# EXCERPT FROM REQUEST FOR FUNDING….CAP RIVERSIDE 2006-07 FISCAL YEAR

# IV. SCOPE OF WORK (SOW)

A. Proposed Service Description - 2006/07 FUNDING PRIORITIES

NOTE: All programs are required to complete fingerprinting and background checks on all program staff and volunteers who work with minors.

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| **FUNDING PRIORITY 1:** | **YOUTH EDUCATION** |
| **TSP Strategic Goal:** | **1** – EDUCATION / Wealth Building) (Family Economic Security) |
| **ROMA Goal** | **2** (Community) – The Conditions in Which Low-Income People Live are Improved |
| **Funding Priority 1 – Applicants must achieve the following two (2) outcomes** | |
| **National Performance Indicator**  **NPI 2.1 – Community: Community Improvement and Revitalization** | **2.1.F.**: Accessible “before” school and “after” school program placement opportunities for low-income families are created or maintained AND, |
| **National Performance Indicator**  **NPI 6.3 – Family: Child and Family Development** | **6.3.B.5.:** Youth increase academic, athletic or social skills for school success by participating in before or after school programs. |

**Problem:** CAP Riverside recognizes that many at-risk\* low-income youth in Riverside County do not reach their full potential as contributing members of the community. This is evidenced by: poor school attendance; discipline problems; excessive school drop-out rates; lack of competitive job skills; and minimal positive social relationships with adults and youth peers. Many factors create this problem such as: Riverside County’s rapid population growth; parents who commute long distances to work and are not home after school to supervise their children or assist them with homework and projects; the community infrastructure’s inability to keep pace with demand for services; indifference and lack of expectation by youth and their parents; and minimal contact with positive role models.

**Target Population:** Low-income at-risk\* youth, grades 1 – 12, who live in Riverside County.

**\*At-Risk Criteria (youth meet one or more of the following):**

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| * Lives in a poverty household | * Is a teen parent |
| * Exhibits inappropriate behavior that limits development of a positive life-style | * Lacks involvement in positive extra-curricular activities |
| * Lives in a single family household | * Is involved with a gang |
| * Has a history of poor scholastic performance | * Has been arrested or incarcerated |
| * Is failing in one or more school subject | * Is a substance abuser |

**Services/Strategies:** Programs under Funding Priority 1 must provide or maintain “before” and/or “after” school program slots that develop or increase the academic or job skills of low-income at-risk youth through tutoring, workplace mentoring, or job and/or life skills development. Direct services may include, but are not limited to: on-site tutoring and mentoring, full or partial vocational or high school education scholarships, transportation, counseling, job referral and placement, job skills and life skills training, etc. Note: mentoring services must be measurable.

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| **FUNDING PRIORITY 2:** | **WEALTH BUILDING** |
| **TSP Strategic Goal:** | **1** – (Education)/WEALTH BUILDING (Family Economic Security) |
| **ROMA Goal** | **1** (Family) – Low-income People Become Self-Sufficient |
| **Funding Priority 2 – Applicants must achieve the following two (2) outcomes.** | |
| **NPI 1.3 – Family: Economic Asset Enhancement and Utilization** | **1.3.B.1** Utilization: Number and percent demonstrating ability to complete and maintain a budget for over 90 days AND, |
| **1.3.B.2** Utilization: Number and percent opening an Individual Development Account (IDA) or other savings account and increased savings, and the aggregated amount of savings. |

**Problem:** CAP Riverside recognizes that economic wealth building in low-income communities does not keep pace with overall county growth. 54% of the respondents in the CAP Riverside’s Community Low-Income Needs Assessment identified economic development in their community as needing more attention. 14.2 % of the total county population is identified by the 2003 U.S. Census as having household incomes below the federal poverty guidelines. The unemployment rate for the County overall is 5.5%.

**Target Population:** Low-income adults ages 19 years and older who live in Riverside County.

**Services / Strategies:** Programs under Funding Priority 2 must provide or maintain services that increase economic and wealth building opportunities for low-income adults. Direct services may include, but are not limited to: financial literacy (personal budgeting and finance management) training; business start-up and expansion support (loans, coaching and mentoring, business plans development, etc.); or supportive services for CAP Riverside’s asset building programs (Individual Development Accounts and/or Earned Income Tax Credit program).

**Additional Requirements:** Programs funded under Funding Priority 2 must partner with and refer program participants to CAP Riverside’s savings incentive program, Riverside County Individual Development Account (RivCo.IDA).