

**Community Services Block Grant  
2026 Contract  
Programmatic/Financial Report  
March 10, 2026**

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 seven (7) Neighborhood Centers.

**Mission:** *The Neighborhood Services Unit improves the lives and health of people experiencing poverty by providing public health and social services and connecting residents of Austin and Travis County to community resources.*

- **Basic Needs** (food, clothing, information and referral, notary services, transportation, car safety education and car seats, tax preparation, 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>2026 Contract Budget</b>	<b>Cumulative Expenditures as of 1/31/26</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Personnel		\$62,818.34	
Fringe Benefits		\$38,987.40	
Other			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$382,620</b>	<b>\$101,805.74</b>	<b>27%</b>

Transition Out of Poverty Goal		Goal	Achieved		Success Rate%
<b>TOP</b>	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty	<b>41</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>5%</b>

## Austin Public Health Report on PY26 Community Action Plan

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

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

Report Date: January

FNPI	Outcome Description	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
<b>4</b>	Housing				
<b>4E</b>	Households who avoided eviction	700	12	12	2%
<b>5</b>	Health and Social/Behavioral Development		#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
<b>5B</b>	Individuals who demonstrated improved physical health and well being	20			
<b>5D</b>	Individuals who improved skills related to the adult role of parents/caregivers	50	10	7	70%
SRV	Service Description	Number Served		A Year Ago	
<b>4C</b>	Rent Payments	12			
<b>4I</b>	Utility Payments	7		7	
<b>5A</b>	Immunizations (Flu)				
<b>5J</b>	Food Distribution	8,322		8,108	
<b>7A</b>	Case Management	45			
<b>7B</b>	Eligibility Determinations	64			
<b>7D</b>	Transportation	4			
<b>7N</b>	Emergency Clothing	13		102	
<b>3A.1</b>	Total number of volunteer hours donated to the Agency	74			

### Programmatic/Administrative Updates

- 1. Neighborhood Services** – We offer Basic Needs including Food Help, Emergency Rental assistance, Utility Assistance, Self-Sufficiency Case Management services, Bus Passes, Health Screenings, Information & Referrals, and Seasonal Services\* at our seven Neighborhood Centers.\*\*

\*Child Safety Seats and Fans.

\*\* The South Austin Neighborhood Center is currently closed for major HVAC renovations. The public is being directed to the other Neighborhood Centers for services. Expected reopening: May 2026.

- 2. Food Help** – The Neighborhood Centers in collaboration with the Central Texas Food Bank offers food distribution events that provide a variety of shelf-stable goods, fruits, vegetables and other fresh foods to low-income families. These distributions supplement existing grocery budgets with much-needed nutritious foods.
- 3. Financial Stability Rental Assistance Funding** – From January – February we assisted 56 people in 26 households avoid eviction using these funds. The total amount of rent assistance payments was \$64,490.50.
- 4. Austin Energy Plus 1 Program** – Serious illness, a recent job loss, or the 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 have a temporary problem paying their utility bills.
- 5. NSU Public Health Nursing** - The Neighborhood Services nurses are offering free health screenings at the Neighborhood Centers. Services included: blood pressure screenings, blood sugar screenings, cholesterol screenings, health education, hemoglobin A1c, pregnancy tests, and general health information & resources. The NSU nurses also offer services at events at the Consulate of Mexico, Gus Garcia Recreation Center, Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center (CGSAC), and the Baptist Community Center Mission.
- 6. Self-Sufficiency Case Management Services** – The Neighborhood Services Unit social workers help clients reenter the world of work, connecting them with resources, agencies, and training opportunities; including assistance with housing stability, basic needs, and public transportation. There were 2 Transitions Out of Poverty in January. The Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs goal for 2026 is 41.
- 7. Success Stories** – See below.

The Blackland Neighborhood Center hosted a variety of Black Health & History interactive community workshops on health, healing and African culture. Workshops offered included: *“Rhythm Workshop: African Drumming & Dance”*, *“Grounded in the Middle: Holding Our Center in Stressful Times”*, *“Diversity in Clinical Trials: A Talk About Why Diversity and Participation in Clinical Trials Matter”* and *“Reclaiming Our Ancestral Kitchen & Wellness.”* Over 90 people attended these workshops.