

(2) Receive and administer federal funds from federal block grants previously designated as anti-poverty funds, subject to applicable federal law or regulation; and

(3) Transfer funds and delegate responsibility to a subsidiary board, council, or similar agency for projects designed to further program objectives.

(h) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this section, a community action agency shall:

(1) Plan systematically for an effective community action program, including:

(i) An evaluation of information on the causes and problems of poverty in the target community;

(ii) An assessment of the use and impact of current financial assistance; and

(iii) The establishment of priorities between projects, activities, and target areas in order to achieve the best and most efficient use of resources.

(2) (i) Encourage subsidiary boards, councils, or agencies engaged in community action program related projects to plan for, secure, and administer available financial assistance on a cooperative basis;

(ii) Provide technical and organizational assistance to the subsidiary boards, councils, or agencies; and

(iii) Take affirmative action to supplement local efforts to combat poverty by:

1. Focusing resources towards 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.

(3) Initiate and sponsor community projects responsive to the needs of the poor, with particular emphasis on:

(i) The establishment of a pool of resources to serve a variety of community action programs;