

applicable research data regarding the conditions of poverty necessary for framing program design and organizational management are available to the Community Services Network. The first purpose will be assisted by the development or continuous improvement of a process for data collection, analysis, training, monitoring, reporting and dissemination of CSBG and CAA best practices and programs information. Coordination and collaboration of all Federal, State and local level partners within the Community Services Network are critical to the implementation of this Priority Area. The second purpose relates to the collection and dissemination of evaluation or research data. Valuable research on poverty issues provides information on the context of the conditions in which low-income people live. The CSBG Task Force on Monitoring and Assessment, in response to the CSBG legislative authority, has established a results-oriented goal to improve the conditions in which low income people live. Several performance measures have been set forth which assess incremental change in these conditions. Dissemination of research data which provides the framework for program planning and organizational improvements is critical to effective service provision. Also, some consistent track record in the collection, analysis and dissemination of CSBG and other poverty-related data is important to the effectiveness of this priority

Priority Area 2.2: CAAs' and Technology

To promote management efficiency and program productivity, it is essential that local CAAs and other partners in the Community Services Network participate in new and appropriate

information systems technologies. The purpose of this Sub-Priority Area is to fund a comprehensive assessment of the computer technology capability of state CSBG offices and eligible entities to participate in the Information Super Highway. This assessment is needed to determine future hardware, software, training and development needs of the Community Services Network. This project also will entail funding for the development of a training and technical assistance capacity to enable the Community Services Network to replicate currently piloted computer-based, multi-media, community workstation projects and to build an in-house capacity to provide technical assistance and training to additional CAAs to participate in integrated service delivery networks. Collaboration on the national level is an essential ingredient to the objective of this priority.

Sub-Priority Area 2.3: Community Services Network Program Technology Exchange

Many CAAs and other eligible entities have developed effective model programs or techniques which address various aspects of poverty. These models/techniques need to be shared more broadly within the Community Services Network and with other sectors of the community so other organizations may learn from and adapt these successful program models. This project will provide funds to State CSBG offices, CAA State or regional associations, or CAAs or other eligible entities for projects which would transfer program technology in specific areas of expertise to other organizations. These areas may include economic development, community development, youth violence prevention and conflict resolution, partnerships for resources, education and training, technical

advances, and other areas. Activities to exchange information and program technology may include development and dissemination of case studies or best practices, how-to guides and other publications, workshops and seminars, training and technical assistance, etc. Eligible applicants are eligible entities, organizations or associations whose membership is composed of eligible entities or agencies that administer programs for eligible entities. See Part F, Section 4, for special instructions on developing a work program. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that the projects and program models they wish to share are effective and produce results.

Part C—Application Prerequisites

1. Eligible Applicants

In general, eligible applicants under the various Priority Areas in this Program Announcement are restricted to "eligible entities" as defined in Section A or organizations or associations whose membership is composed of eligible entities or agencies that administer programs for eligible entities or with organizations or associations whose membership is composed of eligible entities or agencies that administer programs for eligible entities for purposes of providing training, technical assistance, planning, evaluation, and data collection activities related to programs or projects carried out under the CSBG Act.

2. Availability of Funds

The total amount of funds available for grant awards under this Program Announcement in FY 95 is \$3,675,000; amounts available and numbers of grants under each Sub-Priority Area stated in Part B are as follows:

| Sub-Priority Area | Grant amounts | Estimated No. of grants |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.1 T&TA to Enhance CAAs' and Other Service Providers' Capacity | 300,000 | 1 |
| 1.2 T&TA to CAA State and Regional Associations | 1,000,000 | 1 |
| 1.3 Replication of Pilot Training and/or Service Delivery Projects | 1,000,000 | 1-4 |
| 1.4 Provision of Coordinated Peer-to-Peer TA Strategies for CAAs Experiencing Programmatic, Administrative and/or Fiscal Problems. | 75,000 | 1 |
| 1.5 TA to Develop Collaborative Projects between CAAs and Other Organizations Serving Low-Income Veterans and Their Communities. | 100,000 | 1 |
| 1.6 TA to Develop Special Initiatives Between CAAs and Organizations Addressing Urban Problems | 100,000 | 1 |
| 2.1 Collection, Analysis, and Dissemination of Information on the CSBG Activities Nationwide | 250,000 | 1 |
| 2.2 CAAs and Technology | 550,000 | 1 |
| 2.3 Community Action Network Program Technology Exchange | 300,000 | Up to 12. |
| TOTAL | \$3,675,000 | Up to 23. |

Grant amounts under priority 1.3 will be up to \$300,000; Grant amounts under priority 2.3 will not exceed \$25,000.