

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to a "community action" program is added to clarify the type of program.

- Defined terms: "Community action agency" § 8-101
- "Financial assistance" § 1-101
- "Nonprofit organization" § 1-101

8-107. DUTIES OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY.

(A) PROGRAM PLAN.

A COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY SHALL PLAN SYSTEMATICALLY FOR AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, AND IN DOING SO SHALL:

- (1) EVALUATE INFORMATION ON THE CAUSES AND PROBLEMS OF POVERTY IN THE COMMUNITY;
 - (2) ASSESS THE USE AND IMPACT OF CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE;
- AND
- (3) ESTABLISH PRIORITIES AMONG PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, AND TARGET AREAS TO ACHIEVE THE BEST AND MOST EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES.

(B) ENCOURAGING AND ASSISTING SUBSIDIARY BODIES.

A COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY SHALL:

- (1) ENCOURAGE SUBSIDIARY BOARDS, COUNCILS, AND AGENCIES ENGAGED IN PROJECTS RELATED TO A COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM TO PLAN FOR, SECURE, AND ADMINISTER AVAILABLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS; AND
- (2) PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SUBSIDIARY BOARDS, COUNCILS, AND AGENCIES.

(C) SUPPLEMENTING LOCAL ANTI-POVERTY EFFORTS.

A COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY SHALL ACTIVELY SUPPLEMENT LOCAL EFFORTS TO COMBAT POVERTY BY:

- (1) FOCUSING RESOURCES ON THE MOST NEEDY;
- (2) PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW-INCOME PERSONS;
- (3) CLOSING SERVICE GAPS; AND
- (4) ENABLING LOW-INCOME PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.

(D) COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

A COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY SHALL INITIATE AND SPONSOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME PERSONS WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON: