

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

**December 8, 2015**

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)

***2015 Contract Update***

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- 59% of the 2015 contract year budget expended as of October, 2015. TDHCA has approved a contract extension through March, 2016.

<b>Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 1,092,540.00</b>
Personnel	\$ 386,580.96
Fringe Benefits	\$ 196,153.27
Travel	\$ 0.00
Equipment	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 873.51
Contractual	\$ 41,184.67
Other	\$ 15,455.86
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 640,248.06</b>
<b>Balance as of 9/30/15</b>	<b>\$ 452,291.94</b>

**Performance Data (1/1/15 thru 10/31/15)**

**Demographics:**

Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45% male</li> <li>• 55% female</li> </ul>	Household Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20% single parent female</li> <li>• 1% single parent male</li> <li>• 6% two parent hh</li> <li>• 62% single person</li> <li>• 10% Adults/no children</li> <li>• 1% Other</li> </ul>
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33% 0-17</li> <li>• 4% 18-23</li> <li>• 18% 24-44</li> <li>• 12% 45-54</li> <li>• 33% 55-70+</li> </ul>	Household Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 62% - 1</li> <li>• 18% - 2</li> <li>• 7% - 3</li> <li>• 13% - 4 or more</li> </ul>
Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 42% Black or African American</li> <li>• 54% White</li> <li>• 1% Asian</li> <li>• 1% Multi-Race</li> <li>• 2% Other</li> </ul>	Level of Household Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 38% - 0 to 50%</li> <li>• 18% - 51 to 75%</li> <li>• 20% - 76 to 100%</li> <li>• 13% - 101 to 125%</li> <li>• 11% - 126% and above</li> </ul>
Ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 42% Hispanic or Latino</li> <li>• 58% Not Hispanic or Latino</li> </ul>	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18% Own</li> <li>• 68% Rent</li> <li>• 5% Homeless</li> <li>• 9% Other</li> </ul>
Education Level (24-70+ yrs of age)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15% 0-8</li> <li>• 19% 9-12/non-graduate</li> <li>• 29% HS Graduate/GED</li> <li>• 19% 12+ Post Secondary</li> <li>• 18% 2 or 4 yr college graduate</li> </ul>	Other Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 38% receive Medicaid/Medicare</li> <li>• 34% disabled</li> <li>• 2% veteran</li> </ul>
Source of Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24% No Income</li> <li>• 57% SSI/Social Security</li> <li>• 13% Employment</li> <li>• 6% other</li> </ul>		

**National Performance Indicators:**

	<b>Unduplicated Individuals</b>
Unemployed and obtained a job (Participants enrolled)	108
Unemployed and obtained a job (Achieved the outcome)	46
Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	15

Emergency Food	30,917
Medical care provided at agency clinic or as a result of agency referral	6,168
Transportation	228
Clothing	418
Persons Working Towards Transitioning Out of Poverty	220
Persons Transitioned Out of Poverty	33

***Programmatic/Administrative Updates***

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1. Flood Response and Recovery - Neighborhood Center social workers continue working with individuals and families affected by the October flood. We continue to work closely with colleagues from NHCD, PARD, Travis County, Red Cross, Austin Disaster Relief Network, Caritas, Salvation Army and others, to help with immediate needs and begin moving toward long term recovery. We are currently providing case management to approximately 50 households who are working towards long term recovery.

FEMA opened a recovery center on December 7, 2015 at the Dove Springs Recreation Center. Hours of operation will be from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday, and 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday. HHSD social workers have already been helping people apply for FEMA individual disaster assistance and HHSD staff is present to assist any families needing additional local help with this process.

2. TDHCA Monitoring Visit - The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs conducted a monitoring of the Community Services Block Grant on November 2 – 6, 2015. HHSD is still awaiting their final report, which will be shared with the Community Development Commission once it is issued.

3. Blackland Staffing Updates - A new social worker has been hired and her start date will be December 14. Nursing services are being offered every Wednesday morning, and once a month during Fresh Food for Families, until we can hire the new position.

4. FY16 Budget and Staffing Update – In the City’s FY16 budget process, several new positions were added to the Neighborhood Centers.

- The program supervisor positions were posted and closed on December 2. Interviews for the program supervisor positions begin on December 10.
  - One position will supervise the Blackland Neighborhood Center and Turner-Roberts outreach site.
  - One position will supervise the Crisis Intervention social work team and the Dove Springs and Santa Barbara outreach sites.
- A registered nurse (RN) position at St. John will be increased to 40 hours per week. A new 30 hour RN position will be hired to serve the Blackland and East Austin Neighborhood Centers. We are awaiting final approval for posting this position.
- Four temporary Administrative Associate positions will be converted to regular positions. These positions will be posted in the New Year as they are approved.

5. Lakeview Residents – HHSD social workers have worked with case managers in AISD’s Family Resource Center to provide assistance to individuals and families needing assistance with relocating to other housing.