



Mission Statement

We build partnerships between government, faith-based and neighborhood organizations to better serve individuals, families, and communities.

Policy Goals

The White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships will focus on four key priorities:

- Strengthening the Role of Community Organizations in the Economic Recovery
- Reducing Unintended Pregnancies, Supporting Maternal and Child Health, and Reducing the Need for Abortion
- Promoting Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Families; and
- Fostering Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation.

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Efforts associated with these key priorities will be carried out by working closely with the President’s Cabinet Secretaries and the eleven agency Centers for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, as well as the Strategic Advisor at the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Health and Human Services	Veterans Affairs	Corporation for National and Community Service
Housing and Urban Development	Agriculture	Justice
Homeland Security	Commerce	Labor
U.S. Agency for International Development	Education	Small Business Administration

President’s Advisory Council

The President’s Advisory Council is made up of 25 religious and secular community leaders serving one year terms. The Council, after conducting its research, reviews, and deliberation, will submit a written description on how the federal government can more effectively partner with community-based organizations in 6 specific areas:

- Reform of the Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships Office
- Economic Recovery and Domestic Poverty
- Fatherhood and Healthy Families
- Inter-religious Cooperation
- Environment and Climate Change
- Global Poverty and Development



Center Priorities

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships works in close cooperation with the White House and Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to connect faith-based and neighborhood organizations with USDA programs to achieve the following goals:

- End child hunger in the United States by 2015 and address global hunger
- Promote healthier nutritious diets, especially for children
- Encourage environmental stewardship
- Revitalize rural communities

USDA Programs: Opportunities for Partnership

USDA and our programs touch people everyday and in every way. We reach people through partnerships with states, tribes, non-profit organizations, and others. USDA offers a multitude of programs that faith-based and community organizations can benefit from in their efforts to feed hungry people and revitalize their communities. The following represents a small sample of the available opportunities for non-profit organizations to benefit from and work in partnership with USDA programs. Much more information on these and other USDA programs can be found at the websites listed below:

Food and Nutrition Service <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/fbco/default.htm>

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) administers the nutrition assistance programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and provides nutrition education information. The Food and Nutrition Service programs reach one out of every five Americans with programs like SNAP and School Breakfast.

Foreign Agricultural Service <http://www.fas.usda.org>

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) provides food aid and technical assistance to foreign countries, and works to improve foreign market access for U.S. products. The Foreign Agricultural Service export credit guarantee and food aid programs increase income and food availability in developing nations through the Food for Progress and McGovern-Dole School Feeding Program.

Forest Service http://www.partnershipresourcecenter.org/about_us.php

The Forest Service manages public lands in national forests and grasslands. The Forest Service is also the largest forestry research organization in the world, and provides technical and financial assistance to state and private forestry agencies and rural communities. The Forest Service relies on community partners to maintain the health of forests and rural communities through their National Partnership Office Resource Center.

Rural Development <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/fbnp/index.html>

Rural Development programs help rural communities build or improve housing, community facilities and extend utilities, including water, electricity and telecommunications services. Rural Develop programs also create jobs by funding the growth and creation of rural businesses and cooperatives. Rural Development provides assistance through direct or guaranteed loans, grants, technical assistance, research and educational materials. USDA Rural Development often works in partnership with state, local and tribal governments, rural businesses, cooperatives and nonprofit agencies.

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