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## **President Trump's Proposed Budget Cuts Funding for Minnesota's Working Poor**

**ST. LOUIS PARK, Minn., February 13, 2018** – For the consecutive second year, the Trump Administration proposed eliminating funding for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP), threatening the existence of CAP-HC and 25 other local Community Action Agencies (CAAs) that serve the low-income population in the 87 counties and 11 native communities throughout Minnesota.

Community Action Agencies are unique agencies in their communities, each overseen by a governing board that includes local elected officials, private stakeholders and low-income community residents. Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) provides services for income qualified individuals that include energy assistance, food support, free legal services, free tax assistance, financial literacy, and full-cycle homeownership services.

In 2017 CAP-HC served nearly 80,000 low-income Hennepin County residents with CSBG and LIHEAP funding that the Trump administration has proposed to eliminate. These funds help low-income elderly individuals keep the heat on in their homes, keep individuals struggling with homelessness in shelter, and helps create self-sufficiency, breaking the cycle of poverty in Hennepin County.

Locally-controlled Community Action Agencies use CSBG funding to develop community partnerships, identify the pressing local needs of low-income communities, and mobilize public and private resources to meet those needs. CAAs fill service gaps, and they ensure cost-efficient use of funds on behalf of individuals, families, and children. Budget cuts to CSBG and LIHEAP would devastate a vital link to economic security for people in need throughout Hennepin County.

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### **About CAP-HC**

Created in 1986, Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) works to establish services, programs and partnerships that address poverty and increase family and economic stability in Hennepin County. The agency offers services that include energy assistance, food support, free legal services, free tax assistance, financial literacy, and full-cycle homeownership services. CAP-HC is one of 25 Community Action organizations in Minnesota.