

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

January 12, 2016

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

- 66% of the 2015 contract year budget expended as of November, 2015. TDHCA has approved a contract extension through March, 2016.

Allocation	\$ 1,092,540.00
Personnel	\$ 434,055.24
Fringe Benefits	\$ 223,111.18
Travel	\$ 0.00
Equipment	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 873.51
Contractual	\$ 50276.73
Other	\$ 15659.65
Total Expenses	\$ 723,976.31
Balance as of 11/30/15	\$ 368,563.69

Performance Data (1/1/15 thru 11/30/15)

Demographics:

Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45% male • 55% female 	Household Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% single parent female • 1% single parent male • 6% two parent hh • 62% single person • 10% Adults/no children • 1% Other
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33% 0-17 • 4% 18-23 • 19% 24-44 • 12% 45-54 • 32% 55-70+ 	Household Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 62% - 1 • 18% - 2 • 7% - 3 • 13% - 4 or more
Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42% Black or African American • 54% White • 1% Asian • 1% Multi-Race • 2% Other 	Level of Household Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38% - 0 to 50% • 18% - 51 to 75% • 21% - 76 to 100% • 12% - 101 to 125% • 11% - 126% and above
Ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42% Hispanic or Latino • 58% Not Hispanic or Latino 	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18% Own • 68% Rent • 5% Homeless • 9% Other
Education Level (24-70+ yrs of age)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15% 0-8 • 19% 9-12/non-graduate • 28% HS Graduate/GED • 19% 12+ Post Secondary • 19% 2 or 4 yr college graduate 	Other Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38% receive Medicaid/Medicare • 34% disabled • 2% veteran
Source of Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% No Income • 57% SSI/Social Security 	Source of Income (cont)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13% Employment • 5% other

National Performance Indicators:

	Unduplicated Individuals
Unemployed and obtained a job (Participants enrolled)	115
Unemployed and obtained a job (Achieved the outcome)	49
Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	19
Achieved "living wage" employment and/or benefits	11

Employers: Maximus, Visa, Capital Metro, Whole Foods, UT Austin, City of Austin, Travis County, Hanger, Calendar Club, Goodwill, HP, Texas Real Estate Commission, Retirement Center, Short Stop

Types of Employment: CDL Driver, Call Center, Sales and Marketing, Service Tech, Language Interpreter, Customer Service, Security, Administrative, Non-Profit, Printing, Fast Food, Insurance Rep, Maintenance

National Performance Indicators (continued):

Emergency Food: Fresh Foods = 58% (19,452) HOPE = 1 % (460) Mobile Pantry = 16% (5,261) Food Pantry/Donated Food = 25% (8,601)	33,774
Medical care provided at agency clinic or as a result of agency referral	6567
Transportation	239
Clothing	484
Persons Working Towards Transitioning Out of Poverty	239
Persons Transitioned Out of Poverty	46

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

1. Transition out of Poverty - Staff have exceeded the TDHCA goal of 45 people expected to transition out of poverty during 2015. We anticipate we will have additional persons to report as transitioned out of poverty in December.
2. Flood Response and Recovery - Neighborhood Center social workers continue working with individuals and families affected by the October flood. To date, all but one family still being case managed by Neighborhood Center social workers have been relocated to other permanent housing.
3. 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.
4. Blackland Staffing Updates - Program Supervisor interviews are underway. Nursing services are being offered every Wednesday morning, and once a month during Fresh Food for Families, until we can hire the new position, which is also underway.
5. FY16 Budget and Staffing Update –Interviews are also underway for the Program Supervisor for the crisis intervention social work team and the Dove Springs and Santa Barbara outreach sites.

Four temporary Administrative Associate positions will be converted to regular positions. These positions are awaiting approval for posting.
6. FY15 Single Audit – Deloitte and Touche, the audit firm used by the City of Austin, has begun their single audit of CSBG. We will report the results to the Community Development Commission when their report is complete.
7. Research Projects – We will be hosting a UT School of Social Work intern this semester, and she will be assisting with some research projects we would like to initiate. One of these projects will be an analysis of service data by zip code.