

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

November 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) Outreach Sites.

- **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)

2015 Contract Update

- 52% of the 2015 contract year budget expended as of September, 2015. We anticipate the contract will be extended through March, 2016.

Allocation	\$ 1,092,540.00
Personnel	\$ 339,159.75
Fringe Benefits	\$ 169,199.47
Travel	\$ 0.00
Equipment	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 873.51
Contractual	\$ 40,844.67
Other	\$ 15,242.65
Total Expenses	\$ 565,320.05
Balance as of 9/30/15	\$ 527,219.95

Performance Data (1/1/15 thru 9/30/15)

Demographics:

Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45% male • 55% 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"> • 32% 0-17 • 4% 18-23 • 18% 24-44 • 12% 45-54 • 34% 55-70+ 	Household Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63% - 1 • 18% - 2 • 7% - 3 • 12% - 4 or more
Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43% Black or African American • 53% White • 1% Asian • 1% Multi-Race • 2% Other 	Level of Household Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38% - 0 to 50% • 19% - 51 to 75% • 20% - 76 to 100% • 13% - 101 to 125% • 10% - 126% and above
Ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41% Hispanic or Latino • 59% Not Hispanic or Latino 	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18% Own • 68% Rent • 5% Homeless • 9% Other
Education Level (24-70+ yrs of age)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15% 0-8 • 20% 9-12/non-graduate • 29% HS Graduate/GED • 19% 12+ Post Secondary • 17% 2 or 4 yr college graduate 	Other Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38% receive Medicaid/Medicare • 35% disabled • 2% veteran
Source of Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24% No Income • 58% SSI/Social Security • 12% Employment • 6% other 		

National Performance Indicators:

	Unduplicated Individuals
Unemployed and obtained a job (Participants enrolled)	101
Unemployed and obtained a job (Achieved the outcome)	44
Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	13

Emergency Food	28,342
Medical care provided at agency clinic or as a result of agency referral	5,223
Transportation	209
Clothing	386
Persons Working Towards Transitioning Out of Poverty	192
Persons Transitioned Out of Poverty	30

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

1. Flood Response and Recovery - Neighborhood Center social workers have been staffing the Flood Assistance Center since it opened. We are working closely with colleagues from NHCD, PARD, other City Departments, Travis County, Red Cross, Austin Disaster Relief Network, Caritas, Travis Austin Recovery Group and others, to help with immediate needs and begin moving toward long term recovery.
2. TDHCA Monitoring Visit - The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs conducted a monitoring of the Community Services Block Grant on November 2 – 6, 2015. HHS is awaiting their final report, which will be shared with the Community Development Commission once it is issued.
3. FY16 Budget and Staffing Update – In the City’s FY16 budget process, several new positions were added to the Neighborhood Centers.
 - Two new program supervisors were added.
 - One position will supervise the Blackland Neighborhood Center and Turner-Roberts outreach site.
 - One position will supervise the Crisis Intervention social work team and the Dove Springs and Santa Barbara outreach sites.
 - A registered nurse (RN) position at St. John will be increased to 40 hours per week. A new 30 hour RN position will be hired to serve the Blackland and East Austin Neighborhood Centers.
 - Four temporary Administrative Associate positions will be converted to regular positions.
4. Blackland Staffing Updates - The social work posting closed on October 30, 2015. Candidates have been selected for interviews which start this Thursday, November 12, 2015. Social work services are being provided by other Neighborhood Services Unit social workers as needed during the interim. Nursing services are being offered every Wednesday morning, and once a month during Fresh Food for Families, until we can hire the new position.
5. My Library Keeps Me Healthy Initiative- A new initiative is being developed with the Austin Public Library (APL) at several branches, including St. John and Little Walnut Creek. Health screenings will be offered by a Neighborhood Center registered nurse, who will then help connect clients to trained Austin Public Library volunteers. APL volunteers will help clients access health education materials offered by the library. Additional information on this initiative will be provided in the coming months.