

Community Services Block Grant

Program Fact Sheet

Program Summary

The Community Services Block Grant assists communities for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities and the empowerment of low-income families and individuals to become fully self-sufficient.

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Program Funding

CSBG funds are provided by formula to local eligible entities that meet requirements in the Community Services Block Grant Act. Grantees provide services and activities addressing employment, education, self-sufficiency, housing, nutrition, healthcare, emergency services and youth or elderly-based initiatives.

National CSBG Goals

Outcomes for CSBG are based on the principles of Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA), a performance-based initiative designed to preserve the anti-poverty focus of community action and to promote greater effectiveness among state and local agencies receiving CSBG funds. The national goals include:

- Self-sufficiency in low-income persons
- Improved conditions for low-income households
- Provision of opportunities for low-income persons to own a stake in their communities
- Coordination of local services and providers assisting low-income households
- Increasing community action agencies' ability to achieve results
- Strengthening families and creating supportive environments that assist low-income households achieve their potential

CSBG State Plan

States must submit a CSBG State Plan annually to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Office of Community Services. The State Plan also serves as the state's application for funding. The State Plan integrates and aligns requirements from the CSBG Act with elements of the overall CSBG Performance Management and Accountability framework that includes:

- Organization standards for CSBG eligible entities,
- Accountability measures at the state and federal levels, and
- Results Oriented Management and Accountability

This framework enables the CSBG Network to continuously improve their programs and generate breakthrough outcomes for families, individuals and communities with low-incomes.