

THANK YOU

to the North Dakota
Congressional Delegation!

We are deeply grateful for your efforts in helping us secure the release of appropriated Community Services Block Grant funding.

Without CSBG, Community Action Agencies cannot operate any programs to help people facing financial instability.

CSBG is the foundation that **empowers families, strengthens communities,** and **creates opportunities** for a better tomorrow.

Together, we are helping people and changing lives.

COMMUNITY ACTION IN NORTH DAKOTA: IMPACT REPORT

JANUARY-JUNE 2026



Whether you live in a busy city like Bismarck or on a gravel road two hours from the nearest grocery store, CSBG delivers help where it's needed—every county, every corner, every time.

The first half of 2026 tells a powerful story—not just in numbers, but in names, families, and futures forever changed.

IMPORTANT PROGRAMS WE WORK WITH

Domestic Violence Housing Assistance

Through North Dakota Domestic and Sexual Violence Coalition (NDDSV) partnership, survivors of domestic violence prevented homelessness and empowered self-sufficiency. This is done through community collaboration with churches and shelters.



Supportive Services for Veteran Families

The goal of Supportive Services For Veteran Families is promoting housing stability among low-income veteran families who reside in or are transitioning to permanent housing. SSVF helps veteran families meet primary needs of housing, while addressing barriers to housing stability. Our Community Action Agencies are able to provide families with outreach, case management, and assistance in obtaining VA and other benefits. Veteran families may qualify for assistance with time-limited payments to third parties for rent, utilities, time limited hotel/motel stays, transportation, moving expenses, and licensed child care. SSVF is funded by the Veterans Administration and works through private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives.



THANKS TO OUR PROGRAM PARTNERS
Veterans Administration from Federal and State Levels
North Dakota Housing Finance Agency
North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services
North Dakota Department of Commerce
North Dakota Domestic and Sexual Violence Coalition

Weatherization

Uses various measures to increase energy efficiency in homes while strengthening the health and safety of the home.



Homeless Supportive Services

A partnership with CAPND and ND Housing Finance Agency recognizes the urgent need to combat homelessness and provide crucial support services. This initiative focuses on delivering vital assistance to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, those at risk of homelessness, and other priority populations. It includes rental assistance, financial assistance, housing stability case management, housing search and placement, mediation services, and credit repair assistance



Homeowner Assistance Fund

CAPND has been collaborating with the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services to offer the Homeowners Assistance Funds. With their help, we're able to help low-income homeowners with accessibility modifications and emergency repairs. These projects focus on mobility, safety, and long-term stability all while protecting the limited affordable housing stock statewide

COMMUNITY ACTION WAS ABLE TO SERVE:



7,719 Individuals



3,842 Families



200 Veterans



2,742 Children (Ages 0-17)



1,235 (Ages 65+)

*Data presented showcases January-May 2026

MEET THE PEOPLE WE SERVED IN 2026

From Military Discharge to Self-Sufficiency in Minot

When Charles was discharged from the military, he found himself facing an uncertain future. Without stable income, housing, or resources, his only alternative to finding assistance was sleeping in his car. Determined to get back on his feet, he reached out to the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program for help.

Community Action responded quickly, providing emergency housing assistance to ensure Charles had a safe place to stay while staff worked with him to secure permanent housing. Through SSVF, he received assistance with housing costs and move-in expenses, helping him transition from crisis to stability.

Recognizing that long-term success required more than housing alone, staff connected Charles with Job Service, where he successfully secured full-time employment. He was also referred to a Veterans Service Officer to begin exploring potential VA disability benefits after discussing medical and mental health concerns that may have been connected to his military service.

As Charles gained stability, the positive changes extended beyond housing and employment. With a secure place to live and a steady income, his mental health improved significantly, and he was able to focus on achieving his self-sufficiency goals. Today, Charles is maintaining his own housing, paying his bills independently, and no longer requires SSVF assistance. His story demonstrates how timely support and a strong network of services can help Veterans **successfully transition from crisis to independence.**



Starting a New Chapter for a Growing Family in Rolette

Connor, a young father-to-be in Rolla, was experiencing homelessness while trying to build a stable future for himself, his pregnant girlfriend, and their growing family. At the same time, he was reaching an important milestone in his life; graduating from college and preparing to begin his career.



Through Community Action's Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), Connor received help with a rental deposit that allowed him to secure an apartment and move into stable housing for his family. Staff also connected him with local resources, including a secondhand store that could assist with household items needed to furnish the apartment.

Despite the challenges he was facing, Connor remained positive and focused on building a better future. His determination, combined with supportive services and housing assistance, helped him transition from homelessness into a stable home environment as he prepared for graduation and new employment opportunities.

Today, Connor and his family have a **safe place to call home and a stronger foundation** as they begin the next chapter of their lives together.

A Safer Home and Peace of Mind in McLean County

For Jamie and his wife, maintaining their home had become increasingly difficult due to ongoing health challenges that prevented either of them from working. Over the years, North Dakota's harsh weather had taken a serious toll on their home. Shingles were badly deteriorated, many had blown away entirely, and a leaking skylight forced the couple to keep a bucket in their bedroom to catch rainwater during storms.

Through the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) program, Community Action was able to address some of the home's most pressing needs. A new skylight was installed, and the damaged roof was replaced, eliminating the leaks and protecting the home from further weather-related damage. For the first time in years, Jamie and his wife no longer had to worry about water coming into their home every time it rained.

While these repairs were underway, another crisis emerged. In the middle of winter, their furnace began shutting off after only a few minutes of operation. A service technician discovered that the heat exchanger was cracked, causing the system to repeatedly trip the safety switch. Without a working furnace, the couple faced the possibility of being without heat during one of the coldest times of the year.

Community Action quickly responded through the LIHEAP Furnace Program, and within a day of contacting the agency, Jamie and his wife had a new, properly functioning furnace installed in their home. Together, the roof repairs, new skylight, and furnace replacement transformed the safety and livability of the home.

Today, Jamie and his wife can enjoy a **warmer, safer, and more secure home.** Their story highlights how coordinated housing and energy assistance programs can make a life-changing difference for families facing health challenges and unexpected home repair emergencies.



THESE AREN'T JUST STORIES.

They are proof that when we invest in people, we create ripple effects that strengthen entire communities.

HOMELESS SERVICES

Growing Statewide Homeless Services Through North Dakota Homeless Grant

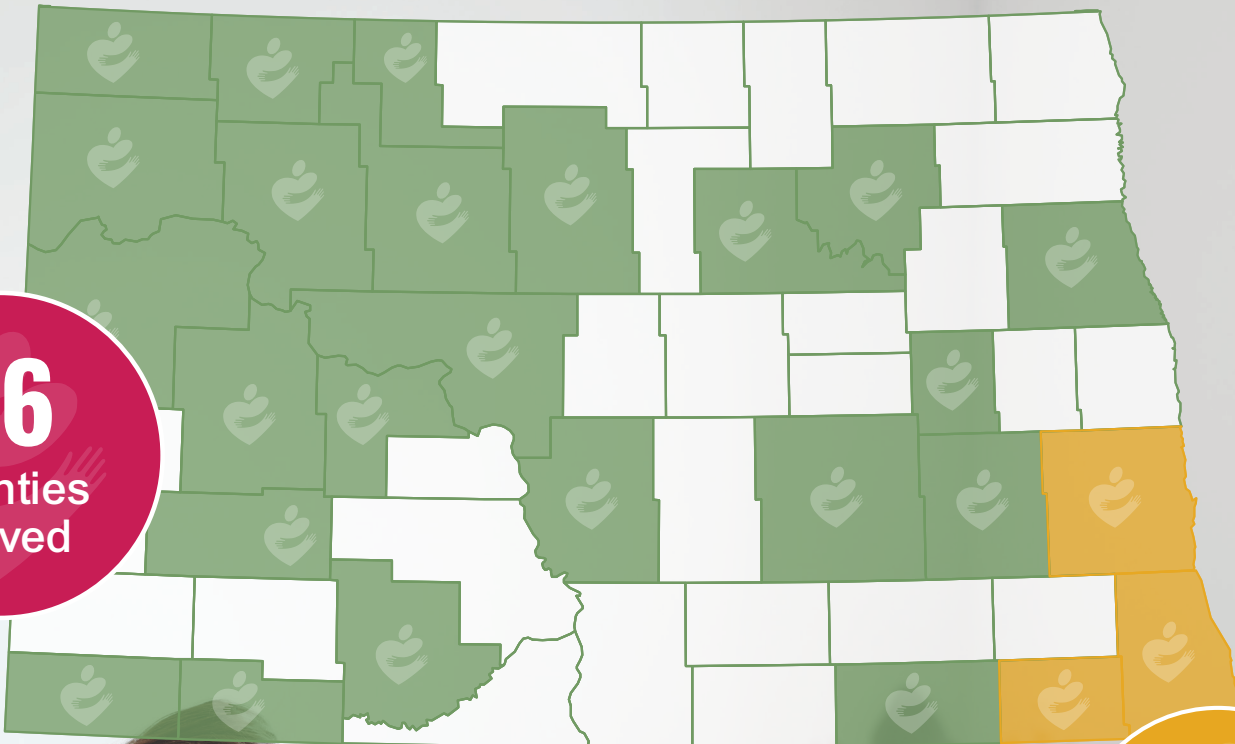
DURING THE FIRST 9 MONTHS OF IMPLEMENTATION

**624 CLIENTS ACROSS
282 HOUSEHOLDS**

WERE SERVED.

The majority of services were delivered through Homeless Prevention activities, reinforcing the importance of early intervention strategies that help households remain safely housed and avoid entering homelessness.

NDHG services reached both urban and rural communities across North Dakota, demonstrating the statewide impact of locally administered homelessness prevention and housing stabilization programming.



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Counties Served

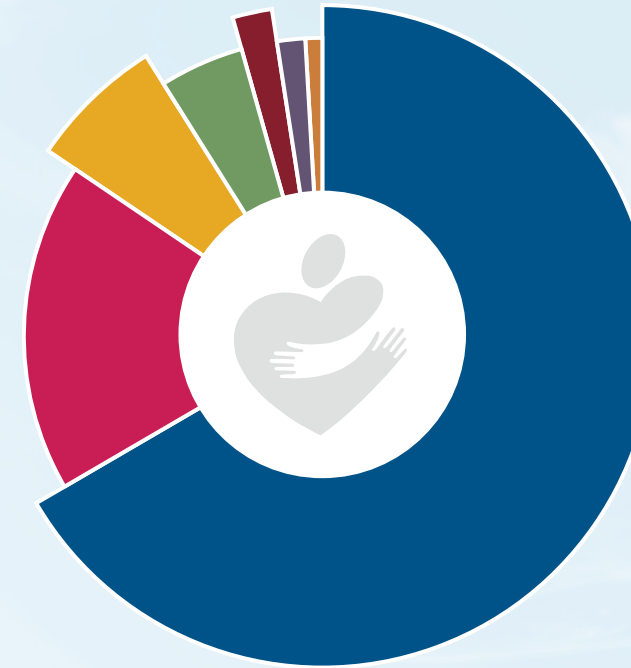
REGION 5

Reported Highest Service Utilization

REGION	CLIENTS SERVED	HOUSEHOLDS SERVED
1	51	21
2	120	45
3	69	33
4	69	28
5	140	65
6	66	38
7	57	29
8	52	23

ECONOMIC IMPACT DATA

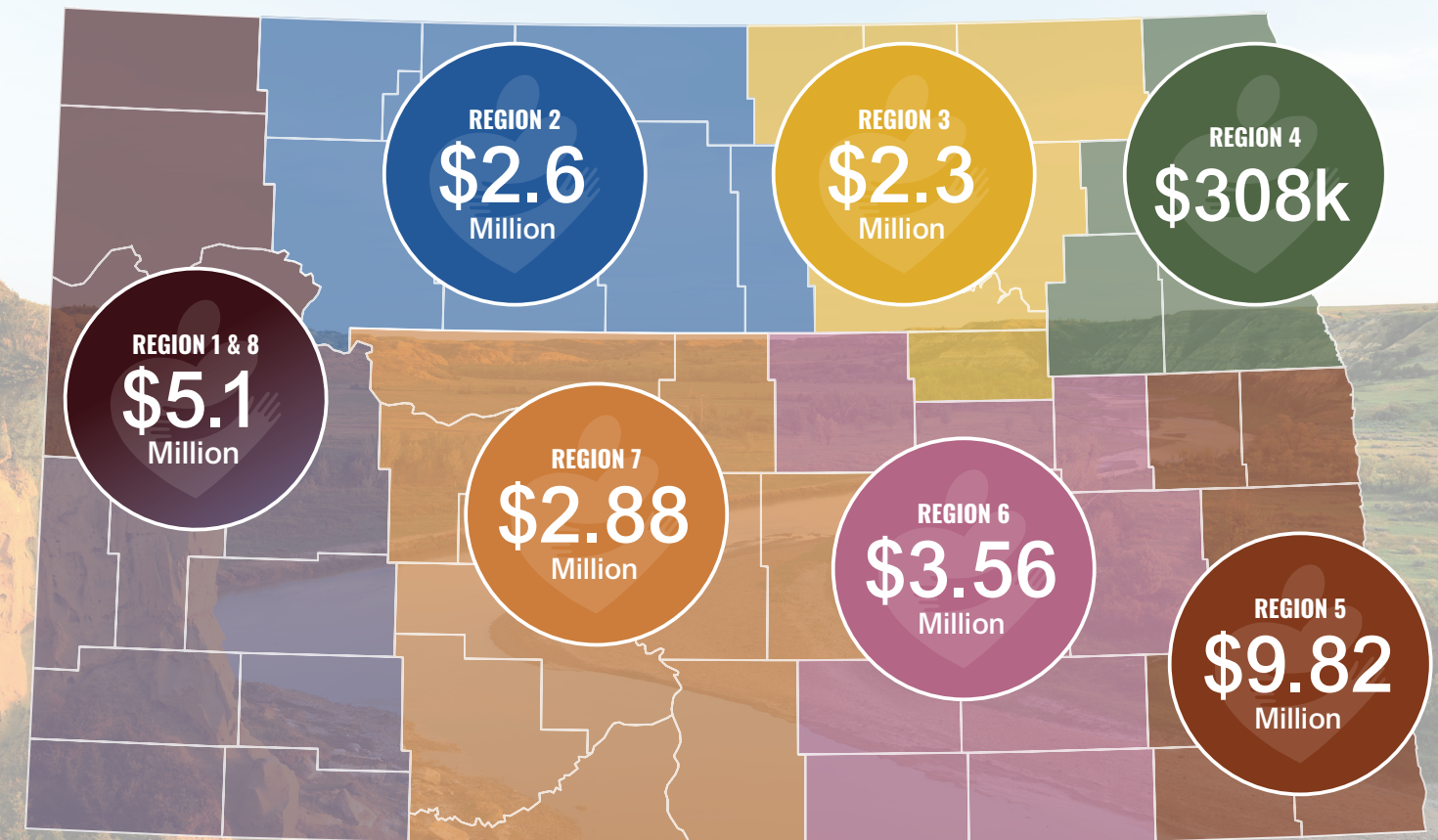
Where the Dollars Went



- Employee Payroll: \$17.43 million
- Contracts & Vendors: \$4.67 million
- Rent Assistance: \$1.73 million
- Agency Rent: \$1.2 million
- Utilities: \$500k
- Energy Assistance: \$410k
- Emergency Shelter Support: \$230k

\$26.56 MILLION

INVESTED IN NORTH DAKOTA COMMUNITIES IN 2025



HAPPY COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH!

Celebrating the impact of Community Action Month agencies and the partnerships that help individuals and families thrive across North Dakota.



HOMEOWNERS ASSISTANCE FUND



Making a Home Safer and More Energy Efficient in Fargo

A single parent in Fargo needed critical repairs to improve the safety and efficiency of her home. The aging main-floor windows were no longer functioning well, making it difficult to maintain comfortable temperatures throughout the year and reducing the home's overall energy efficiency.

Through the HAF Home Repair program, Community Action helped replace six old wooden windows with new energy-efficient vinyl windows. The upgrades immediately improved the comfort of the home by making it easier to maintain warmth during the winter and cooler temperatures during the summer while also improving natural ventilation throughout the house.

Community Action staff worked closely with both the client and contractor to ensure the repairs completed through the program would have the greatest long-term impact for the family. Even after the initial repairs were completed, staff continued coordinating with the contractor to explore additional repair options that could further improve the safety and comfort of the home.

This project provided more than just home repairs; it gave a hardworking parent and her family a safer, healthier, and more comfortable place to live.



Community Action ND
SPORTSMEN
Against Hunger

FALL 2025-WINTER 2026 IMPACT

Food pantries continue to be in need of healthy sources of protein, particularly fresh/frozen meat. Perishable items are often the least donated, yet they are the most needed to prepare healthy, balanced meals. The Community Action Partnership of North Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger Program is proud to bring together generous hunters, willing to donate game meat with families who can benefit from no-cost, nutritious protein sources by organizing the donation of legally obtained wild game to food pantries across North Dakota.

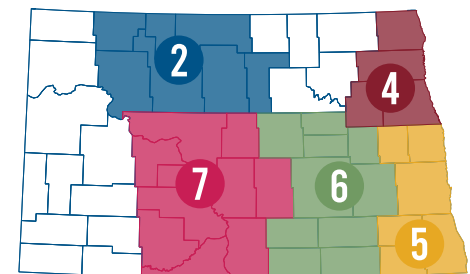
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Donated

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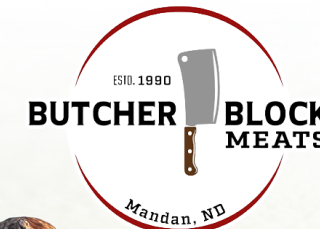
2,327

Pounds
Processed

Regions Served



Participating Processors



**WEST
DAKOTA**
Meats

**Reister Meats
and Catering**
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COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

THE BACKBONE OF NORTH DAKOTA'S SMALL TOWNS AND BIG HEARTS

In North Dakota, Community Action takes pride in showing up for each other. Whether it's digging someone out after a blizzard, hauling hay after a fire, or showing up to the church basement with a hotdish—our communities are built on quiet strength and neighborly action.

But behind the scenes of all that local grit and generosity is something else: the Community Services Block Grant, or CSBG.

You won't hear folks brag about it. That's not how North Dakotans operate. But CSBG is there—helping families find stable housing, connecting elders with vital services, and making sure that no matter how remote the town, help is within reach.

Every **\$1** of CSBG funding leverages

\$7.18 IN TOTAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

and economic activity across North Dakota.

CSBG gives our **7 Community Action Agencies** the power to respond to what our communities need—not some one-size-fits-all national solution.

A Quiet Force for Good

CSBG is the thread that ties together our state's ability to rise to the moment—whether that's responding to a homelessness crisis, sheltering a family from domestic violence, or helping someone land a steady job close to home.

It isn't flashy. It doesn't demand headlines. *But it delivers—every day, in every county.*

LOCALLY LED. COMMUNITY FOCUSED.
NORTH DAKOTA STRONG.

What Happens If CSBG Is Cut in North Dakota?



Families lose stability

Without CSBG, families facing crisis have fewer options to stay in their homes, heat them through winter, or recover after emergencies.



Seniors, veterans, and children go without

Nutrition support and essential services that protect vulnerable North Dakotans would shrink or disappear.



Rural communities are left behind

Without CSBG, many small towns lose the only trusted resource connecting them to housing and energy assistance.



Partnerships unravel

CSBG is the thread that ties together local, state, and federal partners to respond quickly and effectively. Without it, that safety net frays.

NORTH DAKOTA DOESN'T QUIT. NEITHER SHOULD CSBG.

We've seen what's possible when CSBG is funded and trusted: people finding their footing, families building stability, and communities weathering the storm together. *To lose CSBG would be more than a funding cut—it would be cutting off the lifeline to the very values North Dakotans live by: self-reliance, local decision-making, and taking care of our own.*

So let's not just save a program.

LET'S PROTECT A PROMISE.

A promise that no matter how far you live from the Capitol, how cold the winter gets, or how tough the road ahead may be—**North Dakota will always show up.** And CSBG will be right there with us.