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## CAP Solano JPA Releases 2015 Annual Report

Fairfield, CA – March 4, 2016: 2015 was a year of considerable change and accomplishment for Community Action Partnership of Solano, Joint Powers Authority (CAP Solano JPA), according to its Annual Report released today.

In 2015, CAP Solano JPA significantly increased the amount of federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding allocated toward direct services for people in poverty. By increasing the proportion of the grant for direct services from 17% in 2014 to 43% in 2015, and obtaining an additional \$75,000 in competitive discretionary CSBG funds, CAP Solano JPA awarded nearly \$300,000 to nine community partners. These agencies – that included Community Action North Bay, Mission Solano Rescue Center, and the Salvation Army – used their allocations to provide housing, shelter, employment, and case management services to over 830 individuals in poverty in Solano County.

CAP Solano JPA also commissioned a countywide needs assessment and community action plan to guide its funding priorities for 2016 and 2017. As a result of the expansive report and analysis, CAP Solano JPA plans to prioritize increasing permanent supportive housing and employment opportunities in future funding cycles as its primary strategy to address poverty.

Over the course of the year, CAP Solano JPA also developed a stronger partnership with the Housing First Solano Continuum of Care (CoC), the coordinating body for addressing homelessness in Solano County. CoC Staff funded by CAP Solano JPA successfully strengthened CoC structure and activities, including administration of the Homeless Management Information System database.

“CAP Solano JPA is proud of what we achieved in 2015, which would not have been possible without our community partners and their expertise in addressing homelessness and poverty,” says Board Chair Dawn La Bar. “We look forward to continuing to expand our regional collaboration and leverage our resources in 2016 to ensure that the most vulnerable people in Solano County can achieve self-sufficiency.”

CAP Solano JPA is a governmental agency composed of the County of Solano and the cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun, Vacaville, and Vallejo; it is charged with coordinating efforts to reduce poverty and homelessness in Solano County.

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