

**BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT**

July 1, 2024- December 31, 2024

Please Department: Community Based Services (DCBS)Block Grant: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

This report is submitted in compliance with KRS 45.357. This report on achievements may be compared to the Block Grant application currently on file with LRC.

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Commissioner

Date

1. FINANCES	Federal Funds	General Funds	Trust/Local Match	Total
<b>CSBG Annual Budget</b>	\$13,007,038	\$104,268	0	\$13,111,306
<b>CSBG Actual Expenditures</b>	\$6,228,235.34	\$100,201.91	0	\$6,328,437.25
<b>CSBG Encumbrances</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>CSBG Available Balance</b>	\$6,778,802.66	\$4,066.09	0	\$6,782,868.75

**2. RESULTS BUDGETED/ACHIEVED**

OBJECTIVES	ACHIEVEMENTS
1. Provide, through contracts with 23 local Community Action Agencies (CAAs), needed services to clients whose income meets poverty guidelines on a statewide basis.	1. DCBS implemented contracts with all twenty-three (23) CAAs, serving one hundred and twenty (120) counties of the Commonwealth, for provision of appropriate required services based on their approved plans and budgets. Some agencies had carryforward monies remaining from the previous SFY contract period that was put on their current SFY contract during the time period in question.
2. Conduct an annual fiscal audit under auspices of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services with actual audits being conducted by certified public accountant firms and approved by DCBS-Division of Administration and Financial Management (DAFM).	2. DAFM maintains contractual arrangements for personnel responsible for these duties.
3. Monitor CAAs for compliance with Standards of Performance as promulgated in Kentucky Administrative Regulation for Community Action Agencies and in accordance with plan and budget instructions and federal and state statutes.	3. For the period of July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024, ten (10) CAAs CSBG contracts were monitored by Division of Administration and Financial Management (DAFM). All agencies monitored had no findings for non-compliance. Ten (10) of the monitoring were conducted on-site review.
4. Monitor CAAs for compliance with the Organizational Standards as determined by the Office of Community Services and promulgated in the Kentucky	4. The Division of Family Support (DCBS) and Community Acton Kentucky perform Organizational Standard monitoring on-site reviews for each of the 23 local CAAs each fiscal year.

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Administrative Regulation in accordance with state and federal statutes.	Fourteen (14) of twenty-three (23) agencies were monitored from July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024. All monitoring was conducted on-site review. Agencies monitored had no findings for non-compliance.
5. Obtain contract service reports to use for training and technical assistance.	5. Service and fiscal reports from each CAA are reviewed on a quarterly basis year-to-date. Information is maintained on the DCBS data system and reported as required to federal and state officials.
6. Provide training and technical assistance based on input from all contract agencies.	<p>6. Community Action Kentucky (CAK) and DCBS provide training and technical assistance through different venues, including work sessions, annual conference, and regional trainings. Trainers or consultants with expertise in their fields are often selected to facilitate these sessions.</p> <p>Community Action Kentucky held, in collaboration with DCBS, 2024 CSBG Virtual Fall Work Session, September 24-25, 2024. All twenty-three (23) CAAs were represented. Sessions included Rapid Cycle Learning, Peer -to-Peer Networking and Kentucky CAP Plan—empowOR, (new statewide data system).</p> <p>RPIC Region IV (Service Area A and B - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee) Customer Engagement session held on Wednesday, September 12, 2024. This was an interactive webinar where we discussed customer engagement approaches and strategies including centering customer voice of people with lived experience, using powerful questions for engagement, understanding the impact of trauma and supporting resilience building of the people we serve.</p> <p>CAK staff and DCBS conducted ongoing technical assistance and trainings for CAAs from July 1 through December 31, 2024. Through email, phone calls and on-site training, when requested.</p>

### 3. AUTHORIZED CHANGES (from the Block Grant Plan in Finances and/or Objectives)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), Division of Community Assistance (DCA) announces the release of more than \$187 million of federal fiscal year 2025 (FFY25) regular block grant funding to Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) grant recipients. This funding is provided under the Public Law 118-83, Continuing Appropriations Act and Extensions Act, 2025, which the President signed into law on September 26, 2024. This release reflects first quarter allocations through **December 20, 2024**, based on funds available to grant recipients under the Continuing Resolution. The funding was made available in the Payment Management System (PMS) on November 20, 2024. Please find the attached table outlining the amounts allocated to all state, tribal, and territory grant recipients. Each grant recipient was required to submit a CSBG State Plan or CSBG Tribal Plan which was then reviewed and accepted by OCS to be eligible for first quarter funding based on their FFY24 CSBG allocation amount. **Under this Public Law, CSBG grant recipients and CSBG eligible entities can continue to apply the higher eligibility rate of 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL) for services provided through December 20, 2024. Any extension beyond December 20, 2024, will depend on future action by Congress.**

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### **4. EVALUATION OF RESULTS**

Using a compliance monitoring instrument based on state statutes, contractual requirements, minimum program, and management standards, DCBS performed contract monitoring for 10 of the 23 CAAs from of July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. 14 of the agencies had zero findings.

DAFM based the Federal award number on what was given in FFY24. The expenditures represent July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

Implementation of uniform service definitions and a client service report/evaluation document have enabled Kentucky to compile service statistics consistent with both federal and state laws. Use of the data, as compiled by each of the CAAs on a monthly basis, enables the individual agencies to better evaluate their services and develop plans for service delivery.

### **5. ALTERNATIVES FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY**

Improved service delivery is continually sought primarily through ongoing training and technical assistance provided and planned for CAA staff. Contract requirements include a mandate for local CAA coordination with DCBS and other area service providers in order to avoid duplication of services.

Additionally, CAA Boards are responsible for an ongoing process to evaluate local needs and assure that needs are met.