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Employment

Specific activities to be included in the Employment Service Category are: information about employment and job training; job counseling; job placement and development; on-the-job training activities to enhance the skills of working persons during employment; and summer youth jobs programs. Other activities may be employment generating projects, skills training, participation in planning and coordination of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) or participation in community employment programs.

Education

Information about educational opportunities, advice and guidance to eligible youth and adults about educational opportunities, educational or informational activities conducted to inform the public about problems and solutions of poverty in the community, support of Head Start programs, child development and childcare classes, parenting skills education, projects to mobilize community resources to meet educational needs and to arrange for partnerships and coordinated initiatives in education projects.

Income Management

All CSBG funded energy efficiency activities should be included here. Other activities are as follows: household financial counseling, income tax counseling, alternative energy installations, public information regarding energy conservation, Weatherization Support, and other income management projects.

Housing

Specific activities to be included in Housing are: information about housing services, counseling on homeownership, counseling in landlord/tenant relations as well as assistance in applying for rent subsidies, home repair and residential rehab services, support for group homes, initiatives enforcing the Community Reinvestment Act, participation in preparation of applications from local governments for CDBG, rural water and wastewater facilities and Section 8 housing.

Emergency Services

Activities can include: One-time payments to help meet emergency needs for shelter, food, clothing, fuel, energy payments etc., temporary shelter and/or food programs for the homeless, mobilizing, storing, distributing donations of money, food, clothing, etc. and professional services to help persons meet one-time emergencies or recover from disasters, projects to mobilize the resources of communities to meet emergency or disaster relief needs of eligible persons.

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Linkages

This objective includes activities such as: information and referral to several different types of programs serving eligible individuals, projects undertaken by agencies to identify and prioritize the needs of eligible citizens, activities that recruit volunteers and coordinate their activities,

organizing community meetings or coordinating activities, such as beautification, recycling or crime prevention campaigns. This objective includes transportation of eligible persons to services they need within their communities that cannot be assigned to a single direct program purpose in other service categories. Can also include elderly projects such as for multi-purpose senior centers; or recreation, consumer and homemaker services.

Self-Sufficiency

The purpose of this objective is to capture expenditures being devoted to comprehensive, long-term programs of family development whose purpose is to help clients achieve a set of goals which will result in greater self-sufficiency and will eliminate some of the causes of that family's poverty.

Health

This objective is designed to capture the increasing number of health-related activities that have historically been reported under "Linkages: Other." Specific activities could include: transportation to medical services; medical or dental screening; immunizations; drug abuse or alcoholism prevention and treatment; family planning – counseling, information or assistance; rural health programs; health related information for all ages; periodic screening for serious health problems; mental health screening referral and treatment.

Nutrition

This objective includes activities such as: Organizing and operating food banks, supporting food banks of faith based and civic organization partners with food supplies and management support; distributing surplus USDA commodities and other food supplies; administer the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program; preparing and delivering meals, especially to the homebound elderly; providing food in group settings; counseling about family and children's nutrition; and initiating self-help projects, such as community gardens and canneries, and food buying groups.