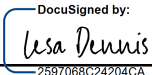


BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Department: Community Based Services (DCBS) Block Grant: Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)

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
Les Dennis
Commissioner Date

1. FINANCES	Federal Funds	General Funds	Trust/Local Match	Total
Annual Budget	\$18,686,137.44	\$288,875,733.39	\$0.00	\$307,561,870.83
Actual Expenditures	\$18,686,137.44	\$288,875,733.39	\$0.00	\$307,561,870.83
Encumbrances	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Available Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

The Annual Budget is based on the amount of federal award received for SFY 25, which includes Qtr 4 of FFY 24, and Qtrs 1 – 3 for FFY 25. The federal grant has a 10% Federal/90% State split funding requirement for July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024, then a 5% Federal/95% State from January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025. This means the annual General Funds budget is calculated based on the amount received in federal funds being 10% of the total budget for six months and 5% for the following six months. The remaining 90% is the General Funds budget for the grant in 2024, then 5% for 2025. Expenditures are based on the amount Dept 736 as well as Dept 523 (DJJ) spent as a whole on SSBG in SFY 25.

2. RESULTS BUDGETED/ACHIEVED

OBJECTIVES	ACHIEVEMENTS
1. To provide protective services to adults designed to prevent and remedy abuse, neglect, or exploitation; to increase employability and/or self-sufficiency; prevent inappropriate placement; or secure appropriate placement.	1. Adult protective services were provided to 65,560 individuals (note: reporting is an individual based count; an individual with multiple reports is counted multiple times).
2. To provide children and their families with services designed to prevent or remedy abuse, neglect, or exploitation.	2. Child protective services were provided to 323,627 clients (note: reporting is an individual based count; an individual with multiple reports is counted multiple times).
3. To provide families with home safety services to enable them to improve or maintain adequate in-home living and family well-being.	3. Home safety services were provided to 2,588 clients.

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4. To provide children and their families with services designed to prevent or remedy abuse, neglect, or exploitation, which may include counseling or interaction with courts on behalf of the juveniles.	4. Juvenile services were provided to 1,096 clients.
OBJECTIVES	ACHIEVEMENTS
5. To provide community based residential care and treatment for children with behavior problems to enable the individual to become self-supporting; to function better in the community; to avoid inappropriate institutionalization; and to refer to appropriate institutions when necessary.	5. Residential treatment services were provided to 372 children.
6. To improve service delivery by providing training for staff of the Department for Community Based Services.	6. Training was provided statewide to 2,313 employees who work in the areas of protection and permanency, for a total of 834.75 training hours, or an average of 776.80 hours per month.

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

N/A

4. EVALUATION OF RESULTS

N/A

5. ALTERNATIVES FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY

To facilitate an accurate examination of the Cabinet’s direct service delivery system, the Cabinet utilizes a continuous quality improvement (CQI) case review process, with the goal of ensuring quality, consistency, and timelines of services provided to clients in order to meet federal and state child welfare outcomes, and ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of families and children.

CQI is a structured process which allows staff to participate in the examination and evaluation of:

- The effectiveness, quality, and efficiency of services provided to clients served by the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS);
- DCBS internal systems, procedures, and outcomes; and
- The relationships and interactions between DCBS and each family, as well as DCBS and the community stakeholders providing services to each family.

In order to facilitate an accurate examination of the Cabinet’s direct service delivery system, the Cabinet utilizes a CQI case review tool that is designed to measure the Cabinet’s ability to implement best practice and achieve positive outcomes on a state, regional, and individual case level. The CQI CARES (Case Automated Review and Evaluation System) case review system assists in meeting the agency goals to improve outcomes by focusing on

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the coaching/mentoring/monitoring process through review and supervision. CQI CARES is utilized for case reviews and provides an opportunity through CQI meetings and processes to identify patterns/trends for quality improvement. The reviewer completes the case review tool in CQI CARES, and this provides case review data to assist with feedback and action planning that identifies both strengths and weaknesses of the case. By strengthening these processes and empowering staff to improve casework, it assists with meeting federal outcomes and requirements.

DCBS has also created a Kentucky Child and Family Services Review (KY CFSR) team. The team has developed and implemented the KY CFSR process in accordance with the federal CFSR. The review allows feedback to be provided to leadership, supervisors, and field staff. Feedback will include areas where the agency has strengths, as well as areas where the agency could improve performance and service delivery to the families and children served.