

Maricopa Association of Governments
Human Services Technical Committee
Draft FY 2011 Goals

1. Maximize Human Services Funding Available to the Region

Research the effectiveness and need for services funded with locally planned Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) dollars. This will include public comment and engagement. The MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee will take into account funding reductions that have been made to other sources and the impact of cost shifting to the municipalities. The SSBG allocation recommendations and corresponding analysis will be presented in the Regional Human Services Plan in the third quarter.

2. Support Environmental Justice Activities

Support activities to assess the benefits and potential burden of transportation projects on populations covered by Title VI, Environmental Justice throughout FY 2011. The intent of environmental justice (EJ) is to ensure that communities of concern, defined as minority populations, low income populations, aged populations, mobility disabled populations, and female head of household populations, are included in the transportation planning process, and to ensure that they may benefit equally from the transportation system without shouldering a disproportionate share of its burdens. Activities include analyzing regional data to identify EJ protected populations, assessing and updating the Title VI plan, developing an implementation plan, monitoring implementation of the plan, and tracking performance measures by the fourth quarter of FY 2011. The impact of these activities will be that the needs of Title VI populations are fully considered in transportation planning.

3. Support Livability Act Initiatives in the Region

The goal of the federal Livable Communities Act is to cut traffic congestion; reduce greenhouse gas emissions and gasoline consumption; protect rural areas and green spaces; revitalize existing Main Streets and urban centers; and create more affordable housing. Opportunities to engage in this initiative will be assessed for implementation in this region by the fourth quarter of FY 2011. The impact of this activity is that housing, transportation, and environmental quality will be better coordinated for the benefit of the region's residents.

4. Continue Coordination of Human Services Data Online

Maintain and expand information about human services resources through the Human Services Information Station and the Virtual Youth Network on the MAG Web site. This will be done by updating information on a monthly basis and posting new information received from MAG Committee members and community partners. Track visits to the pages throughout FY 2011 and demonstrate steady traffic. The impact will be that MAG Committee members and community partners will have access to centralized information about human services resources region-wide.

5. Analyze the Impact of Funding Reductions to Municipal Human Services Programs

Analyze the impact of funding reductions to municipal human services programs by the fourth quarter of FY 2011. This will include identifying changes in services, quantifying the scope of reductions made, the impact to the residents, and if costs are shifted to other departments such as fire and police. This activity will offer a better understanding about the full impact of the recession on human services delivery and the affect this has on municipalities.