

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

March 8, 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)

2015/16 Contract Update

- 85% of the 2015 contract year budget expended as of January, 2016. TDHCA has approved a contract extension through March, 2016.

Allocation	\$ 1,092,540.00
Personnel	\$ 561,327.53
Fringe Benefits	\$ 278,486.83
Travel	\$ 0.00
Equipment	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 873.51
Contractual	\$ 64,847.50
Other	\$ 23,496.57
Total Expenses	\$ 929,031.94
Balance as of 1/31/16	\$ 163,508.06

Performance Data (1/1/16 thru 1/31/16)

Demographics:

Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 41% male 59% female 	Household Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10% single parent female 1% single parent male 3% two parent hh 69% single person 16% Adults/no children 1% Other
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% 0-17 2% 18-23 10% 24-44 10% 45-54 58% 55-70+ 	Household Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 69% - 1 19% - 2 5% - 3 7% - 4 or more
Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35% Black or African American 57% White 6% Asian 1% Multi-Race 1% Other 	Level of Household Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24% - 0 to 50% 15% - 51 to 75% 26% - 76 to 100% 16% - 101 to 125% 19% - 126% and above
Ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 45% Hispanic or Latino 55% Not Hispanic or Latino 	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 32% Own 53% Rent 5% Homeless 10% Other
Education Level (24-70+ yrs of age)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21% 0-8 18% 9-12/non-graduate 41% HS Graduate/GED 12% 12+ Post Secondary 8% 2 or 4 yr college graduate 	Other Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 49% receive Medicaid/Medicare 52% disabled 4% veteran
Source of Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17% No Income 68% SSI/Social Security 	Source of Income (cont.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12% Employment 3% other

National Performance Indicators:

	Unduplicated Individuals
Unemployed and obtained a job (Participants enrolled)	11
Unemployed and obtained a job (Achieved the outcome)	1

National Performance Indicators (continued):

Emergency Food: Fresh Foods = 67% (5,191) HOPE = 3% (198) Mobile Pantry = 18% (1,362) Food Pantry/Donated Food = 13% (1,004)	7755
Medical care provided at agency clinic or as a result of agency referral	575
Transportation	27
Clothing	29
Persons Working Towards Transitioning Out of Poverty	27
Persons Transitioned Out of Poverty	1

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

1. 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.
2. Blackland Staffing Updates - Program Supervisor is on board. Nursing services are being offered every Wednesday morning, and once a month during Fresh Food for Families, until we have hired the position. The interview process is underway and we hope to have the position filled by the end of March.
3. FY16 Budget and Staffing Update –The Program Supervisor for the crisis intervention social work team and the Dove Springs and Santa Barbara outreach sites is on board.

Four temporary Administrative Associate positions will be converted to regular positions. Interviews are complete, and we anticipate the hiring process will be complete by the end of March.
4. 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.
5. Financial Education Classes - The initial series of Financial Education classes has been completed at Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Center. These classes were 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. The next series of classes will begin in April.
6. East Austin Community Development Commission Member – The East Austin Advisory Board is currently the responsible organization to hold the election for the representative for the East Austin designated geographic area. This Advisory Board is not currently active and is not able to hold the election for the representative. HHSD staff has identified several possible organizations that may be able to serve as the responsible organization. Staff would like to work with the members of the Community Development Commission to determine which organization would be best suited to serve in this role and then recommend an organization for consideration by Council.