



# Community Services Block Grant

## Oregon Housing and Community Services

### Background Information

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) supports efforts to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities, and empower individuals and families with low incomes to achieve self-sufficiency.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds are distributed by formula to local eligible entities that comply with the requirements of the CSBG Act. These funds support services and initiatives in areas such as employment, education, self-sufficiency, housing, nutrition, healthcare, emergency services, and programs for youth or the elderly.

### National CSBG Goals

CSBG outcomes are guided by the Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) framework, a performance-based approach that maintains the anti-poverty mission of community action while enhancing effectiveness at state and local levels. The national goals are:

- Promoting self-sufficiency among low-income individuals.
- Improving living conditions for low-income households.
- Creating opportunities for low-income individuals to participate in and contribute to their communities.
- Coordinating local services to better assist low-income households.
- Enhancing the capacity of community action agencies to deliver measurable results.

Strengthening families and fostering supportive environments that enable low-income households to reach their potential.

### CSBG State Plan

Each year, states must submit a CSBG State Plan to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services. This plan also serves as the state's application for funding and aligns with the CSBG Performance Management and Accountability framework. Key components include:

- Organizational standards for CSBG-eligible entities.
- Accountability measures at both state and federal levels.

- Integration of the ROMA framework to track and improve outcomes.

This comprehensive framework supports the CSBG Network's continuous improvement efforts, enabling them to achieve meaningful, lasting outcomes for individuals, families, and communities with low incomes.

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