

**Community Services Block Grant
Programmatic/Financial Report
May 9, 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	2017 Contract Budget	Cumulative Expenditures as of 3/31/17	% of Total
Personnel	\$655,832.00	\$65,706.07	10%
Fringe Benefits	\$374,189.00	\$38,683.88	10%
Contractual	\$118,171.00	\$14,950.00	13%
Other	\$10,000.00	-	-
Total	\$1,158,192.00	\$119,339.95	10%

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	37	23	30.67%
1.1 B	Employed and maintained a job for at least 90 days	25	43	5	20.00%
1.1 C	Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	75	50	17	22.67%
1.1 D	Achieved "living wage" employment and/or benefits	10	40	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	418	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		596		
6.1 B	Individuals with Disabilities		334		
6.2	Emergency Services		#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
6.2 A	Emergency Food		11053	11053	100.00%
6.2 B	Emergency fuel or utility payments funded by LIHEAP or other public and private funding sources		57	57	100.00%
6.2 C	Emergency Rent or Mortgage Assistance		83	83	100.00%
6.2 F	Emergency Medical Care		1616	1616	100.00%
6.2 I	Emergency Transportation		39	39	100.00%
6.2 K	Emergency Clothing		130	130	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	26	17	34.00%
6.3 K	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved family functioning skills	220	232	151	68.64%
Transition Out of Poverty Goal					
TOP	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty		45	8	18%

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

1. **CSBG Budget** - The President's initial 2018 budget eliminates funding for the Community Services Block Grant. Based on recent information from the National Community Action Foundation, the budget for the remainder of 2017 being considered by Congress during the week of May 1, 2017 includes level funding for CSBG. CSBG currently supports 16 of the 35 staff positions at the Neighborhood Centers, along with rent and utility assistance.
2. **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.
3. **Pre-Juneteenth Education and Wellness Fair** – The Blackland Neighborhood Center will be hosting this event again this year on June 16, 2017 from 10 am to 2 pm. We hope you can join us.
4. **May is Community Action Month** – Austin Public Health's Neighborhood Centers serve as the Community Action agency for Travis County. We will be working with our Department leadership to highlight the work Neighborhood Centers do on behalf of the community throughout the month. 76 people were transitioned out of poverty in 2016 through the help they received through Neighborhood Centers. We will be sharing this information and other highlights to underscore the importance of the Community Services Block Grant and how it enables us to combat poverty in Travis County.
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.