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2009**

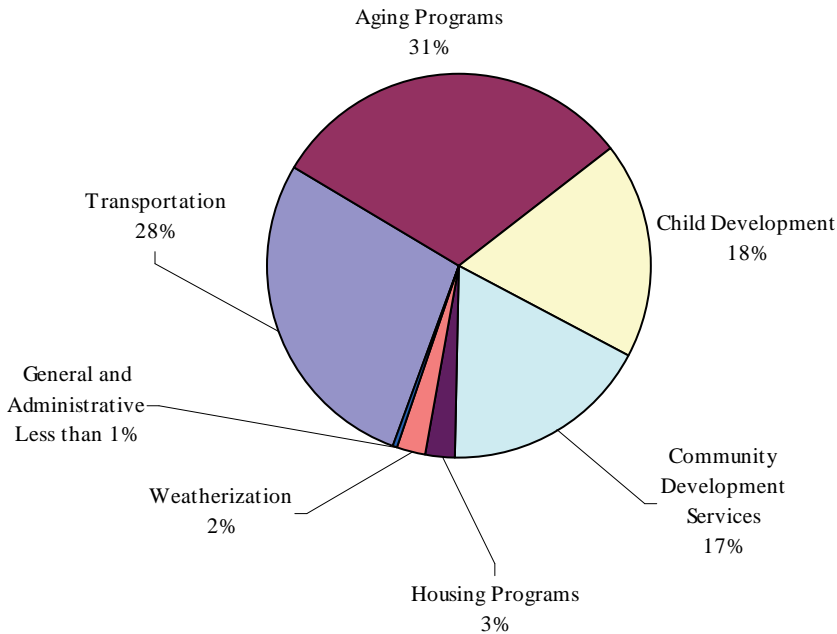
SUMMARY OF REVENUES & CONTRIBUTIONS

Ryan Moore, Fiscal Director

July 1, 2008 - Jun 30, 2009

	<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Transportation	\$4,858,978	28.0%
Aging Programs	5,356,967	30.8%
Child Development	3,215,178	18.5%
Community Development Services	3,011,351	17.3%
Housing Programs	446,730	2.6%
Weatherization	447,346	2.6%
General and Administrative	28,590	0.2%
Total Revenue and Contributions	\$17,365,140 *	100.0%

* Includes In-Kind of \$1,541,760.



FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Johnetta Ogden

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Blue Grass Community Action Partnership it is an honor to provide you with our 2009 Annual Report. After serving on the Area Board and Executive Board for 18 years it is an honor to serve as your Board Chairperson.

The Agency has continued to meet the ongoing needs of our clients in our service area of Anderson, Boyle, Franklin, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Mercer, Scott and Woodford Counties. We are in one of the worst economic times in our history and are seeing new clients seeking out the services the Agency provides.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank each one of our employees, our supporters, funding sources, policy council, advisory councils and volunteers for without you, the Agency would not be able to achieve the successes that we have had this year.

The Agency has continued to experience growth with new funding to meet the housing needs in our area. With the ARRA funds we can expand the scope of services to our clients, create and retain jobs and contribute to the hopeful recovery of our economy.

Our new Executive Director, who is new only to that position, having served over 14 years on the Area Board of Directors and the Executive Board, is leading the Agency through these uncertain times.

I want to thank those who serve on the Area Board of Directors and the Executive Board without their commitment the business of the Agency could not be transacted.

Please review our Annual Report to find what our Agency has accomplished for the 2009 fiscal year. And again thank you for your continued support.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Troy Roberts

It is with pleasure that I present to you our shareholders and supporters the 2009 Blue Grass Community Action Partnership Annual Report. This year has been a year of transition for me. I served on the Area Board of Directors for fourteen years in various positions, including six years as Board Chair. The Board of Directors then appointed me as the sixth executive director of the Agency.

We continue to experience growth during one of the most devastating economic downturns in our lifetime. We have seen clients who have never used our programs before, but because of the loss of their jobs they find themselves no longer self-sufficient and in jeopardy of losing their home and a way of life.

With the economic crisis new funding has been allocated in the form of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Agency has created and retained jobs thus contributing to the recovery of our economy. Increasing staff in our local CSBG offices will better serve the increase in clients seeking our services. Through a sub-contract the Agency assures job training is provided to the unemployed or the under-employed to jump start our client's ability to attain a living wage and become self-sufficient. The Headstart, Aging and Housing Programs were able to increase staff and therefore better serve our low-income population. Our Bus Program expanded the fleet of vans to meet our clients transportation needs in seeking job opportunities. Our Weatherization Program has expanded to not only weatherize homes but to increase the amount of work we are able to do on each home. This will allow realized savings to our clients who will reduce their energy consumption and keep warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.

Contained within this Annual Report are highlights and accomplishments of the programs who strive to assure that we reach and help our communities with needed services. Community Action, it has been said, is the best kept secret and I am amazed that people still aren't aware of all the services our Agency provides. Hopefully, this Annual Report will help reveal the secret of Community Action.

I want to thank the Area Board of Directors, the Staff and our Volunteers for their support this year. I am honored to have the privilege to serve this organization. Helping people.... changing lives.



SERVICE AREA CHARACTERISTICS

ANDERSON
Population - 21,347
Elderly - 11.5%
Minority - 3.8%
Persons Below Poverty 9.3%
BOYLE
Population - 28,933
Elderly - 15.0%
Minority - 11.9%
Persons Below Poverty 15.9%
FRANKLIN
Population - 48,844
Elderly - 13.2%
Minority - 13.0%
Persons Below Poverty 13.6%
GARRARD
Population - 17,021
Elderly - 13.8%
Minority - 3.7%
Persons Below Poverty 16.8%
JESSAMINE
Population - 46,716
Elderly - 10.5%
Minority - 5.8%
Persons Below Poverty 14.0%
LINCOLN
Population - 25,072
Elderly - 14.6%
Minority - 3.5%
Persons Below Poverty 20.3%
MERCER
Population - 21,920
Elderly - 15.6%
Minority - 5.9%
Persons Below Poverty 12.9%
SCOTT
Population - 44,549
Elderly - 8.8%
Minority - 7.2%
Persons Below Poverty 9.4%
WOODFORD
Population - 24,526
Elderly - 12.2%
Minority - 7.3%
Persons Below Poverty 10.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County Quickfacts

Population (2008)
 Elderly (2008)
 Minority(2008)
 Persons below Poverty (2007)

WEATHERIZATION

Kelly Cornish, Director

With the funding provided from the Department of Energy and the Kentucky Housing Corporation through Community Action of Kentucky, the Weatherization Program provides necessary home repairs to prevent heat loss and repair or replace heating systems when necessary. The goal of the program is to assist clients in securing a safe/healthy home environment and reduce heating bills.

Eligibility for the program is based on income, although priority is given to the elderly and disabled. Upon approval, an inspection is performed on the clients' home by the Weatherization staff to determine the extent of repairs necessary to make the residence safe/healthy and energy efficient.

The service provided are a variety of conservation measures including:

- ◆ adding or increasing attic insulation
- ◆ performing duct sealing
- ◆ repairing or replacing inefficient heating systems
- ◆ implementing health and safety measures such as installing smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and much more!

This year, our Weatherization staff completed work on 104 homes, enabling 209 persons to stay warm in their homes and lower their utility bills.

The Weatherization Program is the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program, designed to improve efficiency, household safety, and to educate the public. Trained inspectors and crews with state-of-the-art equipment aim to reduce the cost of energy for low-income families and children, the elderly and the disabled.

The goal of the Weatherization Program is to keep Kentuckians warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and safe all year long.

BLUE GRASS COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP
AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008—2009

Target	Private	Public
Anderson		
Jane Redmon	Tommy Cotton	Juretta Wells
Boyle	Vice Chairperson	
Vacant	Paul White	Judge Harold McKinney
Franklin	Treasurer	
Dorothy Clark	Sandy Silver	Jennifer Wilson
Garrard		
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Woodford		
Cassandra Smith	Barbara Columbia	Judge John Coyle
Exoffico		
Balinda Booze		
Head Start Policy Council		

AGING SERVICES

Wendy Shouse, Director

The goal of the aging programs of Blue Grass Community Action Partnership is to see that the elderly clients receive the necessary services to help them remain independent in their home. The Senior Citizens Centers in Anderson, Bourbon, Garrard, Jessamine, Mercer, Scott and Woodford counties provide meals, transportation and an outlet for socialization. The Homecare Program, located in each center, provides in-home services to the frail, elderly, sixty years of age or older, and is designed to help at-risk clients remain in their homes.

The Adult Day Health Programs in Anderson, Jessamine, Garrard, Mercer and Woodford Counties provide relief for the caregiver. The program provides a stimulating and supportive environment, individual personal care and therapeutic activities. The participants are afforded an opportunity to continue to meet their social, emotional and physical needs while improving control of physical and mental functioning.

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) trains persons age 55 and older at a host agency to help them become more employable. This program provides training that assists each individual with finding unsubsidized employment. Each SCSEP participant works twenty hours per week performing various job duties at their local work site. All SCSEP participants make federal minimum wage, receive an annual physical and travel reimbursement for quarterly in-services.

Our Senior Companion Program, funded by the Corporation for National Service, (CNS), provides supportive person-to-person services to adults having special needs, developmental disabilities or critical needs for companionship. The program also provides volunteer service opportunities enabling individuals to maintain a sense of self-worth, self-esteem, physical health, mental alertness and a means to enrich social contacts for low-income older persons.

The Senior Companions are provided benefits which include a tax-free stipend, an annual physical and limited reimbursement on travel cost. This program helps the elderly volunteer remain a viable, contributing member of the community by providing support to "at risk" elderly who need extra support to maintain their independent status.

The Elder Nutrition Program identifies nutritionally at-risk seniors 60+ and provides quality meals to nutrition sites and homebound clients so that the seniors who partake in the meals receive at least one-third of the current daily recommended dietary allowance. Using outreach methods such as referrals, assessments and home visits, we identify eligible individuals for the home delivered meals. A special emphasis is placed on serving low-income, minority, frail elderly and those with the greatest nutritional needs.

Permanent Housing for Homeless & Disabled Persons serves homeless individuals/families in which at least one person in the household is disabled. This program is only available in Anderson, Jessamine and Woodford Counties.

BGCAP Single Unit is one slot that is available to serve persons who are transitioning out of jail, or are in Franklin County Drug Court. This program is available in Franklin County.

In September 2009 **Blue Grass Community Action Partnership** received **KY HEARTH** stimulus dollars to serve income eligible households who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless, or who are already homeless. These services may include rental and utility assistance, utility and security deposit assistance, rent and utility arrearages, etc. **KY HEARTH** is a temporary program and is meant to serve households that with a little help can get back on their feet in a short period of time. To further stabilize these households they receive monthly case management services.

The Housing Program continues to grow and to seek out new grant opportunities to provide rental assistance to our clients.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Sandy Royalty, Director

The Information Technology Department provides to all Agency programs computer, software, communications and phone support. As a support program, our goal is to deliver timely and effective responses to all of the employees computer or phone needs.

The implementation of our Web page provides information to clients, staff and supporters and updates events and activities presented for increased participation.

Please visit our webpage for current events and activities:

www.bluegrasscommunityaction.org

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Linda Beebe, Director

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) provides funding to Blue Grass Community Action Partnership to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities and to empower low-income families to become self-sufficient.

The Agency operates CSBG Programs in Anderson, Boyle, Franklin, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Mercer, Scott and Woodford Counties. The Community Developer in each county is responsible for providing services to eligible clients to assist with the immediate/crisis situation and work with the individual(s) to try and eliminate the reoccurrence of the crisis situation. Services are also provided to link low-income families and individuals to other community resources.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program runs from November through March providing utility assistance to eligible clients. In addition, Winter Care and the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP.) provides for utility and rental assistance. Other assistance is made available to clients through the United Way, local donations and City and County funds.

The Self-Sufficiency Program focuses on families or individuals who show a sincere desire to become self-sufficient but lack the financial and emotional support to do so. The local staff works with the total family unit to establish priorities and goals necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. Case management is offered to all clients to ensure that a plan is developed by the individuals utilizing all available services in the community. Case Management includes scales and a progress/achievement plan that reflect the incremental progress of the client in overcoming their barriers. Our goal is to provide wrap-around services that will assist clients in attaining self-sufficiency.

HOUSING SERVICES

Heidi Winans, Director

Blue Grass Community Action Partnership currently administers three Supportive Housing Programs that provide rental assistance, and case management services to those who meet the eligibility requirements of the program. These programs are funded through grant opportunities offered by the Kentucky Housing Corporation and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. They include:

Samaritan Housing Program which serves chronically homeless, disabled individuals in Anderson, Boyle, Franklin, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Mercer, Scott, and Woodford Counties.

BLUEGRASS ULTRA-TRANSIT SERVICE (BUS)

Wanda Trimble, Director

BUS, a rural public transit program, operates in the nine counties served by the Agency, plus Casey and Washington Counties. The service provided includes public demand response, Danville Deviated Fixed Route (DAN-TRAN), the Bluegrass Intercity System with routes from Danville to Lexington and Stanford to Danville. Other intercity routes being implemented include Lancaster to Danville, Danville to Frankfort, Frankfort to Lexington, Frankfort to Louisville, and Georgetown to Frankfort. The Human Service Transportation Delivery (HSTD) Region 8 brokerage that provides all Medicaid, Vocational Rehabilitation and Department for the Blind transportation in our eleven county region is also a part of the BUS program. Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Initiative transportation services are also available.

Transportation service is available for Public and the HSTD Brokerage Monday through Friday 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday service is available 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. "Urgent Care" transportation can be requested by Medicaid recipients with a referral from their physician within a twelve hour period. DAN-TRAN is available 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. The Bluegrass Intercity System is available Monday through Friday on various schedules. JARC transportation is available 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight. Monday through Saturday. New Freedom transportation is available 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. The BUS office is staffed 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. BUS personnel can be reached by leaving a call back message at all other hours. The BUS office uses an automated reservation/scheduling system. We request riders schedule at least 72 hours in advance via our toll free telephone line; however, Medicaid recipients "Urgent Care" transportation can be arranged on same day basis. Contractual service is available by prearrangement Monday through Friday.

The fare for public transit is \$1.00 per person per mile with a \$3.00 minimum one way. For recipients of the Brokerage programs, the fare is paid through the brokerage contract and the recipient is not charged. The DAN-TRAN fare is \$1.00 per trip. Intercity fares range from \$4.00 to \$8.00 one way, depending on the route. JARC and New Freedom fares are \$0.50 per person per mile as well as utilizing vouchers subsidized by these programs. Contractual service is charged at a fixed rate to cover all costs of the service. In fiscal year 2009, 9% of the \$4,151,000 budget was subsidized by Federal funds administered through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Four percent of the revenue was derived from the fare-box and contractual agreements and the brokerage added 84% (\$3,503,344).

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Currently, the BUS fleet consists of 84 vehicles that include 76 wheelchair lift equipped small buses. As brokers, we sub-contract with for-profit taxi and specialty carrier companies in our region that must meet the brokerage requirements. These companies add the availability of 29 or more additional vehicles. In fiscal year 2009, 1,798,469 miles were driven to provide 217,684 rides.

The Bluegrass Intercity System provides transportation for persons who are extending their trips via Greyhound, Bluegrass Airport, Louisville International Airport, LexTran or TARC. These routes have been designed to take the place of the abandoned Greyhound route through the rural counties in our operating area.

BUS makes an impact on the lives of persons in our area who are transportation dependent. A large number of our riders are frail elderly, disabled, or those who cannot afford to own and operate a vehicle. Most of the trips provided are to medical facilities.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

JoAnn Travis, Director

The Child Development program makes a significant difference in the early development of children through the operation of Head Start and day care centers.

The Blue Grass Head Start program has a three-fold purpose: (1) to promote good health, and early language, literacy and numeracy skills, and inspire creativity in the development of preschool children; (2) to encourage self-confidence and self-sufficiency in families; and (3) to strengthen partnerships with existing community services. When services that are needed for children and families do not exist, the Blue Grass Head Start program serves as a catalyst to create the delivery systems essential for healthier and stronger families. The Blue Grass Head Start program provides educational opportunities for both the children and their parents. Additional services include health (medical and dental), nutrition, special services for children with disabilities, transportation, social services, and parent involvement. Head Start parents are an integral part of the program by being involved in the administrative and programmatic operations of the centers. Head Start parents are recognized as the prime educators of their children and by participating in the program, they are provided the opportunity to enrich their parenting skills. Volunteers in the centers include parents, community representatives and community workers.

The day care programs are housed in the same building with the Head Start programs and offer parents the security of day care services before and after the structured Head Start classroom activities. Along with child development services, the day care centers provide three nutritious meals each day. All of the centers are licensed through the Office of the Inspector General-Cabinet for Health and Family Services, nationally accredited through (NAEYC), and have received recognition as high quality centers through the state STARS program. The Blue Grass Head Start program has received a certificate of excellence from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

The Blue Grass Head Start program has centers that offer part-day/part-year services and some centers offer the full-day/full-year option. Transportation is provided to and from home and to public and private day care homes to assist parents with their work and school schedules.

Most of the Head Start staff and all of the teachers are attending college to meet academic requirements. Scholarships for college courses, books and travel are paid through the Head Start grant for staff. The blending of day care and Head Start has helped raise the qualifications and salaries of child development staff. Training is offered through the Head Start program to staff in private day care centers to help increase the number of qualified teachers in their centers.

The Agency presently owns five of the six Head Start buildings located on donated property. The agency-owned centers are the Blue Grass Head Start Community Center in Franklin County, the Jessamine County Head Start Center, the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Head Start Center and the Versailles-Woodford County Head Start Center. A two-classroom unit has been added to the Anderson County Head Start building. Funds for these centers were received through one-time grants from the Department of Health and Human Services and from local support.

There are 18,000 federally funded Head Start centers, with 1.3 million volunteers and 195,000 paid staff in the United States. The Performance Standards governing the Head Start Program are high and the challenge to continue to provide high-quality services with the prospect of reduced funding will take the support of all concerned.