

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

February 9, 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

- 77% of the 2015 contract year budget expended as of December, 2015. TDHCA has approved a contract extension through March, 2016.

Allocation	\$ 1,092,540.00
Personnel	\$ 509,806.30
Fringe Benefits	\$ 256,730.55
Travel	\$ 0.00
Equipment	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 873.51
Contractual	\$ 55,630.02
Other	\$ 19,526.36
Total Expenses	\$ 842,566.74
Balance as of 12/31/15	\$ 249,973.26

Performance Data (1/1/15 thru 12/31/15)**Demographics:**

Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46% male • 54% 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"> • 39% - 0 to 50% • 18% - 51 to 75% • 20% - 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"> • 17% 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 • 56% 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)	121
Unemployed and obtained a job (Achieved the outcome)	53
Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	30
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% (20,484) HOPE = 1 % (471) Mobile Pantry = 16% (5,671) Food Pantry/Donated Food = 25% (9,626)	36,252
Medical care provided at agency clinic or as a result of agency referral	6948
Transportation	249
Clothing	783
Persons Working Towards Transitioning Out of Poverty	243
Persons Transitioned Out of Poverty	54

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 by 20%. 54 people transitioned out of poverty in 2015.
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 - Program Supervisor has been hired. Nursing services are being offered every Wednesday morning, and once a month during Fresh Food for Families, until we have hired the position. Interviews for the nursing position are set for later this month.
4. FY16 Budget and Staffing Update –The Program Supervisor for the crisis intervention social work team and the Dove Springs and Santa Barbara outreach sites has also been hired.

Four temporary Administrative Associate positions will be converted to regular positions. Interviews for these positions are also scheduled for later this month.

5. FY15 Single Audit – Deloitte and Touche, the audit firm used by the City of Austin, has finished their initial testing for their single audit of CSBG. We will report the results to the Community Development Commission when their report is complete.
6. Financial Education Classes - A new series of Financial Education classes has begun at the Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Center. These classes are being offered in conjunction with the United Way and help participants learn about budgets, credit, debt and saving. 1 to 1 financial coaching is also offered.
7. Rent and Utility Assistance - A Request for Applications (RFA) is being issued for the Fiscal Agent to manage and distribute the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) direct financial assistance funds for case management clients of the Neighborhood Centers.