

**Community Services Block Grant  
Programmatic/Financial Report  
March 21, 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 1/31/18</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Personnel	\$648,093.00	\$657,225.05	101%
Fringe Benefits	\$371,938.00	\$363,619.77	98%
Contractual	\$118,171.00	\$110,604.54	94%
Other	\$10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,148,202</b>	<b>\$1,136,449.36</b>	<b>99%</b>

## ***Programmatic/Administrative Updates***

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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 March 23. 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. **2019 CSBG Budget** – The President's proposed 2019 Budget once again eliminates funding for CSBG.
3. **CDC By-laws** – Two members of the City Council's Audit and Finance Committee requested separate meeting to ensure they fully understood the changes related to the possible removal of CDC members by the organizations who selected them. We are in the process of setting the meetings with Council Members Troxclair and Pool to provide them additional information to move the changes forward.
4. **2018 Community Needs Assessment** – Planning and initial data collection on the Community Needs Assessment has begun. Commissioners Delgado, Hinely and Anna Villalobos are working with us on the Assessment, along with members of our staff, as well as staff of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, ECHO, Workforce Solutions, ACC and United Way. Additional information about the assessment will be provided during the meeting.
5. **Performance Reporting** – We have begun using the new National Performance Indicators and will be providing an update on these new measures next month.
6. **National Public Health Week** - April 2-8, 2018 – Our nurses and staff will be helping to spotlight the importance of the work we do in promoting public health as part of this annual event.