

**Community Services Block Grant
Programmatic/Financial Report
August 8, 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 6/30/17	% of Total
Personnel	\$655,832.00	\$249,376.57	38%
Fringe Benefits	\$374,189.00	\$146,536.31	39%
Contractual	\$118,171.00	\$ 23,282.83	20%
Other	\$10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	50%
Total	\$1,158,192.00	\$424,195.71	37%

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	81	43	57.33%
1.1 B	Employed and maintained a job for at least 90 days	25	78	11	44.00%
1.1 C	Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	75	88	33	44.00%
1.1 D	Achieved "living wage" employment and/or benefits	10	73	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	584	116	92.80%
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		1190		
6.1 B	Individuals with Disabilities		661		
6.2	Emergency Services		#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
6.2 A	Emergency Food		19891	19891	100.00%
6.2 B	Emergency fuel or utility payments funded by LIHEAP or other public and private funding sources		107	107	100.00%
6.2 C	Emergency Rent or Mortgage Assistance		155	155	100.00%
6.2 F	Emergency Medical Care		3603	3603	100.00%
6.2 I	Emergency Transportation		80	80	100.00%
6.2 K	Emergency Clothing		225	225	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	114	37	74.00%
6.3 K	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved family functioning skills	220	424	247	112.27%
Transition Out of Poverty Goal					
TOP	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty		45	18	40%

1. **2017 CSBG Budget** – TDHCA notified the City of Austin on its final 2017 allocation. This amount is \$9,990 less than the original proposed allocation. The budget originally approved by the CDC was based on the proposed allocation in the amount of \$1,158,192. Per TDHCA requirements, we must now come back to the CDC to approve the final 2017 budget with the final allocation of \$1,148,202.
2. **2018 CSBG Budget** - The President’s initial 2018 budget eliminates funding for the Community Services Block Grant. The House Appropriations Committee approved their version of the FY2018 Labor-HHS bill recently. The House bill cut CSBG from \$715 million to \$607.5 million, but the Senate has not yet marked up its Labor-HHS bill. CSBG currently supports 16 of the 35 staff positions at the Neighborhood Centers, along with rent and utility assistance and other direct assistance such as bus passes.
3. **CDC By-laws** – The CDC’s recommended updates were submitted and the City Clerk’s office has now indicated the item will be on the City Council’s Audit and Finance Committee’s agenda on August 22, 2017.
4. **Office of the City Auditor** – An audit of the Neighborhood Centers has been initiated by the Office of the City Auditor. The preliminary focus of the audit is to determine if Neighborhood Centers are meeting the needs of low-income residents effectively and efficiently. It is related to their March 2017 report entitled, *Affordability Review Project: Inventory of City Programs and Initiatives.*
5. **Financial Literacy Classes** - East Austin and Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Center recently piloted a series with Frost Bank on Financial Literacy. Classes were offered during the lunch hour and after work. The series covered the following topics: Bank On It, Money Matters, Pay Yourself First, Borrowing Basics, Loan to Own, and To Your Credit. We are in the process of evaluating the pilot and hope to continue this service to the community.
6. **Nutrition Education Classes** – Blackland Neighborhood Center is offering a series of classes called “Eating Smart, Being Active” together with the Central Texas Food Bank. The classes are being held on Wednesdays from 9:30 – 10:30 am beginning August 2 through October 4, 2017. Topics include: How to Eat Healthier; How to Shop Wisely; How to Plan Nutritious Meals on a Limited Budget and Different Ways to Stay Active.