



**CSBG National Network:  
Building State & Local Partnerships to  
Better Serve Native Individuals,  
Families & Communities**

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# Welcome and Introductions

# Panelists



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# Office of Community Services (OCS)

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The OCS partners with states, tribal organizations, communities, and agencies to eliminate the causes of poverty, increase self-sufficiency of individuals and families, and revitalize communities. Our social service and community development programs work in a variety of ways to improve the lives of many.



# The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Act

- The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964
- The Community Services Block Grant Act of 1981
- Appropriations FY 2022, \$755 Million



# CSBG PRIORITIES



**REDUCING POVERTY**



**REVITALIZING LOW-  
INCOME COMMUNITIES**



**EMPOWERING LOW-INCOME  
INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES**

# Use of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)



Employment



Education



Partnerships  
& Community  
Engagement



Emergency  
Assistance



Youth  
Development



Income  
Management



Housing



Linkages &  
Coordination



Health &  
Nutrition

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**CSBG provides vital nationwide structure, support, and funding to reduce poverty, revitalize communities, and empower low-income families and individuals.**

- Charisse Johnson, *Division Director*



# Training & Technical Assistance (TTA) Partners and Resources

- Lux Consulting (Tribal TTA Program)
- National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP)
- National Community Action Partnership (NCAP)
- Community Action Program Legal Services (CAPLAW)

# National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP)

## MISSION

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Increase capacity in states to achieve economic security in low-income communities.

## DESCRIPTION

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NASCSP is the national association charged with advocating and enhancing the leadership roles of states in the administration of the CSBG. NASCSP represents all 50 states, DC, and Puerto Rico.

# National Community Action Partnership (NCAP)

## MISSION

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Ensure the causes and conditions of poverty are effectively addressed and to strengthen, promote, represent, and serve the Community Action Network.

## DESCRIPTION

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NCAP is a national, 501(c)3 nonprofit membership organization that provides technical assistance, training, and other resources to CAAs and other nonprofit and public groups funded by the CSBG to connect low-income individuals and families to greater opportunity.

# Lux Consulting (CSBG Tribal TTA)

## MISSION

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Provide culturally-responsive support to the 66 Tribes and Tribal Organizations that serve the approximately 150 Native American and Alaska Native Tribes, villages, and communities that implement CSBG-funded services across 24 states.

## DESCRIPTION

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Under contract with the Office of Community Services, the Tribal TTA program provides training and support to tribes and tribal organizations to maximize the reach and impact of CSBG funding.

# Community Action Program Legal Services (CAPLAW)

## MISSION

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Eliminate poverty by strengthening the legal and management capacity of community organizations.

## DESCRIPTION

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CAPLAW is the national legal expert for the Community Action Agencies (CAAs) network. They provide guidance to federal, state and Community Action Agencies (CAAs) on legal and financial issues.