

**Community Services Block Grant
2026 Contract
Programmatic/Financial Report
May 12, 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 aims to improve 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)

Expenditures Categories	2026 Contract Budget	Cumulative Expenditures as of 3/31/26	% of Total
Personnel		\$206,592.14	
Fringe Benefits		\$118,498.91	
Other			
Total	\$855,640	\$325,091.05	38%

Transition Out of Poverty Goal		Goal	Achieved		Success Rate%
TOP	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty	41	17		41%

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: March

FNPI	Outcome Description	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
4	Housing				
4E	Households who avoided eviction	700	94	94	13%
5	Health and Social/Behavioral Development		#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
5B	Individuals who demonstrated improved physical health and well being	20			
5D	Individuals who improved skills related to the adult role of parents/caregivers	50	45	40	80%
SRV	Service Description	Number Served		A Year Ago	
4C	Rent Payments	94			
4I	Utility Payments	34		55	
5A	Immunizations (Flu)				
5J	Food Distribution	22,412		23,385	
7A	Case Management	87			
7B	Eligibility Determinations	87			
7D	Transportation	6			
7N	Emergency Clothing	438		357	
3A.1	Total number of volunteer hours donated to the Agency	390			

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: July/August 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 – March we assisted 94 people in 41 households avoid eviction using these funds. The total amount of rent assistance payments was \$118,712.71.
- 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. Through March, 17 transitions Out of Poverty have been documented. The Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs goal for 2026 is 41.
- 7. CSBG Funding Update** - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services (OCS), Division of Community Assistance announces the release of more than \$321 million of federal fiscal year 2026 (FFY26) regular block grant funding to Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) grant recipients. This funding is provided under Public Law 119-75, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Act), which the President signed into law on February 3, 2026. Think of this as funding through September 2026. The last quarter will be coming at some point to complete the calendar year for 2026 (per Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs). In total, the City of Austin has received \$855,640 in 2026 CSBG Funding.

