



NCAP State Association and RPIC Updates – May 2026

General NCAP Updates

- **Happy Community Action Month!** The [2026 Community Action Month Toolkit](#) is now available to help you raise the visibility of your network and its work within your community, showcase successes in connecting families to greater opportunity, and increase awareness about the national impact of our network at large. Be sure to share photos and other information about your Community Action Month events with NCAP!
- Registration is open for the 2026 NCAP Annual Convention in St. Louis, Missouri September 2 – 4, 2026 – For more information and to register: <https://communityactionpartnership.com/capcon26/>
- 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
 - 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
 - Please share your State Association and RPIC conference dates and details with NCAP by contacting Terry Bearden at tbearden@communityactionpartnership.com

TTA Funding Forecasts

- [Community Services Block Grant \(CSBG\) Communities of Practice \(COP\) – HHS-2026-ACF-OCS-ET-0029 – 6 awards – \\$4,350,000 total; \\$725,000 per award](#)
Six CoPs will be established to provide training and technical assistance (TTA). These CoPs will include CSBG-funded states, territories, and tribes, and CSBG state associations and eligible entities. The specialized TTA must: account for regional, state, city, county, tribal, and community characteristics (i.e., jurisdictional levels, demographic categories, socioeconomic tiers, community resources, etc.); be based on evidence-informed TTA models specific to the assigned CoPs; and include scalable approaches that states, territories, state associations, tribes, and CSBG-eligible entities can implement to support individuals and families with low incomes as they progress towards economic security.
- [Community Services Block Grant \(CSBG\) Performance Management, Data Collection, and Compliance Support – HHS-2026-ACF-OCS-ET-0031 – 1 award - \\$650,000](#)
This NOFO will promote a national competition to identify one organization to support CSBG states, territories, and eligible entities with performance management activities, including data collection and reporting as well as approaches to remedy issues of non-compliance resulting from monitoring visits.

- [Community Services Block Grant \(CSBG\) Essentials for Improved Outcomes – HHS-2026-ACF-OCS-ET-0030 – 1 award - \\$600,000](#)

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Essentials for Improved Outcomes will fund an organization to help states, territories, and CSBG-eligible entities: 1) strengthen their understanding of CSBG statutory and regulatory requirements; 2) enhance their implementation of critical program elements (e.g., community needs assessment, tripartite board, monitoring and reporting compliance etc.); and 3) support the coordination and development of additional anti-poverty resources that support the overall administration of CSBG.

- [Community Services Block Grant \(CSBG\) Tribal Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance \(TCBTTA\) - HHS-2026-ACF-OCS-ET-0028 – 1 award - \\$500,000](#)

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Tribal Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance (TCBTTA) project intends to support one organization to help build tribal and tribal organization capacity within CSBG.

Federal Register Notice

- [Proposed Information Collection Activity; Generic for Administration for Children and Families Program Monitoring Activities](#)

ACF plans to ask OMB to extend approval of the broad “umbrella” clearance that covers ACF’s program monitoring information collection. This clearance lets ACF program offices collect standard information from organizations that receive federal funds so ACF can monitor programs, evaluate results, provide support, and ensure responsible use of federal dollars. No changes are proposed to the clearance terms. The estimated time and effort burden has been updated. Public comments are due by July 6, 2026.

Community Economic Development Funding Forecast

- [Community Economic Development Projects - HHS-2026-ACF-OCS-EE-0026 – 21 awards - \\$17,484,782 total; \\$100,000 minimum; \\$800,000 maximum award](#)

The Office of Community Services (OCS) will award approximately \$18.57 million in Community Economic Development (CED) discretionary funds to Community Development Corporations (CDC) to enhance job creation and business development for individuals with low income.

2026 New Executive Director Institute – East

Join NCAP for this two-day, in-person learning experience, paired with a virtual pre-session, designed to help new EDs lead with clarity, make sound decisions under pressure, and position their organizations to deliver meaningful outcomes.

- Virtual Pre-Session: May 27 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM ET | 12:00 – 1:30 PM CT | 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM MT | 10:00 – 11:30 AM PT
- In-Person Institute: June 23 (8:30 am – 5:30 pm) and June 24 (8:30 am – 4:00 pm)

Fees: Members: \$499 per person | Non-Members: \$699 per person

More details here: <https://communityactionpartnership.com/2026-nedi-east/>

*After the Institute, bring your Board Chair (current or incoming) to turn learning into practice at the **Executive Director/Board Chair Symposium** (details below) on June 25 and 26. Register for both events to receive a \$50 discount off each registration fee.*

2026 Executive Director & Board Chair Symposium

The Executive Director / Board Chair Symposium is designed for leadership pairs to step out of day-to-day demands and focus on how they work together. Over 1.5 days, you will engage in shared learning, planning, and peer exchange to strengthen alignment, clarify roles, and build a more effective working relationship.

Dates: June 25 (8:30am – 5pm) – June 26 (8:30am – 12:30pm)

Fees: Members: \$999 per pair; Non-Members: \$1299 per pair *Registration is for both the Executive Director/CEO and Board Chair/President. Both participants attend together as part of the full Symposium experience.*

More details here: <https://communityactionpartnership.com/2026-ed-board-chair/>

Upcoming Events, Webinars, and Engagements

- **NCAP Events & Webinar Calendar:** <https://communityactionpartnership.com/calendar/>
- **CCAP Office Hours: Your Questions, Answered**
May 15 | 1:00 pm ET /12:00 pm CT /11:00 am MT / 10:00 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:
<https://communityactionpartnership.zoom.us/j/83427592736?pwd=xnVN43YVH9Gf1RYSnCNmbbKnP7Kd6J.1>
- **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 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.
- **[Rural Health Transformation Program Toolkit](#)** – A new toolkit from CCAM-TAC provides guidance for transit providers to engage with a major federal investment in rural health systems authorized under Public Law 119-21, which directs \$50 billion from 2026 to 2030. As care shifts toward “care anywhere” models, the toolkit highlights transportation as a key part of rural health infrastructure and offers direction for aligning with program priorities and pursuing funding opportunities.
- **[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/>