

**Community Services Block Grant
Programmatic/Financial Report
November 10, 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)

Expenditures Categories	2020 Contract Budget	Cumulative Expenditures as of 09/30/20	% of Total
Personnel	\$693,764.20	\$488,822.74	70.5%
Fringe Benefits	\$394,116.34	\$232,082.69	59%
Other	\$14,225.46	\$5,357	38%
Total	\$1,102,106	\$726,262.43	66%

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Transition Out of Poverty Goal		Goal	Achieved		Success Rate%
TOP	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

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FNPI	Outcome Description	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
4	Housing				
4E	Households who avoided eviction	500	915	915	183%
4E	Households who avoided eviction (Revised Target)	1200	915	915	76.3%
5	Health and Social/Behavioral Development		#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
5B	Individuals who demonstrated improved physical health and well being	15	103	81	79%
5D	Individuals who improved skills related to the adult role of parents/caregivers	50	7	5	71%
SRV	Service Description	Number Served			
3O	Tax Preparation Programs	339			
4C	Rent Payments	915			
4I	Utility Payments	258			
5A	Immunizations	0			
5J	Food Distribution	16,448			
7A	Case Management	51			
7B	Eligibility Determinations	1,398			
7D	Transportation	78			
7N	Emergency Clothing	87			
3A.1	Total number of volunteer hours donated to the Agency	1,028			

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

- 1. Neighborhood Services Unit Vacancies** – The Montopolis Neighborhood Center is fully staffed thanks to the efforts of Program Manager, Ana Montiel and HR.

- 2. CDC Nomination/Selection (St John)** – An nomination/selection meeting was facilitated at the St. John Neighborhood Association meeting on October 20, 2020. Kendra Garrett will be the new CDC Commissioner for the St. John geographic area.
- 3. 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 are now offering Food Pantry Curbside by appt. only services. We continue to process Emergency Rental & Utilities Assistance applications.
- 4. 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 with the Austin Area Urban League to begin processing financial assistance payments for eligible clients.
- 5. CSBG Discretionary Funding** – This Summer, 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. In partnership with Easter Seals of Central Texas we expended these funds. We were able to assist 88 individuals avoid eviction.
- 6. 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. We continue to assist clients with utility assistance using these funds.