



Empowering People, Enriching Communities

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OZARKS AREA COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018 RESOLUTION TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED FEDERAL BUDGET FOR FFY2019 AND ITS EFFECT ON OACAC.

Whereas, the Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC) operates the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) in its ten county service area in Southwest Missouri that have been directly targeted for elimination in the President's Proposed FFY2019 Budget.

Whereas, OACAC's Mission is to enrich the lives of families and individuals within our communities by providing opportunities, offering assistance and empowering people to make positive change and these four programs provide a variety of services for low-income people to assist them in becoming more self-sufficient and in improving their quality of life.

Whereas, as an example, the OACAC Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) funded through the Corporation for National and Community Services (CNCS) in OACAC's ten county area and four other counties had over 60 Foster Grandparents who served in 43 volunteer stations for a total of 62,550 hours and helped 429 children improve reading and math skills with limited funding and staff in the 2016-2017 program year.

Whereas, as an example, the OACAC Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) funded by the Federal Department of Energy through the Missouri Department of Economic Development/Division of Energy and Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provided free Weatherization services to improve energy efficiency, affordability, health and safety living conditions for 156 eligible low-income residents primarily with DOE funds and with LIHEAP funds that were transferred to the Weatherization Program in Missouri, providing an additional source of revenue to weatherize homes, along with other funding sources in the 2016-17 program year.

Whereas, as an example, the OACAC LIHEAP Program (both Energy Assistance and Energy Crisis), not an entitlement program, funded by DHHS through the Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division allowed OACAC to provide services for 22,840 income eligible households in the 2016-2017 year designed to address energy crises and target vulnerable low-income populations.

Whereas, as an example, the OACAC Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG), funded by DHHS through the Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division operates ten Neighborhood/Community Centers in its ten county area which are the first point of contact for people seeking assistance in a variety of income eligible programs and activities including Life Skills classes, Back to School Fairs, Commodity Food, the OACAC Reality Enrichment and Life Lessons (REALL) Program, the Vocational Opportunities Inspiring Children In Elementary (VOICE) Experience and allowed OACAC to assist 3,610 families and 8,079 household members with a variety of services and referrals to other OACAC and related agency programs during the 2016-2017 program year.

Family Planning | Foster Grandparents | Head Start/Early Head Start | Housing Assistance
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program | Neighborhood Centers | Weatherization Assistance

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OACAC will continue to focus on the work being done in our programs, and carry out our Mission because we believe that poverty is not a partisan issue and we believe in the value of assisting families and individuals to improve their quality of life. And OACAC encourages all agencies and individuals to let your elected officials in Missouri and in Washington, D.C. know about OACAC Programs and their economic and programmatic contributions to the communities in the OACAC area in Southwest Missouri. And ask these elected officials to support funding for our programs because we do not want people to have to make choices about basic needs regarding food, utilities, medicine, living conditions and anything else related to quality of life. In the event these four OACAC programs were eliminated, low-income people would be placed in very challenging positions regarding the need to do more with fewer resources, become self-sufficient overnight or suffer the consequences of not being able to maintain a decent quality of life.

This Board Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation's Board of Directors on Tuesday, March 27, 2018.



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