

# CASE STUDY Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois







#### **Solutions**

MIP Cloud

## Moving fund accounting to the cloud for greater security and easier access.

The Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois (CAPCIL) serves low-income families and senior citizens of Central Illinois. CAPCIL's leaders knew that having their fund accounting software on the organization's server made them vulnerable to loss in the event of catastrophe, so they turned to MIP Fund Accounting in the cloud.

With MIP Cloud solution, data is hosted in a professionally managed, SSAE16-compliant data center for superior server performance, scalability, and security. Additionally, the cloud solution eliminates the burden of deploying, maintaining, backing up, and upgrading hardware and software.

"We addressed business continuity in our risk management plan, and realized that just having software loaded onto our server locally made us vulnerable. Moving to the cloud subscription was really integral to us. If something happened to this building or if we had some sort of catastrophic event here, we'd still have access to everything by way of the cloud."

Alison Rumler-Gomez, Executive Director CAPCIL



#### Summary

CAPCIL moved its MIP Fund Accounting software off its server and into the cloud. Accessing MIP Fund Accounting software from the cloud means information can be accessed from anywhere at any time, and operations can continue in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.



#### Challenges

CAPCIL leaders knew that having their fund accounting software on the organization's server made them vulnerable to loss in the event of a catastrophe. Additionally, access to the system was limited, making it difficult and inconvenient for everyone across the partnership to enter and retrieve information.



#### Results

According to CAPCIL Executive Director Alison Rumler-Gomez, the nonprofit's subscription to the MIP cloud solution is fundamental to CAPCIL's success. The MIP cloud solution provides ironclad security, ensuring the partnership's data is safe if and when disaster hits. Additionally, it provides everyone in the organization anytime/anywhere access.

"Prior to moving to the cloud, we could remotely log into our desktop computers, but it was inconvenient and clunky. Often when our CFO was away, things would basically come to a halt. Now, if I have a question and the CFO is at a training event in Washington, I can phone her and say, 'Hey, can you get into the system? I need to get an employee report on Amanda.' Just having that access has been fantastic. We are big fans."

Alison Rumler-Gomez, Executive Director CAPCIL

### About CAPCIL

CAPCIL has served low-income families and senior citizens of Central Illinois since 1966. The nonprofit organization administers federal, state, and local programs addressing both the immediate and long-term needs of its clients, working tirelessly to serve and support vulnerable populations. CAPCIL receives nearly \$8.5 million toward this mission, providing services in six different counties through 11 Head Start Program sites and five outreach offices, allowing the nonprofit to serve nearly 24,000 individuals annually, and employ more than 140 Central Illinois citizens.

STAFF MEMBERS



24k INDIVIDUALS SERVED ANNUALLY



