

**Community Services Block Grant
Programmatic/Financial Report
October 8, 2019**

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, 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 including a1C, and cholesterol; pregnancy testing; health promotion presentations, coordination and participation in health fairs, immunizations, coordination of wellness activities, linkages to medical home providers and diabetes case management);
- **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	2018 Contract Budget	Cumulative Expenditures as of 7/31/19	% of Total
Personnel	\$702,685.00	\$405,348.66	57.8%
Fringe Benefits	\$386,878	\$239,317.35	61.8%
Other	\$12,543.00	\$3,500	28.0%
Total	\$1,102,106	\$559,341.36	58.8%

Austin Public Health Report on PY19 Community Action Plan

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

TOP 5 NEEDS: Housing; Health; Employment; Basic Needs; Education

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FNPI	Outcome Description	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
1	Employment				
1B	Unemployed adults who obtained a job up to a living wage	55	64	35	64% Efficacy Rate: 55%
1C	Unemployed adults obtained and maintained a job for at least 90 days (up to a living wage)	20	66	7	35%
1E	Unemployed adults who obtained a job with a living wage	10	58	13	130% Efficacy Rate: 22.4%
1H	Employed participants in a career-advancement related program who entered or transitioned into a position with increased income and/or benefits	55	71	30	55% Efficacy Rate: 42.3%
2	Education and Cognitive Development	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
2F	Adults who demonstrated improved basic education	5	34	12	240%
2H	Individuals who obtained a recognized credential, certificate or degree relating to the achievement of educational or vocational skills	5	8	3	60%
4	Housing				
4B	Households who obtained safe and affordable housing	25	20	10	40% Efficacy Rate: 50%
4E	Households who avoided eviction	375	545	360	96% Efficacy Rate: 66%
5	Health and Social/Behavioral Development		#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
5B	Individuals who demonstrated improved physical health and well being	10	13	7	70%
5D	Individuals who improved skills related to the adult role of parents/caregivers	50	55	40	80%
SRV	Service Description	Number Served			
3O	Tax Preparation Programs	516			
4C	Rent Payments	223			
4D	Deposit Payments	0			
4I	Utility Payments	223			
5A	Immunizations	0			
5J	Food Distribution	18,446			
7A	Case Management	93			
7B	Eligibility Determinations	1,372			

7D	Transportation	176		
7N	Emergency Clothing	1,177		

Transition Out of Poverty Goal		Goal	Achieved		Success Rate%
TOP	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty	43	39		91%

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

- 1. Neighborhood Services Unit Vacancies** – One Community Worker vacancy at the East Austin Neighborhood Center coming up. Crisis Intervention Team Social Worker position vacancy.
- 2. Austin Energy Plus 1 Program** – Serious illness, a recent job loss, or other emergencies can make it difficult for some customers to pay their utility bills. The Plus 1 fund helps by providing emergency financial aid to customers who are having a temporary problem paying their utility bills. In FY19 Neighborhood Services Unit assisted 100 households with utility assistance payments totaling **\$36,575.35**.
- 3. Neighborhood Center Improvements** – The existing recreation center shut its doors to the public on Saturday, August 17th. The construction of the new **Montopolis Recreation and Community Center** continues to make progress. Highlights in September include abatement work on old Montopolis Recreation Center. The goal is to align these projects with the Strategic Direction 2023 of improving the condition of city owned facilities and supporting customer satisfaction with City services. Anticipated Grand Opening – **Summer 2020**.



The City of Austin voters approved a proposition by Austin Public Health (APH) as part of the 2018 Bond Election to build a new neighborhood center with public health services. The **Dove Springs Public Health Facility** will house a fully staffed Neighborhood Center. The NC will be operated by APH staff including a program manager, community workers, social worker, and a full time nurse. Services will include self-sufficiency case management, food pantry and other food distributions, assistance applying for benefits, health screenings, flu shots, clothes closet, referrals to other services, and baskets for special events like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

It is a goal of the project team to incorporate as many green features as possible including solar panels, rainwater collection, pervious parking and sidewalks, grass-pave pervious fire lane, rain gardens and collection of condensate water. Council approved a resolution requiring that LEED-Silver certification is achieved using the latest applicable version of LEED.

Success Story

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs allocated **\$30,576** in CSBG Discretionary Funds to be used for rental & utility assistance for self-sufficiency clients. In just 5 weeks the NSU Social Workers assisted clients in crisis with 32 payments positively impacting the lives of 47 individuals.