

**Community Services Block Grant
Programmatic/Financial Report
April 11, 2017**

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 Contract Extension to 3/31/17	Cumulative Expenditures as of 2/28/2017
Personnel	\$664,253.00	\$674,018.85
Fringe Benefits	\$369,685.00	\$366,882.65
Contractual	\$111,624.00	\$105,753.80
Other	\$12,630.00	\$ 11,536.70
Total	\$1,158,192.00	\$1,158,182.00

Austin Public Health Report on PY17 Community Action Plan

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

TOP 5 NEEDS: Employment; housing services; education; basic needs, health

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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	75	29	15	20.00%
1.1 B	Employed and maintained a job for at least 90 days	25	33	3	12.00%
1.1 C	Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	75	36	10	13.33%
1.1 D	Achieved "living wage" employment and/or benefits	10	30	2	20.00%
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	268	0	0
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		382		
6.1 B	Individuals with Disabilities		258		
6.2	Emergency Services		#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
6.2 A	Emergency Food		8679	8679	100.00%
6.2 B	Emergency fuel or utility payments funded by LIHEAP or other public and private funding sources		38	38	100.00%
6.2 C	Emergency Rent or Mortgage Assistance		56	56	100.00%
6.2 F	Emergency Medical Care		1054	1054	100.00%
6.2 I	Emergency Transportation		30	30	100.00%
6.2 K	Emergency Clothing		115	115	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	2	2	3.08%
6.3 J	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved parenting skills	50	10	9	18.00%
6.3 K	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved family functioning skills	220	122	50	22.73%

Transition Out of Poverty Goal					
TOP	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty	45	5		11%

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

1. **East Austin Community Development Commission Member** – We are pleased that Ms. Bertha Delgado was elected as the East Austin area representative and will be joining the Commission when her training is complete.
2. **CSBG Budget** - The President’s initial budget for 2018 eliminates funding for the Community Services Block Grant. Based on recent information from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and the National Community Action Foundation, there is also concern about funding for the remainder of 2017. The Continuing Resolution funding CSBG expires on April 28, 2017. TDHCA has already released funding for the first two quarters of 2017 based on the Continuing Resolution, which funds CSBG through June, 2017. CSBG currently supports 16 of the 35 staff positions at the Neighborhood Centers, along with rent and utility assistance.
3. **CDC By-laws** – The CDC’s recommended updates were submitted and the City Clerk’s office has indicated the item will be on the City Council’s Audit and Finance Committee’s agenda on May 10, 2017.
4. **CSBG Direct Financial Assistance contract** – Easter Seals was selected to serve as the fiscal agent for the rent and utility assistance contract. The contract was approved by City Council on March 23, 2017. We are finalizing the contract with Purchasing.
5. **Program Spotlight** – SafeKids Austin – Mona Allen, APH Manager at the St. John Community Center, will give a presentation at the meeting on the SafeKids partnership with the Neighborhood Centers. This partnership provides car seats and safety education to parents in our community.