

**Community Services Block Grant
Programmatic/Financial Report**

February 10, 2015

The Community Services Block Grant funds the delivery of services to low income Texas residents in all 254 counties. These funds support a variety of direct services in addition to helping maintain the core administrative elements of community action agencies.

For the City of Austin, the grant provides funding for the delivery of basic needs, case management, preventive health and employment support services through the City's six (6) Neighborhood Centers and the three (3) Field Offices.

- **Basic Needs** (food, clothing, information and referral, notary services, transportation, school supplies, car safety education and car seats, tax preparation, Blue Santa applications, fans, Thanksgiving food baskets and other seasonal activities);
- **Preventive Health** (screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol; pregnancy testing; health promotion presentations, coordination and participation in health fairs, immunizations, coordination of wellness activities, linkages to medical home providers);
- **Case Management** (individual/family support counseling, advocacy, self-sufficiency case management, crisis intervention, linkages with employers, educational opportunities and training, and working with individuals on quality of life issues);
- **Employment Support** (intake, assessment and goal setting, job readiness training, job placement assistance, and job retention services)

2014 Contract Update

- 72% of the 2014 contract year budget expended as of December, 2014. The contract has been extended through April 30, 2015.

Allocation	\$ 1,080,391.00
Personnel	\$ 514,618.54
Fringe Benefits	\$ 236,364.83
Travel	\$ 0.00
Equipment	\$ 1,190.42
Supplies	\$ 0.00
Contractual	\$ 18,710.36
Other	\$ 11,824.60
Total Expenses	\$ 782,708.75
Balance as of 12/31/14	\$ 297,682.25

Performance Data (1/1/14 thru 12/31/14)

Demographics:

Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41% male • 59% female 	Household Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23% single parent female • 1% single parent male • 8% two parent hh • 55% single person • 9% Adults/no children • 4% Other
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35% 0-17 • 5% 18-23 • 20% 24-44 • 13% 45-54 • 27% 55-70+ 	Household Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 58% - 1 • 17% - 2 • 10% - 3 • 15% - 4 or more
Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 39% Black or African American • 57% White • .69% Asian • .8% Multi-Race • 2% Other 	Level of Household Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42% - 0 to 50% • 19% - 51 to 75% • 19% - 76 to 100% • 11% - 101 to 125% • 9% - 126% and above
Ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45% Hispanic or Latino • 55% Not Hispanic or Latino 	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16% Own • 68% Rent • 5% Homeless • 11% Other
Education Level (24-70+ yrs of age)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18% 0-8 • 23% 9-12/non-graduate • 37% HS Graduate/GED • 15% 12+ Post Secondary • 7% 2 or 4 yr college graduate 	Other Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% receive Medicaid/Medicare • 31% disabled • 2% veteran
Source of Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28% No Income • 54% SSI/Social Security • 12% Employment • 6% other 		

National Performance Indicators:

	Unduplicated Individuals
Unemployed and obtained a job (Participants enrolled)	126
Unemployed and obtained a job (Achieved the outcome)	59
Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	11

Emergency Food	34,954
Medical care provided at agency clinic or as a result of agency referral	7,317
Transportation	160
Clothing	1722
Persons Working Towards Transitioning Out of Poverty	256
Persons Transitioned Out of Poverty	26

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

1. St. John Neighborhood Seat – Bettye Taylor has been elected and appointed as the Commissioner for the St. John Neighborhood area.
2. Onion Creek Long Term Recovery - Neighborhood Center staff continue to provide assistance to families affected by the Onion Creek flood. The Council approved adding three social workers to the Neighborhood Services Unit to assist with Emergency Response. One position has been hired and two of these social workers will continue to work with families affected by the Onion Creek flood.
3. Direct Financial Assistance – TDHCA has approved the continuation of this program in the 2015 contract year. Clients must meet income eligibility requirements and be working with a case manager to transition toward self-sufficiency in order to qualify for rent and utility assistance.
4. 2015 Community Needs Assessment – TDHCA has advised the assessment will be due on June 1, 2015. This assessment must be conducted every five years. TDHCA guidance for conducting the assessment will not be released until early spring. Planning for the assessment has begun and more information will be provided to the Community Development Commission about the assessment once TDHCA’s guidance is available.