

**Community Services Block Grant
Programmatic/Financial Report
November 14, 2017**

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	2017 Contract Budget	Cumulative Expenditures as of 9/30/17	% of Total
Personnel	\$648,093.00	\$421,949.91	65%
Fringe Benefits	\$371,938.00	\$243,692.23	66%
Contractual	\$118,171.00	\$ 44,323.66	38%
Other	\$10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	50%
Total	\$1,148,202	\$714,965.80	62%

Austin Public Health Report on PY17 Community Action Plan

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

TOP 5 NEEDS: Employment; housing services; education; basic needs, health

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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	75	107	59	78.67%
1.1 B	Employed and maintained a job for at least 90 days	25	102	17	68.00%
1.1 C	Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	75	118	48	64.00%
1.1 D	Achieved "living wage" employment and/or benefits	10	93	3	30.00%
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	584	116	92.80%
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		2088		
6.1 B	Individuals with Disabilities		835		
6.2	Emergency Services		#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
6.2 A	Emergency Food		26999	26999	100.00%
6.2 B	Emergency fuel or utility payments funded by LIHEAP or other public and private funding sources		147	147	100.00%
6.2 C	Emergency Rent or Mortgage Assistance		313	313	100.00%
6.2 F	Emergency Medical Care		5477	5477	100.00%
6.2 I	Emergency Transportation		118	118	100.00%
6.2 K	Emergency Clothing		752	752	100.00%
6.3	Child and Family Development	Target			Success Rate %
6.3 A	Infants and children obtain age-appropriate immunizations, medical, and dental care	65	34	34	52.31%
6.3 J	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved parenting skills	50	122	43	86.00%
6.3 K	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved family functioning skills	340	650	328	96.47%
Transition Out of Poverty Goal					
TOP	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty		45	28	62%

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

1. **2018 CSBG Budget** - The President's initial 2018 budget eliminates funding for the Community Services Block Grant. Congress recently passed a Continuing Resolution that keeps funding levels the same until December 8 at this time it looks as if another Continuing Resolution may be passed before Congress takes final action on the 2018 budget. Meanwhile, the House Appropriations Committee approved their version of the FY2018 Labor-HHS bill which cut CSBG from \$715 million to \$607.5 million. The Senate Appropriations Labor-HHS bill cut CSBG by \$15 million to \$700 billion. CSBG has supported 16 of the 35 staff positions at the Neighborhood Centers, along with rent and utility assistance and other direct assistance such as bus passes.
2. **CDC By-laws** – The CDC's recommended updates were reviewed by the City Council's Audit and Finance Committee on August 22, 2017. We continue to work with Law, the City Clerk's office and NHCD to take these updates to the full Council for approval.
3. **Blackland Neighborhood Center** – A new Manager has been hired and starts on November 13, 2017. Her name is Shameka Hodge-Holland.
4. **FY16 Audit** - The City's audit firm has completed the audit a copy is posted in the back-up. There are no findings for CSBG.
5. **12th Annual Thanksgiving Lunch** – The Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Center will be hosting this luncheon on Saturday, November 18, 2017 between 11 am and 1 pm, courtesy of the Mt. Carmel Lodge. It is free and open to the public. We hope you can join us.
6. **Blue Santa** – The Neighborhood Centers partner with the Austin Police Department each year to take applications for Christmas assistance through the Blue Santa program. The deadline for applications is November 30. More information on how to apply can be found at the following link: <http://www.bluesanta.org/>
7. **Customer Service Survey** – The Neighborhood Centers are now conducting bi-annual customer service surveys. Our most recent survey was completed in July. A copy of the survey results are posted in the back-up.