



2026 CALCAPA ADVOCACY DAY

Thursday, May 14, 2026
California State Capitol
West Side | Front Steps

MORNING SESSION

- 8:00 AM Agency Booth Set Up
Coffee Available
- 10:00 AM **Advocacy Day Kick-Off**
David Knight, CalCAPA
Executive Director
**Mary Alice Escarsega
Fechner, CalCAPA Board
President**
Wilmer Brown, CSD Director
**Maria Elena De La Garza,
Executive Director of CAB
Santa Cruz County, CA
Assembly Woman of the Year**
- 11:00 AM **Legislative Speakers**
Assemblymember Alex Lee. AD24
**Assemblymember Sharon
Quirk-Silva, AD67**
Assemblymember Alexandra
Macedo, AD23
**Assemblymember Gail
Pellerin, AD28**
Senator Melissa Hurtado, SD16

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 12:00 PM **Lunch - Provided**
- 1:00 PM **Legislative and Partner
Speakers**
Senator Jerry McNerney, SD5
**California Alliance of Child
and Family Services**
Association of California
Community and Energy Services
(ACCES)
**California Food Bank
Association**
- 2:30PM-
4:00 PM Lawn Games, Networking, and
Legislative Meetings

CAPITOL TOURS

Free guided tours of the California State Capitol Museum in Sacramento are available Monday–Friday, 10AM–4PM, covering history and government, with public tours departing hourly. Tours are first-come, first-served at the first-floor rotunda desk or via reserved group booking. Tours are **free**.

Group Tours: Groups of 10 or more require reservations by calling 1-866-240-4655.

ABOUT CalCAPA

California Community Action Partnership Association (CalCAPA) exists to support Community Action Agencies and CSBG Eligible Entities to strengthen communities. Sixty agencies across California's fifty-eight counties strive to **create opportunities to overcome the causes and conditions of poverty and help communities and families of low-income reach self-sustainability**. For nearly 60 years, Community Action Agencies have administered locally developed programs to **meet the unique needs of each community**. With over 20,000 combined employees across the state, the independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and county agencies have administered over \$1 billion in resources annually with a **holistic approach to poverty solutions**.

Visit the CalCAPA Website:



**LIHEAP
ALERT!**

State Funding Is Needed to Leverage the Remaining Federal DOE IJA Weatherization Funds

A small, targeted state supplement directed into LIHEAP Weatherization Programs, providing the leverage that federal LIHEAP falls short on, applied to an estimated 2,500 homes over the remaining three grant years, requires a total investment of approximately \$18.6 million (\$6.2 million annually).

There is no more cost-effective use of state dollars available to this Administration right now.

THE ASK: Authorize immediate \$6.2 million in emergency state LIHEAP funding in the upcoming budget. This investment is the difference between California securing its second-round of federal weatherization dollars and walking away from them.

California has met its obligations. The federal funding is there. The state must now provide the bridge that makes it deliverable.

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS



SB 1240 (McNerney) - Office of Nonprofit Empowerment

Principal Coauthor: Assemblymember Hart

Summary: This bill would create the Office of Nonprofit Empowerment with the primary responsibility of overseeing and coordinating state policy in support of California's nonprofit sector, similar to Go-Biz for the business sector.



AB 2348 (Bonta) - Medi-Cal: Community Supports

Summary: This bill would extend and formalize "community supports" under Medi-Cal beyond the demonstration framework established under CalAIM, in efforts to emphasize the integration of health care and wraparound social services.



2-1-1

AB 1832 (Ransom) - 2-1-1 Information and Referral Response System

Summary: This bill would establish the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) as the regulatory authority over implementing 2-1-1 dialing in California and create a state fund for 2-1-1 services, in efforts to support greater coordination across health and human services systems.



SB 924 (Hurtado) - Low-Income Energy Assistance Programs

Summary: This bill would address energy assistance for low-income households, with a focus on improving access to and effectiveness of programs that help offset utility costs, to address the structural barriers that prevent vulnerable Californians from benefiting fully from energy savings programs.



SB 881 (McNerney) - Income Taxation: Credits: Voluntary Contributions: Food Bank Donations

Summary: This bill would extend and strengthen California's existing tax incentives for food donations in order to address food insecurity and reduce agricultural waste. This would reduce food waste while increasing access to fresh, nutritious food by extending an existing, proven program rather than creating a new framework.



SB 1422 (Durazo) - Medi-Cal: Eligibility: Immigration Status

Coauthors: Assemblymember Arambula (Principal), Senators Arreguin, Caballero, Cortese, Gonzalez, Menjivar, Reyes, Smallwood-Cuevas, and Weiner, and Assemblymembers Carillo, Elhawary, Garcia, Mark Gonzalez, Harabedian, Kalra, Lee, Ortega, Celeste Rodriguez, and Solache

Summary: This bill would delete provisions of existing state law that freeze program enrollment in full-scope Medi-Cal coverage for individuals who do not have satisfactory immigration status, to ensure that all immigrant adults age 19 and older are able enroll in Medi-Cal.



See analysis and tracking on CalMatters



CSBG is a trusted and locally driven solution.

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is a locally-led approach that receives limited federal investment and helps hard-working American families achieve economic independence while ensuring taxpayer dollars are put to good use. Managed by States and Community Action Agencies (CAAs), CSBG empowers local communities by cutting red tape, reducing government dependency, and driving private-sector job creation. With **strong accountability** and a commitment to **financial prudence**, CSBG delivers **measurable results, keeping decisions in local hands** where they belong.

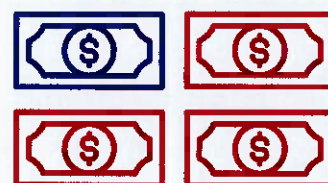
In 2024, CSBG was used to reach more than **1.4 million constituents** across California.

Figure I. How CSBG is used in California



In 2024, the California Community Action Network partnered with **9,000+** organizations across sectors to provide nearly **6 million** total opportunities for constituents in California.

For every **\$1** of CSBG funds in California, private and local sectors invest more than **\$3** in CAAs to provide opportunities for constituents.



In 2024, the California Community Action Network leveraged under **\$64 million** in CSBG funds to provide nearly **\$1.4 Billion** in total opportunities for constituents in California.



California CSBG funds 60 Eligible Entities in all 58 counties who also provide funding and opportunities for an additional 100+ local Community Based Organizations.

The California Community Action Partnership Association (CalCAPA) is the statewide non-profit association for Community Action Agencies and CSBG Eligible Entities in California.

Find your local Community Action Agency in California:



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