

**Community Services Block Grant
Programmatic/Financial Report
November 1, 2016**

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)

Expenditures Categories	2016 Approved Budget	Cumulative Expenditures as of 9/30/16	% of Total
Personnel	\$626,904.00	\$371,368.79	59%
Fringe Benefits	\$344,382.00	\$206,559.07	60%
Contractual	\$111,624.00	\$ 45,520.03	41%
Other	\$9,630.00	\$ 8,691.45	90%
Total	\$1,092,540.00	\$ 632,139.34	58%

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MISSION: To prevent disease, promote health, and protect the well-being of our community.

TOP 5 NEEDS: Basic needs; employment; housing services; health; education

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Percent of Contract Expired: 75%

NPI	Description	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
Goal 1: Low-income people become more self-sufficient.		± 20%			achieved/target
1.1	Employment				
1.1 A	Unemployed and obtained a job	60	116	74	123%
1.1 B	Employed and maintained a job for at least 90 days	16	119	19	119%
1.1 C	Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	60	137	67	112%
1.1 D	Achieved "living wage" employment and/or benefits	7	102	20	286%
1.3	Economic Assessment Enhancement and Utilization	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
1.3 A	Number and percent of participants in tax preparation programs who qualified for any type of Federal or State tax credit and the expected aggregate dollar amount of credits	125	256	136	108.8%
Goal 6: Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive environments.					
6.1	Seniors/Disabled				
6.1 A	Senior Citizens		1785		
6.1 B	Individuals with Disabilities		1048		
6.2	Emergency Services		#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
6.2 A	Emergency Food		30587	30587	100.00%
6.2 B	Emergency fuel or utility payments funded by LIHEAP or other public and private funding sources		154	154	100.00%
6.2 C	Emergency Rent or Mortgage Assistance		176	176	100.00%
6.2 F	Emergency Medical Care		4514	4514	100.00%
6.2 I	Emergency Transportation		91	91	100.00%
6.2 K	Emergency Clothing		369	369	100.00%
6.3	Child and Family Development	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
6.3 A	Infants and children obtain age-appropriate immunizations, medical, and dental care	65	15	15	23%
6.3 J	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved parenting skills	40	64	42	105.00%
6.3 K	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved family functioning skills	220	322	115	52%

Transition Out of Poverty Goal					
TOP	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty	45	37		82%

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

1. 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. The Request for Council Action shared with the Community Development Commission in October was approved. HHSD continues to work with City Legal, NHCD and the City Clerk's office to address additional concerns regarding the structure of the Community Development Commission. Additional information will be provided to members during the meeting.
2. East Austin Community Development Commission Member – The CDC's recommendation to change the responsible organization to hold the nomination/election meeting to the East Cesar Chavez contact team was approved by the Audit and Finance Committee on September 28, 2016 and is scheduled for Council action on November 3, 2016.
3. 2016 Final Allocation – TDHCA increased the final allocation to the City of Austin to \$1,158,192. The increased funding will be considered by Council at their November 3, 2016 meeting.
4. Blue Santa – The Neighborhood Centers continue taking applications for Blue Santa to help families who would like assistance during the Christmas season. The schedule is posted online at www.bluesanta.org. Individuals and families can apply online or in person during the scheduled times.

Story of Success – St. John Community Center

A single African American male in his early 30s, came to the St. John Community Center seeking assistance. He had been sleeping on his brother's sofa since he had recently been released from jail. He asked for help with employment and housing. He was able to get into Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training through Workforce Solutions.

He entered case management with the St. John social worker who provided assistance with food, short-term counseling (to work through background barriers to employment and housing), help with budgeting and rental assistance. He graduated with CDL in April and found employment above 125% of FPIL. Within 30 days he reported income above the living wage. He received rental assistance in July that helped him obtain safe and stable housing. By August, he provided proof of income which documented a stable income for the last 90 days and is now transitioned out of poverty.