

Community Services Block Grant
Programmatic/Financial Report

February 8, 2010

The Community Services Block Grant funds the delivery of services to very 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.

Grantees are to provide a broad range of services designed to eliminate poverty and foster self-sufficiency. Services and activities are to address one or more of the following:

- Employment
- Education
- Better Use of Available Income
- Housing
- Nutrition
- Emergency services
- Health

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 Community Health Initiative Outreach Team.

Financial/Programmatic Updates for CSBG Regular Grant (as of 12/31/09)

Total Allocation	\$ 933,093.19
Personnel	\$ 575,472.98
Fringe Benefits	\$ 201,401.84
Travel	\$ 0.00
Equipment	\$ 28,217.00
Supplies	\$ 2,295.80
Contractual	\$ 13,000.00
Other	\$ 19,998.36
Total Expenses	\$ 840,385.98 (90%)
Remaining Balance	\$ 92,707.21

- The CSBG grant does allow for rollover of funds therefore TDHCA has approved an extension of the contract until 4/30/2010.
- Remaining balance is earmarked for direct financial assistance expenditures with rent and utility assistance. The following information represents households assisted with rent and utilities between 12/15/09 thru 1/1/2010:
 - 48 households assisted with rent for a total amount of \$ 13,344.95
 - 59 households assisted with electric bills for a total amount of \$ 15,178.94
 - 8 households assisted with gas bills for a total amount of \$ 863.26→ **Total \$29,387.15**

- **Census Bureau Testing/Training Sites** - The Census Bureau placed flyers at various locations notifying the public on how to become census takers or supervisors. The South Austin and Rosewood Zaragosa Neighborhood Centers are two designated testing/training sites during the months of February and March.
- **Tax Preparation Centers** - AARP volunteers are assisting with tax preparation at South Austin and Rosewood Zaragosa Neighborhood Centers through April 15th. Residents can access services on Wednesdays from 12pm - 4pm SANC and on Tuesdays/Thursdays from 10am - 2pm at RZNC.

Residents can also access the Foundation Communities' Community Tax Center program at the East Austin NC through April 15. Hours are primarily Monday - Friday from 9:30am - 4pm during the months of February and April. During the month of March, hours will primarily be from 9:30am - 2:30pm.

- **Hours of Operation Update** - see attached schedule

Financial/Programmatic Updates for CSBG ARRA Grant (as of 12/31/09)

- December financial report to TDCHA shows YTD expenditures of \$39,090.15. The first quarter of the grant focused on planning and implementation and executing contracts for childcare, workforce development and direct financial assistance. Services have been implemented, staff trained and contracts executed therefore we anticipate an increase in expenditures during the remaining quarters.
- Social workers are currently working with 64 households of which 76 individuals have been referred to Workforce Solutions for enrollment in the occupational skills training program or the electrician's pre-apprenticeship training program.

Neighborhood Representation on Commission

- Dove Springs Geographic Seat - Nominee has yet to submit the application into the Office of the City Clerk.