Small States CSBG CARES Spending Conversation with the National Partners

May 24, 2023

READINESS
RAPID RESPONSE
RECOVERY
RESILIENCE

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The Promise Of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live.

We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

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Purpose of CSBG CARES

To Prevent

Prepare for

Respond to COVID-19



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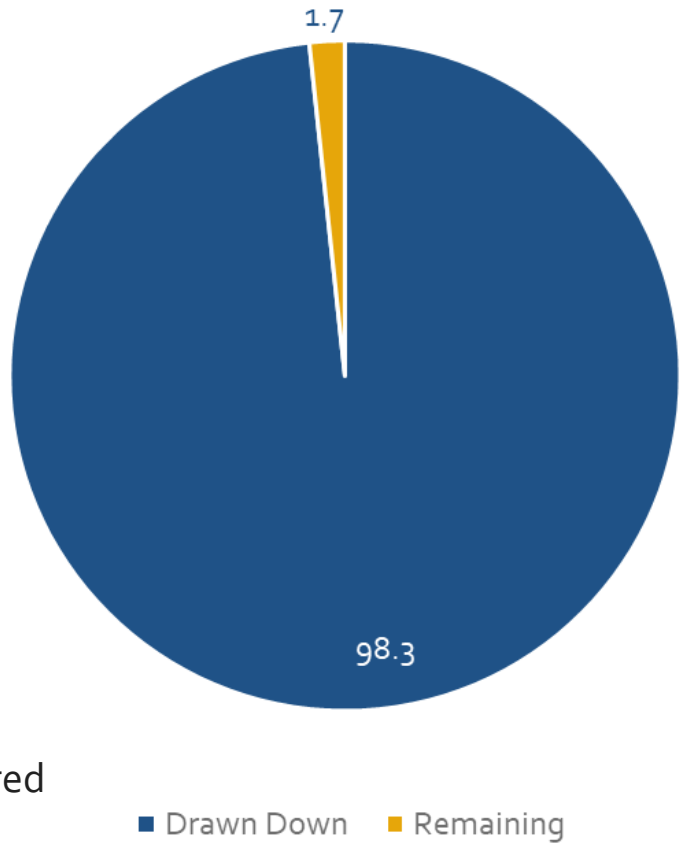
CSBG CARES Overview

- CSBG CARES funds expire September 30th, 2022
  - Small States have the ability to obligate their second installment of CARES funds through September 30th, 2023
    - ***THERE IS NO CARRY OVER OF CSBG CARES FUNDS***

- Family, Agency, Community needs persist

- Full expenditure of CSBG CARES is an opportunity to demonstrate our value

FY 2020 CSBG CARES Supplemental Funding



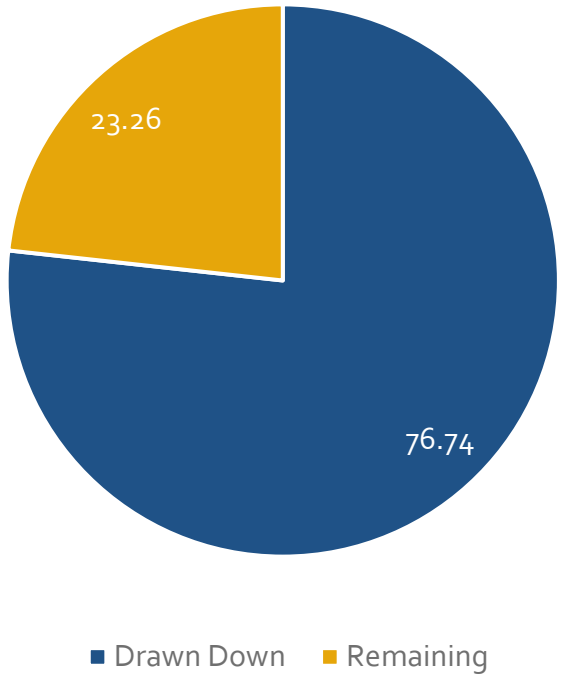
*Note: These funds expired on September 30, 2022.

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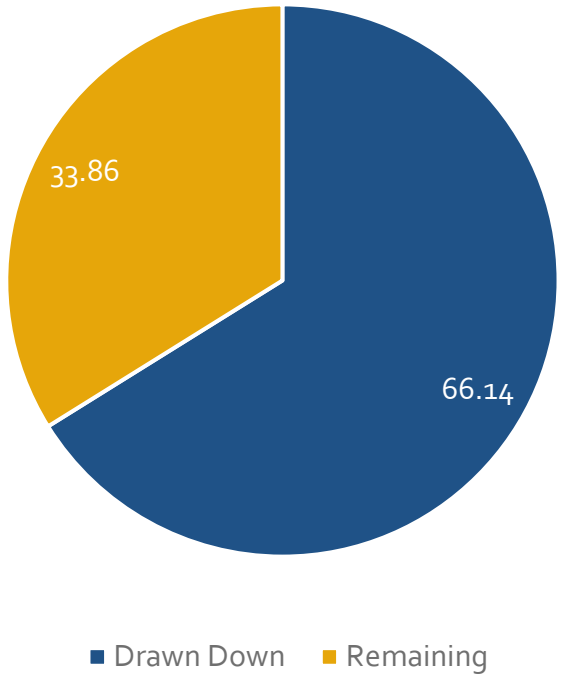
FY2021 CSBG CARES Supplemental Funding (Small States)

Recipient Type	Total Authorized	Drawn Down	% Drawn Down	Remaining	%Remaining
States	$56, 286, 555	$43,192, 241	76.74%	$13,094, 314	23.26%
Tribes	$2,364, 175	$ 1, 563, 667	66.14%	$800,508	33.86%

States



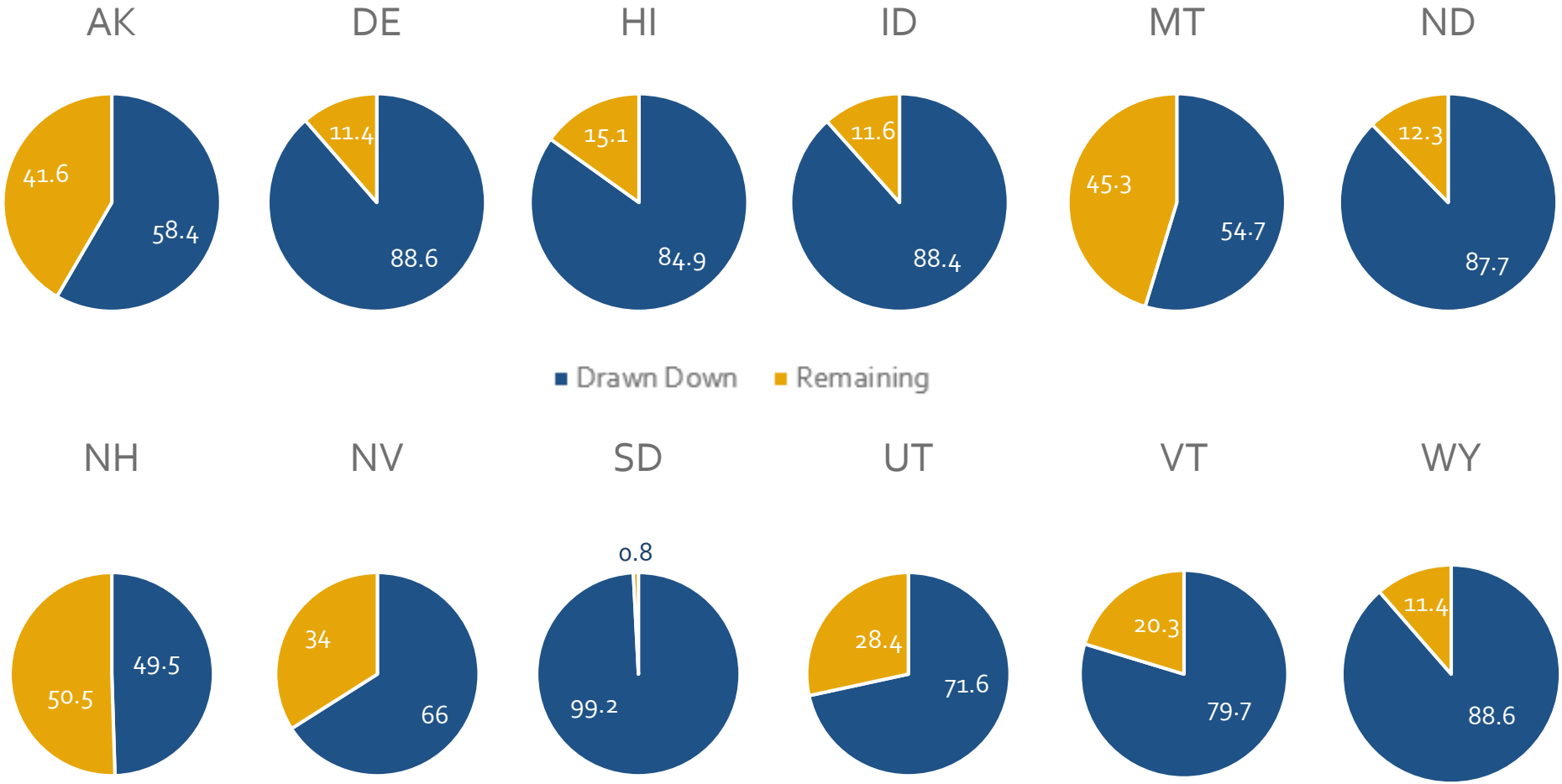
Tribes



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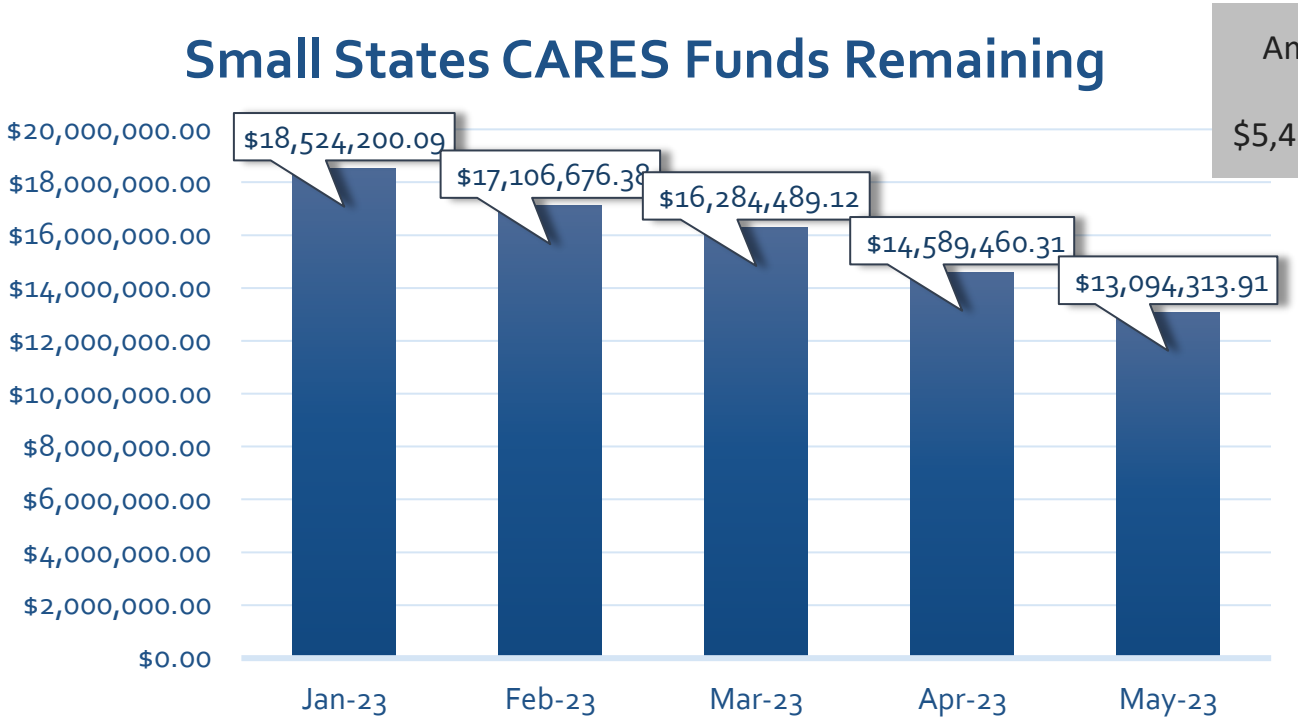
FY2021 CSBG CARES States Supplemental Funding (Small States)

Spending Analysis by State



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Moving in the Right Direction…

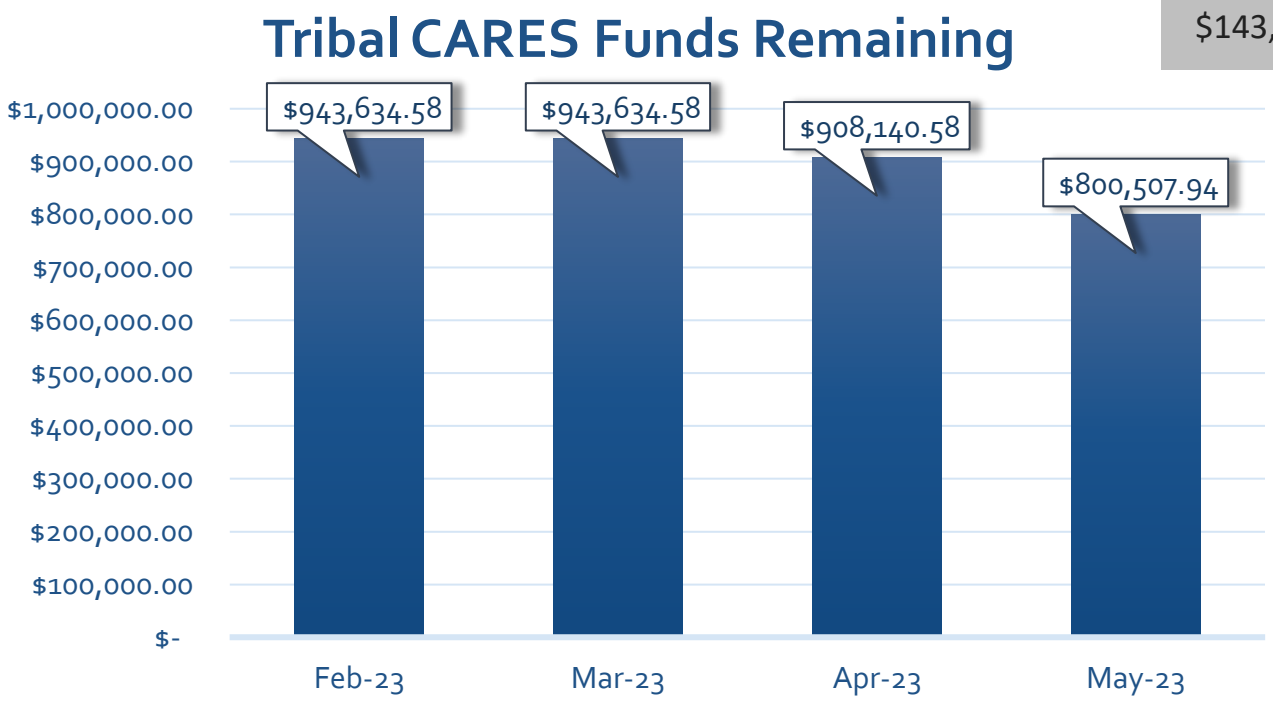


Amount Drawn Down January through May, 2023: $5,429,886.18 (29% of remaining)

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More Work to be Done…

Amount Drawn Down through May, 2023:
$143,126.64.18 (15% of remaining)



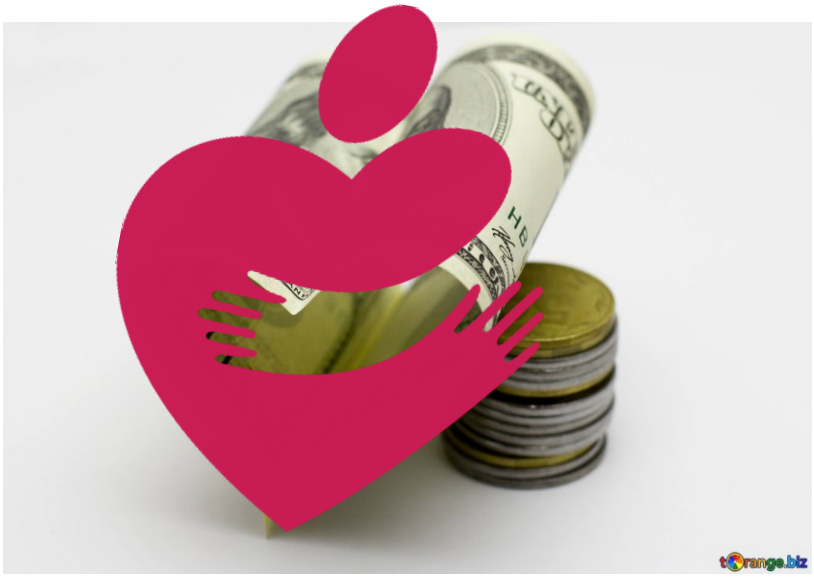
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OCS Guidance Review

- **CSBG-IM-2020-157 Immediate Guidance on COVID-19 Response**
  - https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/policy-guidance/csbg-im-2020-157-immediate-guidance-covid-19-response
- **CSBG-IM-2022-163 Mortgage Assistance**
  - https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/policy-guidance/csbg-im-2022-163-mortgage-payment-assistance
- **CSBG-DCL-2022-43 Expending CSBG CARES Funds FY 2022**
  - https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/policy-guidance/csbg-dcl-2022-43-expending-csbg-cares-funds-fy-2022

We All Have a Role to Play

- Local Community Action Agencies
- State Association
- State Office
- National Partners
- OCS



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Answering Your Questions

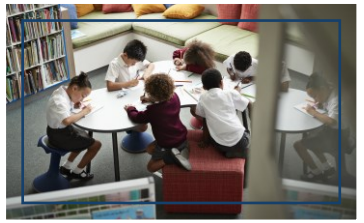


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10 Ways CAAs have Used their CSBG CARES Funds













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#10 Customer Needs



- Food
- Transportation-gas, car repairs
- School supplies



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#9 Children and Youth Activities





- Scholarships for activities
- Summer learning programs
- Childcare expenses
- Work with library and provide staff for a summer reading program
- Supplement a summer feeding program- wrap around services

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#8 Health

- Vaccination
- Wellness visits
- Co-pays
- Dental
- Vision
- Mental health-kids & adults



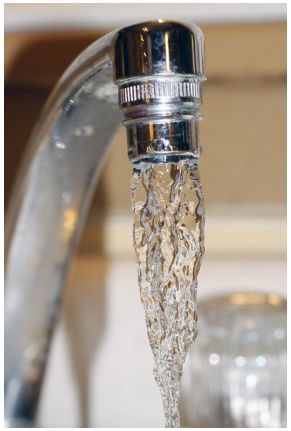


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#7 Housing





- Eviction protection
- Rent assistance/mortgage
- Water, utility payments

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#6 Technology

- Agency upgrade-improved website, document scan, phone system
- Customer service upgrades-online food pantry, online applications
- Community partner needs
- Technology for families



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#5 Customer Engagement*

- Focus groups-assess needs as emerge from pandemic (pay customers for expertise/employee or independent contractor)
- Door to door campaign in the community (pay customers to do the surveying/employee or independent contractor)
- Establish robust customer advisory group (pay for customer expertise)
- Customer Leadership Training Program (e.g., Step up to Leadership)

*Ensure Operational Due Diligence

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#4 CAA Capacity

- Training /Leadership (executive coaching, motivational interviewing, coaching, CCAP)
- Employee wellbeing supports (counseling for staff)
- Trauma informed practices for staff
- Employee benefits/retaining employees
- CAA preparedness/upgrading policies and procedures
- Increase recruitment strategies/marketing

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#3 Small Business Support

- Childcare Materials and Supports
- Coaching and resources for low-income entrepreneurs





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#2 Job Training

- Pay enrollment fees for training
- Partner with an organization to do a summer apprenticeship program at CAA
- WAP or Early Care and Education Career Path Project - partner with community college, pay stipends to attendees, pay OJT, hire participants*

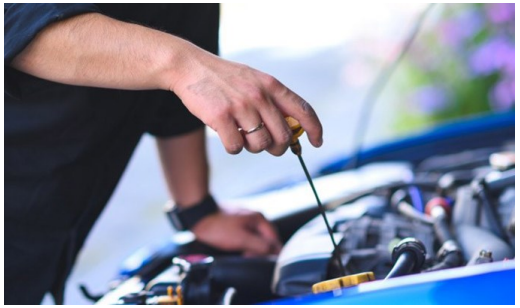
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#1 Pop Up events



- Food
- Diapers
- School preparation
- Gas cards
- Vehicle repair





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Readiness to Resilience: The Community Action COVID-19 Story

This report from NCAP shares snapshots from over 130 Community Action Agencies across the Network as they responded to COVID-19. Read to learn how your peers tackled the challenges of the pandemic using innovative new approaches.

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What Do You Need?

CAPLAW Guidance?



T & TA with & NCAP & NASCSP?

Additional Information from OCS?

Other Support?



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