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### **Maricopa Association of Governments Resource Assessment Project**

- Purpose:** Identify and analyze the capacity of the region to meet human services needs through community and government based resources.
- Root cause:** Incomplete knowledge of resources hampers the region's ability to coordinate the most efficient response to human services needs. Proactive planning will help to meet current needs more efficiently and to develop an adequate infrastructure to meet emerging and expanding needs.
- Strategy:** Complete a series of maps and corresponding analysis that show the capacity and location of current resources against overlays of demographics such as income, poverty, and population concentration.

The following indicators will be used to illustrate government's capacity:

- Community Action Programs
- DES Offices

Funding levels will be assessed to determine how much money is contributed by the state and how much is supplemented by the municipality or other sources. Available services will also be identified for each office.

The following indicators will be used to show community capacity:

- Non-profit agencies: Since there are more than 1,300 individual agencies, they will be represented on a map either by dots or areas of concentration as opposed to icons.
- Faith based organizations that have social service programs: icons
- Food banks: icons
- Educational institutions: icons
- Foundations: boundaries for specific geographic areas targeted with funding
- Behavioral health agencies: icons and/or service delivery areas
- Income, poverty and population concentration/growth: areas of concentration

**Resources:** MAG GIS and Human Services Divisions, DES, City of Phoenix, Mesa CAN/Prehab, Maricopa County, Community Information and Referral, ValueOptions, Arizona Grant Makers Forum

**Outcome:** Produce a series of map and corresponding analysis of resources by the third quarter that will help the municipalities and community plan to address human services needs.