

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

July 12, 2011

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 Community Health Initiative Outreach Team.

- **Basic Needs** (food, clothing, information and referral, notary services, transportation, school supplies, car safety seats, tax preparation, XMAS Bureau applications, blankets, fans, Thanksgiving food 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);
- **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)

Financial Update

- HHSD received notification from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs as to the revised allocation for FY 2011 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds. The revised allotment reflects the 2.9% cut enacted by Congress and signed by the President. The 2011 allocation is \$872,130. This is a \$20,549 decrease from the 2010 allocation of \$892,679.
- 58% of the budget has been expended as of May 31, 2011,

Allocation	\$ 872,130.00
Personnel	\$ 248,754.01
Fringe Benefits	\$ 96,130.04
Travel	\$ 0.00
Equipment	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 0.00
Contractual	\$ 13,000.00
Other	\$ 7,053.50
Total Expenses	\$ 364,937.55
Balance as of 5/31/11	\$ 507,192.45

Performance Data (1/1/11 thru 5/31/11)

		Persons	Households
YTD Unduplicated Served (demographics gathered)		2,306	1,118
YTD Unduplicated Served (no demographics gathered)		33,865	13,562
Cumulative Total Served		36,171	14,680
Demographics			
Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42% male • 58% female 	Household Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19% single parent female • 2% single parent male • 10% two parent hh • 52% single person • 12% Adults/no children • 5% Other
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33% 0-17 • 7% 18-23 • 20% 24-44 • 10% 45-54 • 30% 55-70+ 	Household Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 53% - 1 • 21% - 2 • 10% - 3 • 16% - 4 or more
Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36.3% Black or African American • 52.3% White • 0.26% Am Indian or Alaskan Native • 0.82% Asian • 1.22% Multi-Race • 9.1% Other 	Level of Household Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 55% - 0 to 50% • 14% - 51 to 75% • 11% - 76 to 100% • 11% - 101 to 125% • 9% - 126% and above
Ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52% Hispanic or Latino • 48% Not Hispanic or Latino 	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23% Own • 64% Rent • 4% Homeless • 9% Other
Education Level (24-70+ yrs of age)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27% 0-8 • 24% 9-12/non-graduate • 34% HS Graduate/GED • 10% 12+ Post Secondary • 5% 2 or 4 yr college graduate 	Other Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32% receive Medicaid/Medicare • 21% disabled • 2% veteran • 39% receive Food Stamps
Source of Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31% No Income • 2% TANF • 67% SSI/Social Security • 17% Employment • 9% other 		

National Performance Indicators

	Unduplicated Individuals
Unemployed and obtained a job	19
Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	3
Number of participants in tax preparation programs	1,739
Number of participants who received assistance with enrollment in prescription assistance program (FamilyWize)	144
Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved parenting skills	1,059
Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved family functioning skills	211
Family Maintenance – Food	27,372
Family Maintenance – Medical care provided at agency clinic or as a result of agency referral	3,558
Family Maintenance – Transportation	62
Family Maintenance – Clothing	273
Family Maintenance – School Supplies	42
Family Maintenance – other types of assistance	1,934
Persons Working Towards Transitioning Out of Poverty	102

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

- Discussions with Insure-A-Kid to place eligibility workers at designated neighborhood centers.
- Inter-local agreement with ACC to provide GED classes at the Rosewood Zaragosa Neighborhood Center resulted in 29 individuals completing the January-June session. The agreement is for one year with five one-year renewal options. The goal is for ACC to expand access to GED classes in other neighborhood centers.
- The City of Austin has been a partner with Austin Free-Net (AFN) since 2006. This partnership has afforded AFN to provide computer access through a number of City facilities, including the neighborhood centers. Five of the six neighborhood centers have computer labs in operation. As a member of the Texas Connects Coalition, AFN received funding through a technology grant to replace and increase the number of workstations with current partners and provide onsite instructors. The benefit to the neighborhood centers in continuing this partnership with AFN is the enhancement of computer access, technical support, digital literacy, workforce development and other services to the low-income and vulnerable populations.
- Neighborhood Representation on Commission - The commission term for three neighborhood seats on the Community Development Commission expires on July 31, 2011. The Office of the City Clerk sent out written notifications on June 3, 2011 to the appropriate individuals as identified for the responsible organizations for carrying out the nomination/election process for the designated geographic area. Staff will be providing technical support to the designated responsible organizations for the Montopolis, St. John and Rosewood Zaragosa/Blackland geographic areas during the nomination/election process. The Montopolis election was held on June 6, 2011. Mrs. Angelina Noyola received a plurality of the votes therefore her name has been submitted to the Office of the City Clerk.