

**Community Services Block Grant
Programmatic/Financial Report
February 12, 2019**

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, 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 including a1C, and cholesterol; pregnancy testing; health promotion presentations, coordination and participation in health fairs, immunizations, coordination of wellness activities, linkages to medical home providers and diabetes case management);
- **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	2018 Contract Budget	Cumulative Expenditures as of 12/31/18	% of Total
Personnel	\$654,554.00	\$653,045.32	99.8%
Fringe Benefits	\$382,969.00	\$353,538.71	92%
Contractual	\$54,583.00	\$57,401.00	105%
Other	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00	30%
Total	\$1,102,106	\$1,066,985.03	97%

Austin Public Health Report on PY18 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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FNPI	Outcome Description	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
1	Employment				
1B	Unemployed adults who obtained a job up to a living wage	55	97	39	70.91%
1C	Unemployed adults obtained and maintained a job for at least 90 days (up to a living wage)	20	89	13	65%
1E	Unemployed adults who obtained a job with a living wage	10	77	15	150%
1H	Employed participants in a career-advancement related program who entered or transitioned into a position with increased income and/or benefits	55	88	70	127.27%
2	Education and Cognitive Development	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
2F	Adults who demonstrated improved basic education	5	26	16	320%
2H	Individuals who obtained a recognized credential, certificate or degree relating to the achievement of educational or vocational skills	7	13	7	100%
4	Housing				
4B	Households who obtained safe and affordable housing	35	69	41	117.14%
4E	Households who avoided eviction	375	609	466	124.27%
5	Health and Social/Behavioral Development		#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
5B	Individuals who demonstrated improved physical health and well being	5	21	2	40%
5D	Individuals who improved skills related to the adult role of parents/caregivers	50	49	32	64%
SRV	Service Description	Number Served			
3O	Tax Preparation Programs	669			
4C	Rent Payments	353			
4D	Deposit Payments	7			
4I	Utility Payments	55			
5A	Immunizations	775			
5J	Food Distribution	30,403			
7A	Case Management	172			
7B	Eligibility Determinations	1691			
7D	Transportation	164			
7N	Emergency Clothing	4793			

Transition Out of Poverty Goal		Goal	Achieved	Success Rate%
TOP	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty	43	43	100%

- 1. Rosewood Zaragosa and St. John Manager Positions** – We are working with Human Resources to fill these positions. We will be conducting 1st round phone interviews with 16 qualified candidates.
- 2. Annual Update** – As part of the CSBG Organizational Standards, staff provides an annual update on to the CDC which includes an analysis of the agency’s outcomes and any strategic program adjustments or improvements needed, as well as the demographic information on clients served throughout the year. A copy of last year’s update is provided in the back-up documents for this meeting. We will be providing this information again in the March meeting. If you would like to see the demographic information more frequently we can provide this information to you, upon request.
- 3. Designated Geographic Areas & Responsible Organizations** – The recommendations that the CDC adopted at the January meeting have been submitted to City Council. We anticipate that the Council will consider them at their meeting on February 21, 2019.
- 4. CDC Geographic Areas Nomination/Selection Meetings** – Staff are working to schedule these meetings with the Responsible Organizations in the month of March.
- 5. Neighborhood Center Improvements** – The Rosewood Zaragosa Neighborhood Center parking lot renovations (grading and access improvement for individuals with disabilities) are anticipate to be completed mid-February 2019. The South Austin Neighborhood Center is scheduled for a roof replacement in the near future. The construction of the new Montopolis Recreation and Community Center is underway and on schedule.

Success Story

Our client is a 34-year-old single mother of two. She came to us having recently completed her Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice. She had resigned from her last employer so that she could complete her education. After graduation, with her remaining financial aid money quickly being allocated to bills, she found herself unable to find employment and facing eviction. We provided rental assistance and referred her to Workforce Solutions and other employment supports. She is now employed at Travis County and maintaining her housing. By utilizing budgeting and other case management supports, she is more mindful of her income and expenses and has been able to create a plan to support herself and her children. Most importantly, through self-sufficiency case management at one of our neighborhood centers, she was able to define what success and happiness looked like for her and achieve her goals.