

*Blount County  
Community Action Agency, Inc.*

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The Blount County Community Action Agency, Inc. follows Titles VI and VII of the Civil Right Act of 1964 and Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

No one will be discriminated against by this agency because of race, sex, color, age, religion, national origin or handicap.

Blount County Community Action Agency, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

*Are you looking  
for assistance?*

Imagine being alone, elderly, and/or disabled ... wanting to stay in your own home, but perhaps needing some help. Icy winter winds whistling around your windows and doors. Utility bills skyrocketing and your monthly check just isn't enough ...

*Who would  
you turn to?*

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*Since 1965, Blount Countians, young and old, have turned to Blount County Community Action Agency for assistance.*

**Mission:** The agency's mission is to provide specific services and develop resources within the guidelines of the programs it administers to promote the independence and self-sufficiency aspirations of members of the community. By fulfilling its mission, the agency will help improve living conditions and protect and promote the individual dignity of the elderly disabled, and low-income members of the community. Blount County Community Action Agency is a public benefit, charitable, non-profit corporation.

**Board of Directors:** Much of the agency's success is due to the unselfish guidance of its board of directors. All board members serve on a voluntary basis, freely dedicating their time and talent in order to help others.

**Volunteers:** The agency could not meet the needs of the community without the support of dozens of volunteers. Our volunteers deliver hot meals every day to homebound seniors, assist with commodity distribution, build ramps and make home repairs, provide clerical assistance, and make regular telephone reassurance calls to seniors.



**Sometimes our volunteer may be  
the only friendly face a  
homebound person sees that day!**

**PROGRAMS**

**Senior Nutrition Program:** Serves about 200 unduplicated homebound people age 60 or older each year with a hot meal delivered daily. About 190 seniors are served at congregating dining sites during an average year.

**Office on Aging:** Offers in-home services as well as information and referral to people age 60 and older. Connects seniors with Senior Nutrition, energy assistance, CSBG programs and provides counseling on Medicare and other prescription drug assistance programs.  
**Funding for SNP and OOA is provided under the federal Older Americans Act via the Tennessee Commission on Aging.**

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):** Provides annual one-time assistance with home heating costs to low-income qualifying households. Serving over 900 households yearly.

**Weatherization Assistance Program:** Makes energy efficiency improvements to homes to offset heating and cooling costs. Helped 38 households in the FY 2005-06 with average improvements of \$3,000 per household.

**Community Service Block Grant (CSBG):** Services to qualifying low-income households include the following: **Emergency Services** (utility assistance, miscellaneous needs) to 600 households. **House Repair** purchased materials for volunteers to make repairs, build ramps, etc. for 22 households. **Income Tax Assistance** from VITA-trained staff and volunteers prepared tax returns and offered free e-filing to obtain \$70,000 in refunds for clients.  
**Funding for the above programs provided by the Tennessee Department of Human Services.**

**HOUSE:** Grants and loans made to rehabilitate homes bringing them into compliance with the Southern Standard Code. Three homes were completed at \$88,000.

**HOME:** Six homes were rehabilitated in Blount County under the guidelines of this \$165,000 multi-year grant.  
**Funding for HOUSE and HOME provided by Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA).**

**Commodities:** U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus foods are distributed to low-income qualifying households each year. BCCAA provides commodities to 500 households each calendar quarter.

**Emergency Food and Shelter Program:** This national program (formerly know as FEMA) makes grants to local organizations for emergency needs. This grant enables BCCAA to provided emergency utility assistance to qualifying households.