

**Community Services Block Grant  
Programmatic/Financial Report  
September 9, 2020**

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)

<b>Expenditures Categories</b>	<b>2020 Contract Budget</b>	<b>Cumulative Expenditures as of 07/31/20</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Personnel	\$693,764.20	\$364,929.85	52.6%
Fringe Benefits	\$394,116.34	\$176,502.75	45%
Other	\$14,225.46	\$1,357	9.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,102,106</b>	<b>\$542,789.60</b>	<b>49.2%</b>

## Austin Public Health Report on PY19 Community Action Plan

Transition Out of Poverty Goal		Goal	Achieved		Success Rate%
<b>TOP</b>	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty	43	25		58%

**MISSION: To prevent disease, promote health, and protect the well-being of our community.**

**TOP 5 NEEDS: Housing; Health; Employment; Basic Needs; Education**

**Report Date June 30, 2020**

FNPI	Outcome Description	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
<b>4</b>	Housing				
<b>4E</b>	Households who avoided eviction	500	706	706	141%
<b>5</b>	Health and Social/Behavioral Development		<b>#Enrolled</b>	<b>#Achieved</b>	<b>Success Rate %</b>
<b>5B</b>	Individuals who demonstrated improved physical health and well being	15	103	81	79%
<b>5D</b>	Individuals who improved skills related to the adult role of parents/caregivers	50	7	5	71%
<b>SRV</b>	Service Description	Number Served			
<b>3O</b>	Tax Preparation Programs	339			
<b>4C</b>	Rent Payments	706			
<b>4I</b>	Utility Payments	228			
<b>5A</b>	Immunizations	0			
<b>5J</b>	Food Distribution	13,333			
<b>7A</b>	Case Management	50			
<b>7B</b>	Eligibility Determinations	1,142			
<b>7D</b>	Transportation	78			
<b>7N</b>	Emergency Clothing	0			

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

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- 1. Neighborhood Services Unit Vacancies** – Continue to work with the COA’s Human Resources Department to hire Community Workers and Administrative Associate for the new Montopolis Neighborhood Center.
  
- 2. Neighborhood Services** – Due to the City of Austin’s COVID-19 response and safety measures our Neighborhood Centers were closed to the public at 6pm on March 16, 2020. We will begin Food Pantry Drive-Up by appt. only services mid-August. We continue to process Emergency Rental & Utilities Assistance applications.

- 3. CARES ACT CSBG Funding** - The Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA) has awarded \$1,497,736.00 to the Neighborhood Services Unit. These are CARES ACT CSBG funds with the purpose of assisting eligible clients with COVID-19 related needs such as rental assistance through July 31, 2021. We are working on the solicitation process to identify a vendor to be our fiscal agent. Request for Council Action has been submitted.
- 4. CSBG Discretionary Funding** – We received an additional \$53,905 from the Texas Department of Housing & Community Development (TDHCA) for rent assistance payments for eligible clients affected by COVID-19. These funds became available for disbursement on July 27, 2020. Will report data on Households served at October meeting.
- 5. Austin Energy Plus 1 Program** – Serious illness, a recent job loss, or a pandemic can make it difficult for some customers to pay their utility bills. The Plus 1 fund helps by providing emergency financial aid to customers who are having a temporary problem paying their utility bills. The NSU continues to assist our clients with this funding source. We continue to assist our clients who request utility assistance.
- 6. Neighborhood Center Improvements** –

The construction of the **Montopolis Recreation and Community Center** will be completed September 2020. Due to COVID-19 safety guidelines, the recreation and community center will remain closed until further notice.

There will be a virtual ribbon cutting showing the building features as well as interviews. We will follow up with more information about this video and encourage you to keep up with the project webpage for openings and other information.

This is the last construction update for the project. Thank you all for reading these monthly updates throughout the years, and we hope you all enjoy your new state-of-the-art recreation and community center for many, many years to come.



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### **Dove Springs Public Health Facility**

The City of Austin voters approved a proposition by Austin Public Health (APH) as part of the 2018 Bond Election to build a new neighborhood center with public health services. The **Dove Springs Public Health Facility** will house a fully staffed Neighborhood Center. The NC will be operated by APH staff including a program manager, community workers, social worker, and a full-time nurse. Services will include self-sufficiency case management, food pantry and other food distributions, assistance applying for benefits, health screenings, flu shots, clothes closet, referrals to other services, and baskets for special events like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

It is a goal of the project team to incorporate as many green features as possible including solar panels, rainwater collection, pervious parking and sidewalks, grass-pave pervious fire lane, rain gardens and collection of condensate water. Council approved a

resolution requiring that LEED-Silver certification is achieved using the latest applicable version of LEED.

**DSPHF Update:**

The facility has an official address: 5811 Palo Blanco Lane. Projected completion date (2023).