



## NCAP State Association and RPIC Updates – March 2026

### General NCAP Updates

- The NCAP 2026 dues drive is still underway. Thank you to those who have already renewed! Contact [membership@communityactionpartnership.com](mailto:membership@communityactionpartnership.com) with any questions.
- NCAP Annual Convention 2026 Call for Sessions is open. Submissions are due by Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) to submit.
- As you build your training calendar for the year, consider NCAP as a trusted source for relevant and high-impact Community Action training.
  - [NCAP Customized Business Solutions](#).
  - For Training and Technical Assistance requests, please reach out to [ncaphelps@communityactionpartnership.com](mailto:ncaphelps@communityactionpartnership.com).
  - NCAP's Energy team can present and support State Association conferences throughout 2026 (*at no cost to you!*). State Associations interested in connecting should contact Mia Harnos at [mharnos@communityactionpartnership.com](mailto:mharnos@communityactionpartnership.com).
  - Please share your State Association and RPIC conference dates and details with NCAP by contacting Terry Bearden at [tbearden@communityactionpartnership.com](mailto:tbearden@communityactionpartnership.com).

### Policy/Advocacy Updates

#### *FY27 Government Funding*

- CSBG: NCAF is requesting **\$800 million for the Community Services Block Grant (3.2% increase)**
  - [CSBG Dear Colleague letter](#)
  - [CSBG Quill Sign-on Link](#)
  - Click [HERE](#) for current signers.
- Weatherization: NCAF is requesting **\$442 million for the Weatherization Assistance Program (19.8% increase)**.
  - [WAP Dear Colleague Letter](#)
  - [WAP Quill Sign-on Link](#)
  - Click [HERE](#) for current signers.
- The National Head Start Association released its **FY27 funding request for Head Start**, seeking a **\$1.9 billion increase (15.5%)** over FY26, including **\$615 million for a 4.97% COLA**, along with investments in quality improvement, facilities, and nutrition services.
  - Click [HERE](#) to ask your Member of Congress to sign the Head Start Dear Colleague Letters

#### *Housing Legislation*

- A pair of **bipartisan housing bills** are moving through Congress, with the House and Senate advancing separate packages to address housing supply and affordability challenges.

- **House – [Housing for the 21st Century Act](#)**: Passed **390–9 on February 9, 2026**. The bipartisan package includes more than 40 proposals aimed at increasing housing supply and affordability, including expanded financing tools, reduced regulatory barriers to development, and modernization of federal housing programs.
- **Senate – [Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream \(ROAD\) to Housing Act](#)**: Expected to receive a Senate floor vote after passing the Senate Banking Committee **24–0**. The bill includes reforms to HUD’s **CDBG-DR program**, improvements to rural housing programs, and measures to streamline homelessness assistance systems.
- **Next steps**: If the Senate passes S.2651, Congress will need to reconcile the House and Senate packages before sending a final housing bill to the President.

### *SAM Registration Updates*

- On January 28, 2026, the U.S. General Services Administration [proposed changes](#) to registration requirements in System for Award Management (SAM.gov), the portal used by nonprofits and government entities to apply for federal financial assistance. **Public comments are due March 30.**
- The proposal would require applicants and grantees to sign new certifications under **civil and criminal penalties**, including certifications tied to federal guidance related to DEI, immigration, and terrorism.

## State Association News

- **New State Association Staff Orientation**

*March 24, 2026, at 2 pm ET / 1 pm CT / 12 pm MT / 11 am PT*

Join NCAP for the 2026 New State Association Staff Orientation. This conversational session is meant to orient State Association staff to their unique role within a State Association and the Community Action Network and provide new State Association team members with the opportunity to connect with their peers from around the country.

Learn more & register: <https://communityactionpartnership.com/event/new-state-association-staff-orientation-2/>

## Upcoming Events, Webinars, and Engagements

- **NCAP Events & Webinar Calendar**: <https://communityactionpartnership.com/calendar/>

- **CCAP Office Hours: Your Questions, Answered**

*March 13, April 10, and May 15 | 1 PM ET/12PM CT/11 AM MT/10 AM PT*

Join NCAP for virtual CCAP Office Hours—a relaxed, one-hour session where you set the agenda. No registration needed, just click on the link on the date you would like to join us.

**Use this link for all sessions:**

<https://communityactionpartnership.zoom.us/j/83427592736?pwd=xnVN43YVH9Gf1RYSnCNmbbKnP7Kd6J.1>

- **Promise Power Up**

NCAP invites the entire Community Action Network to a series of 15-minute meetings aimed to connect members, inspire hope, and the power of the Community Action Promise. Click title to register.

- [March Promise Power Up](#)

Date: Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>,

Time: 4:00pm ET / 3:00pm CT / 2:00pm MT / 1:00pm PT

- [May Promise Power Up](#)

Date: Friday, May 1st

Time: 2:00pm ET / 1:00pm CT / 12:00pm MT / 11:00am PT

- **Community Assessment Skill Builder: From Requirement to Real Insight**

*Wednesday, April 8, and Wednesday, April 15 | 1 PM – 5 PM ET (12 PM – 4 PM CT | 11 AM – 3 PM MT | 10 AM – 2 PM PT)*

This two-part virtual Skill Builder is designed for staff who lead or manage the community assessment process and want to deepen both the quality and usefulness of their work.

\$399 per person for member agencies; \$499 per person for non-member agencies

*\$50 Discount for CAAs that registered staff for the March CSBG Organizational Standards Skill Builder.*

Registration link: <https://ncap.users.membersuite.com/events/browse>

- **ED/CEO Roundtables: Responding to the Shifting Landscape**

*Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> | 4:00pm ET | 3:00pm CT | 2:00pm MT | 1:00 pm PT*

Join NCAP for a continuation of the Roundtable series for current Community Action Executive Directors and CEOs. The Roundtables are designed to provide space for an engaging session where EDs and CEOs will have the opportunity to participate in confidential small group discussions with peers.

[April Roundtable Registration](#)

- **WAPPro 3.0: Activating the Next Generation of Weatherization Leaders**

NCAP is now recruiting for the WAPPro 3.0, a cohort for Weatherization leaders. We invite agencies to nominate bold, forward-thinking leaders. Spots are limited. Learn more and express interest here: [Weatherization Leadership Development Institute-WAPPro Survey](#)

- **Pathways to Excellence Information, Enrollment, and eCourse Subscriptions:**

<https://communityactionpartnership.com/pathways-to-excellence/>

- **Certified Community Action Professional (CCAP) Application and Renewals:**

<https://communityactionpartnership.com/ccap-professional-certification/>

## Timely Toolkits

- [The Elevate & Innovate Toolkit: A Collaborative on Economic Mobility \(CEM\) Resource for State Associations](#) – This This toolkit is designed to make it easier than ever for State Associations to access and share resources from the Collaborative on Economic Mobility with local Community Action Agencies.

- [New FREE Financial Tools and Resources for CAAs](#) – NonprofitGPS offers free, high-quality tools and webinars to help nonprofit organizations navigate financial uncertainty and disruption. Developed by national experts, these resources focus on topics like financial strategy, scenario planning, and adaptive decision-making to strengthen long-term sustainability.
- [When Your CAA's Upcoming Fiscal Year is Uncertain: A Guide for CAA Boards](#) – This guide helps CAA boards lead effectively through new federal fiscal year funding uncertainty and provides practical guidance to support timely, informed decision-making.
- [Community Action Network Scenario Planning Toolkit](#) – This toolkit helps CAAs and State Associations navigate uncertainty by offering tools to assess key impact areas, explore possible futures, and set priorities.
- [Community Action Board Discussion Guide for Uncertain Financial Times](#) – This guide equips CAA boards with a structured approach to assess financial health, ask critical questions, and navigate tough decisions.

## Stay Informed – NCAP Newsletters and Information Hubs

- **NCAP Weekly eNews:** <https://communityactionpartnership.com/subscribe/>
- **Collaborative on Economic Mobility:** A collection of emerging and promising practices that support economic mobility in low-income communities:  
<https://communityactionpartnership.com/collaborative-on-economic-mobility/>
- **Energy Resource Hub:** Check out upcoming webinars, conferences, and resources:  
<https://communityactionpartnership.com/energypartnerships/>
- **Fresh Finds Newsletter:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSSNCF8>
- **Weatherization PLUS eNews:** <https://communityactionpartnership.com/energypartnerships/>