

**Community Services Block Grant
Programmatic/Financial Report
September 12, 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 7/31/17	% of Total
Personnel	\$655,832.00	\$308,248.73	47%
Fringe Benefits	\$374,189.00	\$180,160.11	39%
Contractual	\$118,171.00	\$ 30,766.54	26%
Other	\$10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	50%
Total	\$1,158,192.00	\$524,175.38	45%

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	86	45	60.00%
1.1 B	Employed and maintained a job for at least 90 days	25	83	15	60.00%
1.1 C	Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	75	95	35	46.67%
1.1 D	Achieved "living wage" employment and/or benefits	10	77	2	20.00%
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		1428		
6.1 B	Individuals with Disabilities		711		
6.2	Emergency Services		#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
6.2 A	Emergency Food		22400	22400	100.00%
6.2 B	Emergency fuel or utility payments funded by LIHEAP or other public and private funding sources		107	107	100.00%
6.2 C	Emergency Rent or Mortgage Assistance		203	203	100.00%
6.2 F	Emergency Medical Care		4063	4063	100.00%
6.2 I	Emergency Transportation		88	88	100.00%
6.2 K	Emergency Clothing		234	234	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	114	37	74.00%
6.3 K	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved family functioning skills	220	527	293	133.18%
Transition Out of Poverty Goal					
TOP	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty		45	23	51%

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

1. **2017 CSBG Budget** – TDHCA notified the City of Austin of its final 2017 allocation. This amount is \$9,990 less than the original proposed allocation. The budget originally approved by the CDC was based on the proposed allocation in the amount of \$1,158,192. Per TDHCA requirements, we must now come back to the CDC to approve the final 2017 budget with the final allocation of \$1,148,202.
2. **2018 CSBG Budget** - The President’s initial 2018 budget eliminates funding for the Community Services Block Grant. The House Appropriations Committee approved their version of the FY2018 Labor-HHS bill recently. The House bill cut CSBG from \$715 million to \$607.5 million, and the Senate’s final mark up of its Labor-HHS bill is underway. CSBG currently supports 16 of the 35 staff positions at the Neighborhood Centers, along with rent and utility assistance and other direct assistance such as bus passes.
3. **CDC By-laws** – The CDC’s recommended updates were reviewed by the City Council’s Audit and Finance Committee on August 22, 2017. An update will be provided at the meeting.
4. **Blackland Neighborhood Center** – The Center Manager resigned effective August 18, 2017. The position is being posted. Jill Smith is serving as Acting Manager until the position is filled.
5. **Hurricane Harvey Response** – The Crisis Intervention Team and several other Neighborhood Center staff have been involved in working with evacuees from Hurricane Harvey. Neighborhood Center staff, along with colleagues from Neighborhood Housing, HSEM, Travis County HHS, ATCIC, APD Victim Services, Central Health, the Red Cross, Central Texas Volunteers Organized to Assist in Disasters (VOAD) and numerous other partners have been working to provide assistance to evacuees from the Texas coast.

Staff have assisted at 4 different shelters during the response, including Delco, Burger, LBJ and the MET. A multi-agency resource center (MARC) was opened to connect evacuees with agencies such as Social Security, USPS, Vital Records, Workforce Solutions, FEMA and other resources to help them work toward recovery. Currently, we are working with individuals to determine if they can return home safely, relocate with other family and friends, or are able to stay in Austin.