

**Community Services Block Grant  
Programmatic/Financial Report  
February 13, 2018**

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)

<b>Expenditures Categories</b>	<b>2017 Contract Budget</b>	<b>Cumulative Expenditures as of 12/31/17</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Personnel	\$648,093.00	\$605,901.51	94%
Fringe Benefits	\$371,938.00	\$342,407.68	92%
Contractual	\$118,171.00	\$ 81,451.20	69%
Other	\$10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,148,202</b>	<b>\$1,034,760.39</b>	<b>79%</b>

## Austin Public Health Final Update 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**

Report Date December, 2017

NPI	Description	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
<b>Goal 1: Low-income people become more self-sufficient.</b>		<b>± 20%</b>			<b>achieved/target</b>
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Employment</b>				
<b>1.1 A</b>	Unemployed and obtained a job	75	124	65	86.67%
<b>1.1 B</b>	Employed and maintained a job for at least 90 days	25	119	38	152%
<b>1.1 C</b>	Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	75	141	76	101.33%
<b>1.1 D</b>	Achieved "living wage" employment and/or benefits	10	108	12	120.00%
<b>1.3</b>	Economic Assessment Enhancement and Utilization	<b>Target</b>	<b>#Enrolled</b>	<b>#Achieved</b>	<b>Success Rate %</b>
<b>1.3 A</b>	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%
<b>Goal 6: Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive environments.</b>					
<b>6.1</b>	Seniors/Disabled				
<b>6.1 A</b>	Senior Citizens		2784		
<b>6.1 B</b>	Individuals with Disabilities		1258		
<b>6.2</b>	Emergency Services		<b>#Enrolled</b>	<b>#Achieved</b>	<b>Success Rate %</b>
<b>6.2 A</b>	Emergency Food		36712	36712	100.00%
<b>6.2 B</b>	Emergency fuel or utility payments funded by LIHEAP or other public and private funding sources		237	237	100.00%
<b>6.2 C</b>	Emergency Rent or Mortgage Assistance		423	423	100.00%
<b>6.2 F</b>	Emergency Medical Care		7904	7904	100.00%
<b>6.2 I</b>	Emergency Transportation		144	144	100.00%
<b>6.2 K</b>	Emergency Clothing		1127	1127	100.00%
<b>6.3</b>	Child and Family Development	<b>Target</b>			<b>Success Rate %</b>
<b>6.3 A</b>	Infants and children obtain age-appropriate immunizations, medical, and dental care	65	148	148	227.69%
<b>6.3 J</b>	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved parenting skills	50	147	60	120.00%
<b>6.3 K</b>	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved family functioning skills	340	785	395	116.18%
<b>Transition Out of Poverty Goal</b>					
<b>TOP</b>	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty		<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>113%</b>

1. **2018 CSBG Budget** - The President's initial 2018 budget eliminates funding for the Community Services Block Grant. Congress recently passed a Continuing Resolution that keeps funding levels the same until February 9. The House Appropriations Committee approved their version of the FY2018 Labor-HHS bill which cut CSBG from \$715 million to \$607.5 million. The Senate Appropriations Labor-HHS bill cut CSBG by \$15 million to \$700 billion. CSBG has supported 16 of the 35 staff positions at the Neighborhood Centers, along with rent and utility assistance and other direct assistance such as bus passes.
2. **2018 CSBG Discretionary Funds** – The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs notified agencies that additional discretionary funds in the amount of \$21,558 were being made available. We have submitted an application to use these additional funds toward the rent and utility assistance for clients and are awaiting a response.
3. **CDC By-laws** –The City Clerk's office has directed that changes to the by-laws and the CDC's recommendations will go back through the Audit and Finance Committee for approval at their February 28, 2018 meeting.
4. **2018 Community Needs Assessment** – We have received initial guidance from TDHCA on the 2018 Community Needs Assessment. The Assessment will be due to TDHCA on June 1, 2018. We are seeking at least one or two members of the Community Development Commission to serve on a Needs Assessment Workgroup. More information about the Needs Assessment Workgroup will be provided at the meeting.
5. **Success Story**

A 38 year old male came to Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Center for services. He had recently been released from prison after serving a long sentence. He had been working day labor jobs but eventually was able to get steady work through a temp agency with the help of the Center social worker and Workforce Solutions case manager. He started living in a boarding home but had been struggling to pay the rent. While in case management with the Center social worker, he was able to receive rent assistance that helped him stabilize his housing. He also received services through the nurse at Rosewood-Zaragosa after he told the social worker he had been experiencing lightheadedness and suspected that his blood pressure was too high. The nurse helped him get reconnected to healthcare services to get his blood pressure under control. Through the support of the work of staff at the Center, he was able to transition out of poverty in December. For 2018 his goals are to secure a permanent job with benefits, move into his own apartment and create a budget that will help him to save money.