Community Services Block Grant Programmatic/Financial Report

April 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)

2015/16 Contract Update

• 94% of the 2015 contract year budget expended as of February, 2016. TDHCA has approved a contract extension through March, 2016.

Allocation	\$ 1,092,540.00
Personnel	\$ 614,251.00
Fringe Benefits	\$ 309,193.39
Travel	\$ 0.00
Equipment	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 873.51
Contractual	\$ 79,965.16
Other	\$ 23,729.28
Total Expenses	\$ 1,028,012.34
Balance as of 2/29/16	\$ 98,980.40

Demographics:

Gender	38% male62% female	Household Type	 10% single parent female 1% single parent male 3% two parent hh 69% single person 16% Adults/no children
Age	 19% 0-17 3% 18-23 12% 24-44 11% 45-54 56% 55-70+ 	Household Size	 1% Other 69% - 1 19% - 2 6% - 3 6% - 4 or more
Race	 38% Black or African American 56% White 4% Asian 1% Multi-Race 1% Other 	Level of Household Income	 26% - 0 to 50% 17% - 51 to 75% 26% - 76 to 100% 16% - 101 to 125% 15% - 126% and above
Ethnicity	44% Hispanic or Latino56% Not Hispanic or Latino	Housing	 30% Own 56% Rent 6% Homeless 8% Other
Education Level (24-70+ yrs of age)	 21% 0-8 17% 9-12/non-graduate 40% HS Graduate/GED 14% 12+ Post Secondary 8% 2 or 4 yr college graduate 	Other Characteristics	 38% receive Medicaid/Medicare 42% disabled 5% veteran
Source of Income	19% No Income66% SSI/Social Security	Source of Income (cont.)	12% Employment3% other

National Performance Indicators:

	Unduplicated Individuals
Unemployed and obtained a job (Participants enrolled)	21
Unemployed and obtained a job (Achieved the outcome)	1

National Performance Indicators (continued):

Emergency Food: Fresh Foods = 66% (7,084)	10,740
HOPE = 3% (286)	
Mobile Pantry = 15% (1,676)	
Food Pantry/Donated Food = 16% (1,694)	
Medical care provided at agency clinic or as a result of agency referral	1,247
Transportation	43
Clothing	99
Persons Working Towards Transitioning Out of Poverty	48
Persons Transitioned Out of Poverty	3

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

- 1. <u>TDHCA Monitoring Visit</u> 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. <u>Blackland Updates</u> Facility maintenance and upgrades have begun. Initial work completed includes installation of improved drainage from the parking lot in the facility.
 - Nursing services are being offered every Wednesday morning, and once a month during Fresh Food for Families, until we have hired the position. The nursing position is being re-posted, as the initial interview process did not result in a successful candidate for this position.
- <u>FY16 Budget and Staffing Update</u> Three Administrative Associates have been hired, and one position is being re-posted.
- 4. <u>East Austin and Montopolis Neighborhood Centers</u> Belinda Angoori, Program Supervisor, retired effective March 31, 2016. The position will be posted as soon as approval is obtained.
- 5. <u>FY15 Single Audit</u> Deloitte and Touche, the audit firm used by the City of Austin, reports they have finished their testing for their single audit of CSBG. We will report the results to the Community Development Commission when their report is complete.
- 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 and this information has been provided to members of the CSBG Governance Working Group for recommendations.
- 7. <u>City of Austin Career Fair</u> Neighborhood Services Job Counselor and Social Workers conducted outreach at this event for those individuals seeking employment. 79 people requested additional information and staff are following up to enroll them in employment support services.