



CABINET FOR HEALTH
AND FAMILY SERVICES

CSBG State Plan

Interim Joint Committee Families and Children Committees

Department for Community Based Services

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Block Grant Overview

- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
 - CSBG Annual Report and State Plan submitted annually.
 - CSBG Block Grant Status Report submitted biannually.
- Preliminary plans and half-year status reports required to be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission by KRS Chapter 45

Community Services Block Grant

- Created by the 1964 Economic Opportunity Act (along with Head Start, Legal Services, and Job Corps). Consolidated as the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) in 1981.
- National goals of CSBG:
 - Strengthening community capabilities to plan and coordinate private and public resources to eliminate poverty;
 - Organizing a range of services with major impact on poverty and promote self-sufficiency of families and individuals;
 - Enhancing community-based approaches to eliminate the causes and effects of poverty and community breakdowns;
 - Maximize participation of residents in low-income communities; and
 - Involving private, faith, charitable, and neighborhood-based organizations, individual citizens, and businesses in the elimination or poverty.

CSBG-Funded Programs

- DCBS contracts with Community Action Kentucky, Inc. (CAK) and each community action agency (CAA), ensuring services in all 120 counties.
- CAAs provide the following assistance in communities:
 - Securing and maintaining employment;
 - Managing household income and budgeting;
 - Housing;
 - Nutrition and health;
 - Helping with barriers to self-sufficiency; and
 - Linking individuals with other community resources.

CSBG Allocations

- Allocations to agencies are based on a formula detailed in 922 KAR 6:045.
- Each CAA has a board that develops, plans, implements, and evaluates the programs serving their geographical area.
- CAK receives a small percentage of the state's administrative dollars to provide technical assistance, support, and training to the community action agencies.
- Priorities for funding maintain focus on the provision of direct services and programs through Kentucky's Community Action Network.

CSBG Impact

In SFY 2024, CSBG reached:

- **264,364 Kentuckians**
- **130,155 families**
 - On average, each family consisted of two individuals.

This reflects the breadth of impact across households and the direct service provided to individuals.

Kentucky's projected allocation is \$12 Million for use in SFY27

Questions?

