub-contracting **\$815,990** with Community Action to serve **82 additional families** at risk of homelessness between September 16, 2009 and July 6, 2012. These funds will provide emergency and longer term (up to 18 months) rent assistance and supportive services to prevent homelessness; **one job** will be created.

Emergency Food and Shelter Program: Community Action received approval for **\$107,519** to provide an **additional 210 families** with emergency rental assistance between July 1, 2009 and November 30, 2009.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG): Community Action received approval for **\$570,880** to support services needed by families most impacted by the recession. Funds will be spent May 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. A total of **7.54 jobs** have been created and an **additional 1145 families** will be served.

- In collaboration with Portland Community College/Workforce and Lifeworks Inc., Community Action will allocate **\$111,819** to provide housing, employment and support services for **85 adults who are unemployed or underemployed and in unstable housing situations.**
- **\$231,820** will be directed to Housing and Homeless Services to support a continuum of housing services, including rental assistance for **135 homeless or at-risk families.**
- Community Action will utilize **\$101,353** to sustain a best practices model for Opening Doors, a program that supports healthy birth outcomes by annually providing **600 uninsured, low-income and at-risk women** with access to prenatal care, health insurance and additional services.
- **\$94,569** will be directed to Energy and Community Resource Support so that **25 households newly impacted by the recession** can receive case management services to help families successfully navigate the social service system and connect to available resources.
- Community Action will partner with Washington County Commission on Children & Families, providing **\$31,319** over two years to provide the supervision needed of interns for the Summer Meals program. As a result, **300 school-age children** will receive nutrition education and healthy meals during the summer months of 2009 and 2010.

Child Care Resource & Referral: Through the Community Development Block Grant program, Community Action received **\$116,138** to provide professional development opportunities for child care providers to improve the quality of care in Washington County. **Twenty providers** will receive intensive training and **125 children and their families** will be served. **1.35 jobs** will be created.

AmeriCorps: Community Action is supporting **two AmeriCorps jobs** from September 2009 through July 2010. The AmeriCorps members will focus on strategic initiatives to engage with the faith community and develop mission-based partnerships that support the delivery of Community Action programs and services.