

**Region IX Federal Regional Council  
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (FBCI) Committee  
CY 2007 Work Plan**

**Committee Purpose**

- Provide a forum that includes Federal, State and local officials, as well as faith-based and community organizations to discuss and exchange information regarding program initiatives that are a priority to faith-based and community organizations in Region IX.
- Maximize limited resources via coordination, collaborations, and partnerships at the Federal, State and local levels of government.
- Promote the faith-based and community initiatives through inter-agency collaborations and partnerships in order to integrate the priorities of the faith-based community into federal policies.

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
Continue partnerships with Region IX States that have FBCI Centers, such as Hawaii and Arizona.	1. Initiate dialogue with State work groups. Survey States to assess level of activity and interest in promoting FBCI initiatives.	September 2007
Engage with California and Nevada State officials to explore FBCI partnerships.	2. Continue to partner with Hawaii and Arizona FBCI work groups to understand best practices and assist with their continued development.	Ongoing
	3. Outreach to California (Emory Lee, HHS, and Lillie Zinnerman, HUD).	September 2007
	4. Outreach to Nevada including State administration.	September 2007
Continue to strengthen communication among Federal agencies with respect to FBCI programs and initiatives.	1. Build a more systematic approach to communicating with partners to ensure that relevant announcements are shared.	July 2007
Explore and establish an approach that identifies committee outcomes and how to measure their achievement.	2. Share information about best practices, model programs, etc.	Ongoing
Explore connections with other FRC committees to identify how the FBCI can be supportive.	3. Institute procedures for collecting and reporting information.	May 2007
Exchange and disseminate information to faith-based and community partners, and State and local officials about programs, funding opportunities, conferences and workshops.	1. Use all forms of communication to maximize inter-agency exchange and dissemination of information.	Ongoing
	2. Post timely and relevant information on FRC's FBCI web page, <a href="http://www.frc9.us/committee/faith.asp">www.frc9.us/committee/faith.asp</a> , and educate partners to visit the website to access current announcements and program information.	Ongoing