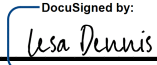


BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

January 1, 2025- June 30, 2025

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.

Block Grant Manager:  8/12/2025
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Commissioner

1. FINANCES	Federal Funds	General Funds	Trust/Local Match	Total
CSBG Annual Budget	\$14,263,196.28	\$104,268.00	0	\$14, 364,198.19
CSBG Actual Expenditures	\$14,263,196.28	\$101,105.37	0	\$14,364,301.65
CSBG Encumbrances	0	0	0	0
CSBG Available Balance	0	\$3,162.63	0	\$3,162.63

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 executed contracts, on the state fiscal year, with all twenty-three (23) CAAs, serving one hundred and twenty (120) counties of the Commonwealth, for provision of required services based on approved plans and budgets.
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. DCBS confirms that all CSBG-eligible entities have conducted a third-party fiscal audit.
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. DCBS performs on-site reviews for monitoring fiscal compliance with each of the 23 local CAAs each fiscal year. During this reporting period of January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025, eleven (11) of the twenty-three (23) CAAs were reviewed with no findings for non-compliance. DCBS also performed an on-site review of Community Action Kentucky Inc, (CAK) during this timeframe, with no findings for non-compliance.
4. Monitor CAAs for compliance with the Organizational Standards as determined by the Office of Community Services and promulgated in the Kentucky Administrative Regulation in accordance with state and federal statutes.	4. DCBS and Community Action Kentucky (CAK), perform on-site reviews for organizational standards with each of the 23 local CAAs each fiscal year. During this reporting period, DCBS and CAK conducted on-site reviews for ten (10) of twenty-three (23) agencies.

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5. Obtain contract service reports to use for training and technical assistance.	5. DCBS reviews service and fiscal reports from each CAA on a quarterly basis and maintains a data system for federal and state reporting.
6. Provide training and technical assistance based on input from all contract agencies.	6. CAK and DCBS provide training and technical assistance through different venues, including work sessions, an annual conference, and regional training. Trainers or consultants with expertise in their fields are often selected to facilitate these sessions. Community Action Kentucky in collaboration with DCBS, held 2025 Spring Training on March 25 and 26, 2025. All twenty-three (23) CAAs were represented. The training topics included the following: Communication with Results Orientation, Back to Basics, 2026 Plan and Budget Proposal Q&A, and Upcoming Changes to Annual report. CAK staff and DCBS also conducted ongoing technical assistance and training through email, phone calls and on-site training during this period, when requested.

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

On May 22, 2025, the Office of Community Services (OCS) announced the release of \$382,756,799 for federal Fiscal Year 2025 (FFY25), regular block grant funding to Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) grant recipients. This funding is provided under a Continuing Resolution (CR) called the Full Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025, Pub. L. 119-4, signed into law on March 15, 2025. Under this law, CSBG grant recipients and CSBG eligible entities may continue to apply a higher eligibility rate of 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) for services provided through September 30, 2025, assuming no superseding legislation from Congress is enacted before that date.

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 ten (10) of the twenty-three (23) CAAs from January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025. Four (4) of the agencies had zero findings. Six (6) agencies had findings in one or more of the following categories below. Two (2) had findings in one of the 3.5, 4.3, or 4.5; One (1) had findings in 5.4 or 6.5; Three (3) had findings in one or more of 7.1,7.4, or 7.5. Two (2) had findings in one or more of 8.1,8.2,8.3,8.4, or 8.10.

- Organizational Standards 3.5 Community Needs Assessment. (Required: Governing Board accepts community assessment).
- Organizational Standards 4.3 Leadership; Organizational Standards 4.5 Leadership; or Organizational Standards 5.4 Leadership. (Required: Governing Board accepts risk assessment policy and procedures. Each tripartite board/advisory body has received a copy of governing documents, within the past 2 years).
- Organizational Standards 6.5 Governance. The agency did not complete this in the 23/24 program year. (Required: The Governing board has received an update on progress meeting the goals and strategic plan within the past 12 months).
- Organizational Standards 7.1 Human Resources, 7.4 Human Resources; or 7.5 Human Resources. (Required: organization has written personnel policies that have been reviewed by an attorney and approved by the governing board within the past 5 years.)
- Organizational Standards 8.1, 8.2 Financial Management: Financial Management 8.3; Organizational Standard 8.4 or Standard 8.10 Financial Management. (Fiscal Policies were not reviewed with staff or presented to board for the 23/24 program year.).

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DCBS addresses identified findings with CAAs through training and technical assistance (T/TA). T/TA can be more extensive as needed. DCBS utilizes a monitoring tool to track all misses, notes, requirements, or best practices, as well as any corrective actions that are taken. If an agency misses the same standards two times in a row, then a TAP (technical assistance plan) would be assigned for additional monitoring and more in-depth corrective action by the agency.

DCBS based the Federal award amount according to allocation given in FFY25. The expenditures represent January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025.

5. ALTERNATIVES FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY

DCBS continues to promote improved service delivery through ongoing training and technical assistance for CAA staff. Through the respective contracts, CAAs are required to coordinate with DCBS and other local service providers to avoid duplication and evaluate their outcomes for improvement.

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