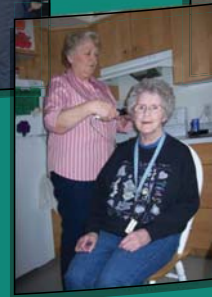




# CAPNM

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP  
OF NORTHWEST MONTANA

HELPING PEOPLE. IMPROVING LIVES. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES.



## ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012



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I am writing this letter a few days after the horrific storm, Sandy, hit the East Coast. It is heartwarming to hear the stories of how communities pull together when a major disaster hits, but I keep thinking... that is what the staff does every day at Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana where the mission is to “provide services and advocacy to improve lives and strengthen our communities.” As you read this year’s Annual Report, you will see that CAPNM once again served many people in 2011. The services the Agency provides are invaluable and they include weatherizing homes, providing assistance to those who were homeless or at risk of homelessness, providing job training to those feeling the brunt of the economic recession, providing free legal assistance to those facing civil problems and purchasing foreclosed homes for long-term affordability.

In order to live out its mission, CAPNM stretches its budget to try to create as many solutions as there are needs in its community. As the needs of the community grow and change, CAPNM must work hard to stretch every dollar it receives and redistribute its funding in order to keep existing programs alive, while continuing to support new and creative endeavors that address the ever changing environment of its clients. CAPNM’s clients are at the forefront of this process, and funding is distributed with their most basic and necessary requirements in mind. Each dollar that CAPNM spends to fund its programs goes directly to a plethora of community endeavors. Each dollar helps to keep children in our community from knowing homelessness. Each dollar goes toward keeping our neighbors warm through the harsh Montana winter. Each dollar provides the single mom with a financial education that will help her raise her family with a secure future. Each dollar is spent with the understanding that someone in our community will be a bit better off and have to worry just a bit less about tomorrow. CAPNM works hard to stretch its funding to make sure no program, or individual in the community, will have to do without.

I am very proud to be the President of the Board for such an outstanding agency whose staff works incredibly hard each day to serve members of our communities. I have observed their work personally when my own family members sought assistance through CAPNM. I know that the Agency strives to listen and respond to the needs of the community and am amazed with the innovative and creative ways the staff always seems to be one step ahead with plans to meet those needs. It is indeed a great privilege to serve on this Board to “help people, improve lives, and strengthen communities.”

Faith Hodges  
President, Board of Directors

LIEAP provided energy assistance to **4,100** families by paying part of their winter heating bills with **\$2,803,146** in assistance



Section 8 Rental Voucher Program assisted

**344** very low and low income families to obtain decent, safe and sanitary housing in the private market

Personal Touch Home-Care provided trained attendants to assist with activities of daily living to

**104** people

**146** Community members received training in Home Buyer Education

Weatherization assisted **491** households in reducing high energy costs by installing insulation, improving furnace efficiency or replacing furnaces if necessary and reducing air infiltration

Energy Share assisted **469** families with emergency heating needs caused by situations beyond the family's control

**51** homes were purchased by low to moderate income families as a result of CAPNM's assistance

Weatherization installed **8** solar water heater systems

For every **1** CSBG dollar received CAPNM leveraged another **\$18** of other funding

Over **13,700** referrals were made to other service agencies

**61** youth were educated in Free to Choose, financial literacy



**124** unemployed obtained a job with training & education from the Employment & Training Program

Mutual Self-Help Housing assisted **8** low income families construct their own homes

Over **11,250** volunteer hours assisted with this program



**239** families obtained child care enabling employability

**3,257** people were assisted in shelters with the Emergency Shelter Grant

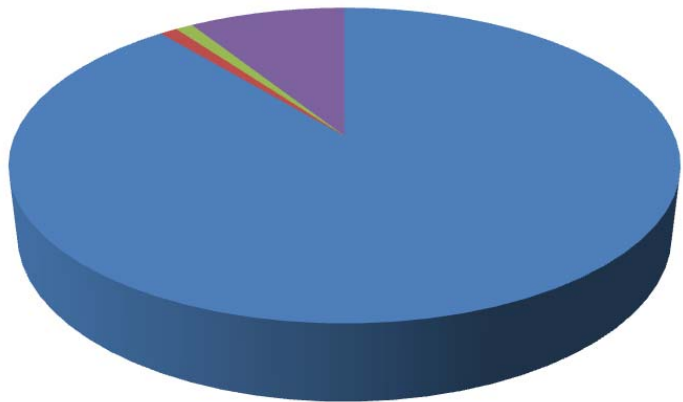
The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program prevented homelessness for or quickly re-housed **93** households

**541** homeless and impoverished received immediate necessary services at Project Homeless Connect including Medical, Dental, Food, Haircuts, etc.

**660** low-to-moderate income individuals recieved free tax preparation returning over **\$640,000** back to the community

**302** community members were assisted with free legal assistance

# CAPNM's Financial Picture



## Source of Funds

Revenues: \$8,027,842

Federal- 89%

State- 1%

Local- 1%

Private- 9%

## Use of Funds

Expenses: \$7,762,510

Community Services- 5%

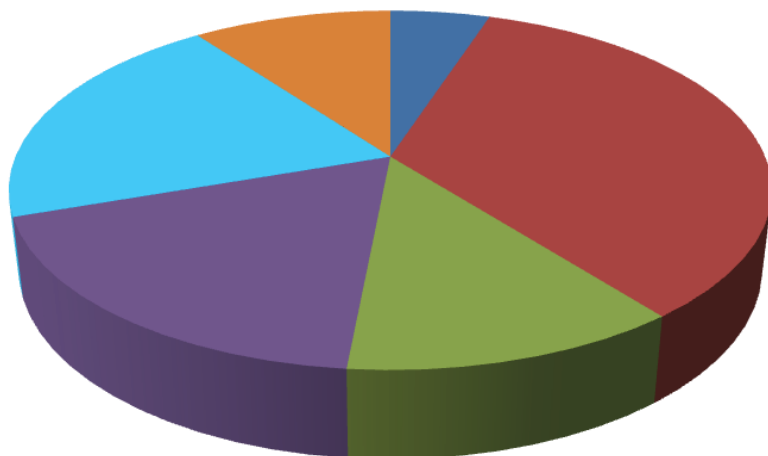
Energy Programs- 35%

Job Training Programs- 12%

Housing Programs- 18%

In-Home Assistance Programs- 20%

Administration- 10%



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