

**Community Services Block Grant
Programmatic/Financial Report
December 13, 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)

Expenditures Categories	2016 Approved Budget	Cumulative Expenditures as of 10/31/2016	% of Total
Personnel	\$626,904.00	\$422,649.63	67%
Fringe Benefits	\$344,382.00	\$237,194.23	69%
Contractual	\$111,624.00	\$ 83,444.17	75%
Other	\$9,630.00	\$ 8,919.45	93%
Total	\$1,092,540.00	\$ 752,207.48	69%

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MISSION: To prevent disease, promote health, and protect the well-being of our community.

TOP 5 NEEDS: Basic needs; employment; housing services; health; education

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Percent of Contract Expired: 83%

NPI	Description	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
Goal 1: Low-income people become more self-sufficient.		± 20%			achieved/target
1.1	Employment				
1.1 A	Unemployed and obtained a job	60	129	80	133%
1.1 B	Employed and maintained a job for at least 90 days	16	130	28	175%
1.1 C	Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	60	151	72	120%
1.1 D	Achieved "living wage" employment and/or benefits	7	113	21	300%
1.3	Economic Assessment Enhancement and Utilization	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
1.3 A	Number and percent of participants in tax preparation programs who qualified for any type of Federal or State tax credit and the expected aggregate dollar amount of credits	125	256	136	108.8%
Goal 6: Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive environments.					
6.1	Seniors/Disabled				
6.1 A	Senior Citizens		2099		
6.1 B	Individuals with Disabilities		1199		
6.2	Emergency Services		#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
6.2 A	Emergency Food		32950	32950	100.00%
6.2 B	Emergency fuel or utility payments funded by LIHEAP or other public and private funding sources		169	169	100.00%
6.2 C	Emergency Rent or Mortgage Assistance		197	197	100.00%
6.2 F	Emergency Medical Care		5888	5888	100.00%
6.2 I	Emergency Transportation		113	113	100.00%
6.2 K	Emergency Clothing		377	377	100.00%
6.3	Child and Family Development	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
6.3 A	Infants and children obtain age-appropriate immunizations, medical, and dental care	65	115	115	177%
6.3 J	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved parenting skills	40	73	49	123.50%
6.3 K	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved family functioning skills	220	322	177	80%

Transition Out of Poverty Goal					
TOP	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty	45	53		118%

1. Goal for Transitioning Persons out of Poverty – We have met and exceeded the TDHCA goal for transitioning persons out of poverty in 2016. We are close to surpassing the number of persons who transitioned out of poverty in 2015, which was also above our target for the year. We anticipate meeting or exceeding all our Community Action Plan goals for 2016.
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. On October 20, 2016, the City Council approved the Request for Council Action which updated the City Code section 2-1-127 relating to the Community Development Commission (CDC). A copy of the updated ordinance is included in the documents posted along with this report. Additional information will be provided to members during the meeting regarding a related change to the CDC by-laws.

HHSD has continued to work with City Legal, NHCD and the City Clerk's office to address other concerns regarding the structure of the Community Development Commission. Additional recommendations for consideration related to the concern and observation cited by TDHCA in their monitoring report will also be presented to members during the meeting.

3. East Austin Community Development Commission Member – The CDC's recommendation to change the responsible organization to hold the nomination/election meeting to the East Cesar Chavez contact team was approved by City Council on November 3, 2016. We are now working to schedule the nomination/election meeting with the Chair of the East Cesar Chavez contact team.
4. 2016 Final Allocation – TDHCA increased the final allocation to the City of Austin to \$1,158,192. City Council accepted the additional funds at their November 3, 2016 meeting. TDHCA has now also extended the 2016 contract through March 31, 2017.
5. Del Valle Public Health Nursing Outreach – Starting in December, we will be providing public health nursing outreach at the Del Valle Community Center through a collaboration with Travis County Health and Human Services and Veterans Services. The nurse has scheduled a flu shot clinic for December, and will begin providing regularly scheduled preventive health screenings and services.

Story of Success –

A woman in her late 50's came to the East Austin Neighborhood Center seeking assistance. She was unemployed due to some health issues she had experienced. These health issues had caused her to lose her housing, and she had moved in with family until she could recover. As she had gotten stronger, she was ready to go back to work and try to move back into a place of her own. The social worker at the East Austin Neighborhood Center helped her update her resume, and begin searching and applying for jobs. She was able to obtain full-time employment as a result. The social worker then assisted her with learning to budget her income, provided help with travel to and from work, and emergency food assistance as she got back on her feet. She now lives in a one bedroom apartment on her own, which she has been able maintain through the support she received in returning to self-sufficiency.