

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

December 9, 2014

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; lead poison testing and education, 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

- 55% of the 2014 contract year budget expended as of October, 2014

Allocation	\$ 1,080,391.00
Personnel	\$ 397,788.08
Fringe Benefits	\$ 182,551.78
Travel	\$ 0.00
Equipment	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 0.00
Contractual	\$ 3,400.00
Other	\$ 11,387.18
Total Expenses	\$ 595,127.04
Balance as of 10/31/14	\$ 485,263.96

Performance Data (1/1/14 thru 10/31/14)

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 • 19% 24-44 • 13% 45-54 • 28% 55-70+ 	Household Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 58% - 1 • 18% - 2 • 9% - 3 • 15% - 4 or more
Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% Black or African American • 56% White • .75 % Asian • .8% Multi-Race • 2% Other 	Level of Household Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% - 0 to 50% • 20% - 51 to 75% • 19% - 76 to 100% • 11% - 101 to 125% • 10% - 126% and above
Ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 44% Hispanic or Latino • 56% Not Hispanic or Latino 	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17% Own • 68% Rent • 5% Homeless • 10% 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 • 32% 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)	115
Unemployed and obtained a job (Achieved the outcome)	52
Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	4

Emergency Food	30,309
Medical care provided at agency clinic or as a result of agency referral	6,479
Transportation	127
Clothing	1689
Persons Working Towards Transitioning Out of Poverty	222
Persons Transitioned Out of Poverty	16

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

1. St. John Neighborhood Seat – The recommendation for the change to the responsible organization has been sent forward and is expected to be on the Council agenda in the near future. This change will allow the St. John Neighborhood Association to begin serving as the organization to conduct the nomination/election process for the St. John vacancy.
2. Onion Creek Long Term Recovery - Neighborhood Center staff continue to provide assistance to families affected by the Onion Creek flood. The Council recently approved adding three social workers to the Neighborhood Services Unit to assist with Emergency Response. The hiring process is underway for these positions and two of these social workers will continue to work with families affected by the Onion Creek flood.
3. Direct Financial Assistance – Easter Seals was selected as the agency to process payments for rent and utility assistance on behalf of the City of Austin HHSD for our self-sufficiency case management clients. The funding is being used to help stabilize clients who are working toward transitioning out of poverty (TOP). Clients have begun receiving this assistance and we have been able to prevent some families from becoming homeless as a result.
4. Section 8 Wait List – The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) opened the Section 8 waiting list in October, and the Neighborhood Centers assisted clients with the application process for the lottery to be placed on the waiting list.
5. Thanksgiving Food Assistance – Due to the generosity of several partner organizations, each Neighborhood Center provided a Thanksgiving meal to Center clients.
6. Blue Santa applications – Neighborhood Centers have helped families apply for Blue Santa in partnership with APD who distributes the donations to families needing assistance. Blue Santa has begun to offer an online application process this year.