

**Community Services Block Grant
Programmatic/Financial Report
March 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	2016 Contract Extension to 3/31/17	Cumulative Expenditures as of 1/31/2017	% of Total
Personnel	\$664,253.00	\$634,929.58	96%
Fringe Benefits	\$369,685.00	\$345,430.73	93%
Contractual	\$111,624.00	\$103,684.04	93%
Other	\$12,630.00	\$ 11,516.99	92%
Total	\$1,158,192.00	\$1,095,561.34	95%

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	13	5	6.67%
1.1 B	Employed and maintained a job for at least 90 days	25	17	2	8.00%
1.1 C	Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	75	19	2	2.67%
1.1 D	Achieved "living wage" employment and/or benefits	10	14	0	0
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	0	00	0
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		222		
6.1 B	Individuals with Disabilities		173		
6.2	Emergency Services		#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
6.2 A	Emergency Food		5900	5900	100.00%
6.2 B	Emergency fuel or utility payments funded by LIHEAP or other public and private funding sources		4	4	100.00%
6.2 C	Emergency Rent or Mortgage Assistance		18	18	100.00%
6.2 F	Emergency Medical Care		493	493	100.00%
6.2 I	Emergency Transportation		21	21	100.00%
6.2 K	Emergency Clothing		106	106	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	2	2	3.08%
6.3 J	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved parenting skills	50	0	0	0
6.3 K	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved family functioning skills	220	8	4	1.82%

Transition Out of Poverty Goal					
TOP	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty	45	5		11%

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

1. **Department Leadership** – Shannon Jones, Director of Austin Public Health, has announced his retirement. Stephanie Hayden, currently Deputy Director at Austin Public Health, will be serving as interim Director, effective May 1, 2017.
2. **CDC By-laws** – The CDC's recommended updates were submitted and the City Clerk's office has indicated the item will be on the City Council's Audit and Finance Committee's agenda on May 10, 2017. The update to the City Code approved by Council reduced the membership of the Commission to 15 members, and the CDC's quorum requirement changed accordingly.
3. **East Austin Community Development Commission Member** – We have worked with the East Cesar Chavez contact team to schedule the nomination/election meeting which will be held on March 15, 2017.
4. **CSBG Direct Financial Assistance contract** – an organization has been selected to serve as the fiscal agent for the rent and utility assistance contract. The contract is scheduled for City Council consideration on March 23, 2017. We anticipate a contract start date of April 1, 2017.

Story of Success – Blackland Neighborhood Center

A senior citizen came to the Center requesting assistance with food. The community worker who assisted her learned during an intake interview the client was unable to live in her home due to the utilities being disconnected. The client had been staying with relatives. She was living on a fixed income after retiring from her job. Due to health issues and medical costs, she had gotten behind on her utility payments and was in danger of losing her housing due to the loss of utilities. She was referred to the social worker to help her work through these issues.

The social worker at the Neighborhood Center helped her obtain assistance to pay down her bill and she is now moving back into her home. She now has monthly food assistance through the HOPE program and has access to the Public Health Nurse at the Center to help with her health concerns. The social worker is helping her budget her limited resources and is connecting her to other assistance to help her maintain her stability.