



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2023

The Maryland Community Action Partnership (“MCAP”) was established in 1986. MCAP is a non-profit, multi-regional association advocates on behalf of Community Action Agencies (“CAAs”) and partnering organizations that serve individuals and families with low incomes who reside in Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia to ensure their voices are heard at the local, state, and federal levels. We continuously monitor for legislation and regulations that affect our members.



Ensure Continuity of 2-Generation/Whole Family Funding to Support Comprehensive Services for Children and Families



A Permanent Source of Funding for the Whole Family Statewide Initiative.

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Establish a Community Action Fund



To meet the demands of the Post-COVID Reality.

The increased demand for services to stabilize families have increased by 84% according to CSBG Annual reporting. During the pandemic years supplemental funding provided critical funding to keep families safe and stable. This funding has gone away, but the demand for services remains. Maryland Community Action Partnership proposes the creation of a Community Action Fund totaling the amount of \$9,194,967 to match the federal Community Services Block Grant created to address the causes and conditions of poverty. Funding for the Community Action Fund will further invest in programs that work and move families toward economic security, and will allow the Community Action network to continue meet the existing demands.



Housing Stabilization



To Help Protect Essential Workers and Families from Homelessness or Instability.

Without swift action, many families will face eviction in 2023. Essential workers in Maryland struggle to fully recover from the pandemic, high inflation, and soaring rents. We support Funding to Sustain Emergency Rental Assistance in Maryland to assist an estimated 17,000 households who would otherwise face imminent eviction in your proposed FY 2024 budget.



Lifting Families Out of Poverty



To Help Overcome Barriers and Promote Independent Living

Reducing poverty by encouraging work. MCAP supports legislation that empower clients to overcome barriers and represent their own interest, helping them increase control of their own lives.