

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

August 10, 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 Updates for CSBG Regular and ARRA Grants

	CSBG Regular (as of 6/30/10)	CSBG ARRA (as of 6/30/10)	ARRA July Projections	ARRA August Projections	ARRA September Projections	ARRA October Projections
Grant Amt.	891,136.00	1,430,692.00				
Personnel/FB	396,074.55	133,144.40	35,136.20	35,136.20	35,136.20	0.00
Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equip/Supplies	0.00	717.66	2,830.08	580.08	580.07	4,500.00
Contractual	5,277.66	497,465.75	110,274.61	294,647.40	130,103.41	59,832.83
Other	0.00	10,648.11	2,808.00	2,808.00	2,808.00	0.00
Indirect Costs	0.00	71,535.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	*401,352.21	*713,510.92	151,048.89	333,171.68	168,627.68	64,332.83
Balance	489,783.79	717,181.08	566,132.19	232,960.51	64,332.83	0.00

* This amount does not represent the total expenditures to date but the total amount of funds requested by the City of Austin for reimbursement during the contract period.

Programmatic Updates for CSBG Regular and ARRA Grants

CSBG ARRA

Emergency Assistance	Total # of hh	# of unduplicated hh	# of duplicated hh
ARRA Rent	471	387	84
ARRA Electric	488	438	50
ARRA Gas	131	114	17
ARRA Water	31	31	0
Totals	1121	970	151

- As of July 31, \$ 532,301.59 of the budgeted direct financial assistance dollars (\$ 592,324) has been expended resulting in an 89.8% expenditure rate.

Workforce Development (thru June 30)	Unduplicated Individuals
Unemployed and obtained a job	54
Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	4
Achieved "living wage" employment and benefits	14
Obtained skills/competencies required for employment	*8
Obtained access to reliable transportation and/or driver's license	184
Obtained health care services for themselves and/or family member	24
Obtained school supplies, textbooks, tuition, and other items in support of education or training programs	52
Obtained tools, uniforms or other items in support of employment or education	68
Received other assistance which removes barriers to employment	322

*28 individuals enrolled in a training program

Childcare - There are 20 children receiving childcare services through the Childcare Voucher Program.

CSBG REGULAR

	Persons	Households
YTD Unduplicated Served (demographics gathered)	5,357	2,237
YTD Unduplicated Served (no demographics gathered)	25,319	9,417
Cumulative Total Served	30,676	11,654

- Basic Needs** (food, clothing, information and referral, notary services, transportation, school supplies, infant car seat education and distribution, tax counseling, XMAS Bureau applications, blankets, fans, Thanksgiving 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).

- **Monitoring visit** by TDCHA conducted the week of June 14 (2010 CSBG regular contract and ARRA). A programmatic, administrative and fiscal review was conducted. The programmatic review consisted of an audit of client records and a visit to the Blackland and South Austin neighborhood Center. The review resulted in one (1) finding that has already been corrected. The Department is required to respond within 45 days of receiving the report.
- **Single Audit** – the CSBG Regular and CSBG ARRA contracts will be part of a single audit during the months of August and September.
- **Tax Preparation Centers** – currently in discussions with Foundation Communities to expand the Community Tax Center Program at two other neighborhood centers – Blackland and St. John's.
- **Community Needs Assessment/Community Action Plan** – draft will be presented to the members of the commission at the October 12 meeting.
- **Upcoming Events** –
 - Healthy Kids Fair, Saturday, August 14 from 9 to 12 at the Rosewood Zaragosa Neighborhood Center.
 - Back to School Events will occur later part of August, beginning of September.