



Human Services Infrastructure (HSI)-Community Action Program (CAP)

2018 Funding Impact in Connecticut

Connecticut's Community Action Agencies (CAAs) are the state and federal designated, antipoverty agencies covering all 169 cities and towns.

CAAs help families and the state solve problems, avoid crises, and save money by providing multigenerational services with proven outcomes.

HSI-CAP is a comprehensive, customer-focused, integrated service delivery system that allows CAAs to:

- Provide basic services like **food, shelter, heating assistance, and child care**.
- Implement the **'no door is a wrong door' approach** to connecting limited income individuals and families with the programs, services and resources they need to reach short and long-term economic stability.
- Leverage **\$80.85 of additional funds for every \$1** of HSI-CAP funds. That's **\$221M** in additional local, federal and private funds for vital programs and services.
- Use this funding as a state match for federal funds, which **doubles the value** of the line item.

Last year, Connecticut's CAAs served over 313,500 people through referrals, direct services, and comprehensive case management:

- Over **67,100 barriers to initial or continuous employment were reduced or eliminated** through job training, childcare, and other employment services.
- Over **\$7.5 million in federal income tax refunds** were returned to communities through our VITA (free tax preparation assistance) program.
- Over **97,500 households avoided crises** with energy assistance.

It is critical that the HSI-CAP line item, the "core funding" for CAAs, remain in place. Any proposed cut will severely hinder the ability of our network to effectively fight the causes and conditions of poverty in Connecticut.

HSI-CAP funds are a **smart investment** in our human service delivery system.