Community Action Network State Plan Review Feedback Session 7.25.2023

### 35 Attendees

#### Describe the state’s CSBG-specific goals for state administration of CSBG under this State Plan

**Feedback**

1. Suggested a goal that includes specific support for transition in leadership at agencies.
2. Connecting CSBG to other funding opportunities in OEO, eg., housing funding programs, food and nutrition funding programs.

#### Describe the planned (organizational standards) assessment process

1. Current strategy works well, only assessing a sample of standards each year.

#### Describe the current practice for allocating CSBG funds to eligible entities

1. Current allocation = 90% to eligible entities (24 Community Action Agencies and 11 Tribal Nations), 5% State (OEO) admin costs and 5% discretionary funding for a contract with MinnCAP (State Association) and for special projects and emergency assistance.
2. No specific feedback on current allocations.
3. To access discretionary funding at your Agency or Tribal Nation, contact OEO.

#### Training and Technical Assistance Plan

1. Series of training for conducting Community Needs Assessment and developing the Community Action Plan ahead of the next grant cycle/biennium.
2. Suggestion to connect with MN Asset Building Coalition / Regional Asset building coalition.
3. Suggestion to connect with MN Coalition for the homeless.
4. Tribal specific communication and Tribal Specific TTA.

#### Communication with Eligible Entities and the State Community Action Association

1. Elevate the conversation about poverty in the State and highlight Community Action/CSBG as experts.
2. Change the perceptions of poverty in communities through communication about what Community Action/CSBG does and who is served.