



Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

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ESG Learning Opportunity Overview

- ❖ Focus on different ESG-related topics
- ❖ ESG Learning Opportunities recorded and posted online at <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/home-division/esgp/video-library.htm>

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What is CSBG?

The Community Services Block Grant is a *federal block grant* designed to provide assistance to state and local communities working through a network of community action agencies and other neighborhood-based organizations, for:

- ❖ the reduction of poverty,
- ❖ the revitalization of low-income communities, and
- ❖ the empowerment of individuals to become fully self-sufficient.

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Chronology

1964:

Congress passed the Economic Opportunity Act (EOA) establishing funding for Community Action Agencies and Programs and providing the focus for CAAs

- ❖ EOA created the Community Action Network
- ❖ 1000 CAAs across the nation

1970:

Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) established the mission and model of Community Action.

- ❖ Individuals increase opportunity and independence
- ❖ Community revitalization
- ❖ Mobilization of resources
- ❖ Working partnerships
- ❖ Agency accountability

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Chronology (continued)

1973:

Economic Opportunity Commission replaced by Community Services Act, but the mission remained the same

1981:

Community Services Act replaced with the CSBG Act of 1981

- ❖ States became the pass-through entity for funds
- ❖ Changed the relationship between the local CAAs and the Federal Government
- ❖ Mission stayed the same

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Chronology (continued)

1993:

- ❖ Congress passed the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)
 - ❖ This renewed emphasis on accountability.
 - ❖ Established performance goals and indicators

1994:

Amendment to the CSBG Act passed in response to the GPRA

- ❖ Required outcome measures in three areas
 - ❖ Promoting Self Sufficiency
 - ❖ Family Stability
 - ❖ Community Revitalization

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Chronology (continued)

1998:

- ❖ Passed the 1998 Reauthorization of the CSBG Act
 - ❖ Mandated implementation of a comprehensive performance-based management system = ROMA
 - ❖ This is the current reauthorization that we presently operate under

2001:

- ❖ Information Memorandum 49
 - ❖ Goal 1: Low-income people become more self-sufficient.
 - ❖ Goal 2: The conditions in which low-income people live are improved.
 - ❖ Goal 3: Low-income people own a stake in their community.
 - ❖ Goal 4: Partnerships among supporters and providers of service to low-income people are achieved.
 - ❖ Goal 5: Agencies increase their capacity to achieve results.
 - ❖ Goal 6: Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive systems.

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Indicators provide a means to measure achievement of or movement towards the long term goals.



Document the number of people who received services and the number who achieved outcomes.



Provide data for analysis:

- What change was expected and what happened?
- How does the actual change compare with the expected change?
- How accurate were the projections?
- What percent of people served achieved the outcome?

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Community Action Network Players

- ❖ Office of Community Services
 - US Health and Human Services (HHS)/Administration for Children and Families(ACF)/Office of Community Service (OCS)
- ❖ State Lead Agency (TDHCA)
- ❖ CSBG Eligible Entities (40 cover Texas)
- ❖ Regional Performance and Innovative Consortia (RPIC)
- ❖ State Association
 - Texas Association of Community Action Agencies (TACAA)
- ❖ CAAs
- ❖ Partnerships within each CAA community

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Funding

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
(Office of Community Services)



Texas Department of Housing and Community
Affairs



Hill Country CAA

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Eligible Entities

CSBG Eligible Entities designated by the
Governor, including community action agencies,
local governments, regional councils and private
non-profit organizations

Number of Texas Counties- 254

Number of CSBG Eligible Entities- 40

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Eligible Activities

- ❖ Administrative Support
- ❖ Direct Services:
 - ❖ Transportation assistance (medical, rural, multi-purpose)
 - ❖ Nutrition
 - ❖ Employment assistance
 - ❖ Educational assistance
 - ❖ Housing
 - ❖ Emergency Services
 - ❖ Medical Services

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Target Population

Individuals and families at or below 125% of the federal poverty income guidelines.

**Program Year 2018 Income Limits for CSBG
(Effective February 1, 2018)**

Persons in Family/Household	100% of Federal Poverty Guidelines	125% of Federal Poverty Guidelines
1	\$12,140	\$15,175
2	\$16,460	\$20,575
3	\$20,780	\$25,975
4	\$25,100	\$31,375
5	\$29,420	\$36,775
6	\$33,740	\$42,175
7	\$38,060	\$47,575
8	\$42,380	\$52,975
Families with more than 8 persons	Add \$4,320 for each additional person	Add \$5,400 for each additional person

Eligibility for CSBG is calculated at 125% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

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Use of Federal Funds

- ❖ Per the CSBG Act, 90% of the federal CSBG funds allotted to the State are allocated to 40 CSBG eligible entities covering all 254 counties in Texas.
- ❖ 5% of the federal funds allotted to the state are reserved to provide services for:
 - ❖ emergency needs that arise as a result of man-made or natural disasters including, hurricanes, tornadoes and floods;
 - ❖ eligible applicants submitting proposals to conduct innovative projects in support of activities described in the CSBG Act; and
- ❖ 5% of the federal funds may be used to provide administrative support for the State office.

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CSBG Allocation Formula

For 2018, the Department will distribute CSBG funds to CSBG eligible entities based on the distribution formula which incorporates:

- ❖ the 2010 Census figures at 125% of poverty;
- ❖ a \$50,000 base;
- ❖ a 150,000 floor;
- ❖ 98% weighted factor for poverty population; and
- ❖ 2% weighted factor for the inverse ratio of population density.

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2018/2019 TDHCA Funding

	CSBG Eligible Entity	Estimated 2018 Allocation	Estimated 2019 Allocation
1	Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc.	150,000	150,000
2	Austin, City of, Health and Human Services Department	1,136,900	1,136,900
3	Big Bend Community Action Agency	150,000	150,000
4	Brazos Valley Community Action Agency	1,077,603	1,077,603
5	Cameron and Willacy Counties Community Projects, Inc.	929,877	929,877
6	Central Texas Opportunities, Inc.	188,647	188,647
7	Combined Community Action, Inc.	202,226	202,226
8	Community Action Committee of Victoria Texas	286,547	286,547

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CAA Allowable Activities

- ❖ Based upon a Community Needs Assessment
- ❖ Align with CAA's mission
- ❖ Activities may be done directly or through partnerships
- ❖ Provide referral information to other providers
- ❖ Fall within the allowable service categories

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Allowable Service Categories

- ❖ Employment
- ❖ Education and Cognitive Development
- ❖ Income and Asset Building
- ❖ Housing
- ❖ Health and Social/Behavioral Development
- ❖ Civic Engagement and Community Involvement
- ❖ Supports: Case Management, Childcare, Transportation, Identification Documents...

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Case Management Defined

What is Case Management?

Case Management is:

- ❖ the process of identifying needs, providing services and/or referring clients to social, legal, health and emergency services;
- ❖ working with clients to develop solutions to problems and coordinating and monitoring progress made toward resolution of problem(s);
- ❖ representing clients or advocating on behalf of clients with other service providers to assure that needed services are provided.

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Transitioning Persons Out of Poverty

- ❖ Transitioning out of poverty occurs after clients have gone through the process of case management, met their goals, and a change in income has occurred to bring the household income to 125% (or more) of the poverty guidelines.

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Reporting Clients Transitioned Out of Poverty

- ❖ When can I report a client as transitioned out of poverty?
After they have been tracked for 90 days and have 90 days of income receipts to show that they remained above the poverty level for the entire period.

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Managing the Case Load

- Case Managers case manage most clients to some degree but not all clients will have the desire to transition out of poverty.
- Case Managers must select the most ideal clients for transitioning out of poverty. Clients must have the desire and drive to take the necessary steps to change their economic situation.

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Other programs and Case Management

Many different programs utilize the term case management to refer to:

- ❖ providing services, i.e. health services, mental health services, direct services etc...
- ❖ attainment of results such as energy self sufficiency or family self sufficiency.

In CSBG tasks/goals are centered around activities and services that assist clients to move their income levels from below poverty to above poverty.

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Case Management Process

SERVICE COORDINATION

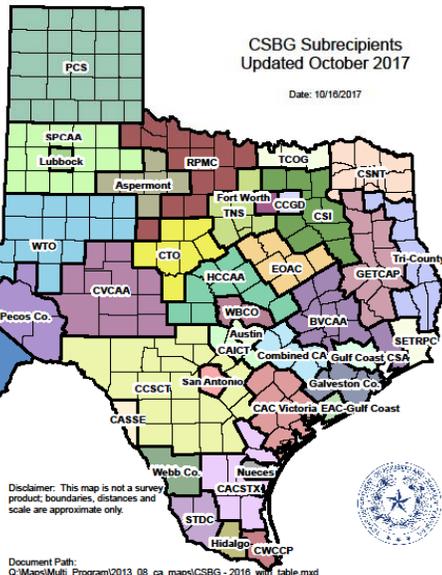
- Referrals should be provided as appropriate to the client's needs.
- Linkages should be established and maintained between programs and providers.
- Detailed directories of services in the community should be maintained.
- Confidentiality of clients' records should be maintained in accordance with program standards/agreements.

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How do we connect with a CSBG Provider?

Acronym	Entity
Agreement	Agreement Small Business Development Center, Inc.
Austin	City of Austin, Health and Human Services Dept
Big Bend	Big Bend Community Action Committee, Inc.
BVCAA	Brews Valley Community Action Agency, Inc.
CA Website	Community Action Committee of Edwards, Texas
CACSTX	Community Action Corporation of South Texas
CAACT	Community Action Inc. of Central Texas
CASSE	Community Action Social Services & Education, Inc.
CCSG	Community Council of Greater Dallas
CCCT	Community Council of South Central Texas, Inc.
Combined CA	Combined Community Action, Inc.
CSA	Community Services Inc.
CSAT	Community Services of Northeast Texas, Inc.
CTO	Central Texas Opportunities, Inc.
CSAA	Comanche Valley Community Action Agency
CSWCP	Comanche and Wichita Counties Community Projects, Inc.
EAC-Gulf Coast	Economic Action Committee of The Gulf Coast
El Paso CAP	El Paso Community Action Program, Project Branch, Inc.
EDAC	Economic Development Advancement Corporation of PR XI
Fort Worth	City of Fort Worth
Galveston Co.	Galveston County Community Action Council, Inc.

GETCAP	Greater East Texas Community Action Program
Gulf Coast CSA	Gulf Coast Community Services Association
HCCAA	Hill Country Community Services Association, Inc.
Hidalgo	Hidalgo County, Texas-County of Hidalgo Community Service Agency
Lubbock	City of Lubbock
Nueces	Nueces County Community Action Agency
PCS	Panhandle Community Services
Pecos Co.	Pecos County Community Action Agency
SPCAA	Stirling Plains Management Corporation
San Antonio	City of San Antonio, The Department of Human Services
SETRPC	South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
SHCAA	South Hialeah Community Action Association, Inc.
STDC	South Texas Development Council
TCOG	Tarrant County Council of Governments
TDS	Texas Trade/Industrial Service
Tri-County	Tri-County Community Action, Inc.
WBCO	Wichita County Community Services, Inc.
Webb Co.	Webb County Community Action Agency
WTO	West Texas Opportunities, Inc.



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How do we connect with a CSBG provider?

1. TDHCA Website:

- ❖ “Help for Texans”
- ❖ <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/texans.htm>
- ❖ Follow the 3 easy steps
 - ❖ Step 1: Emergency & Homeless Services
 - ❖ Step 2: Enter City or County
 - ❖ Step 3: Click ‘Find Help’

2. TDHCA Website

- ❖ Listing of Eligible Entities by County at:
<http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/community-affairs/docs/CA-Subrecipients.pdf>

3. Telephone

- ❖ Community Affairs Main Line: 512-475-3950

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#	Questions asked during the webinar	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Staff Answers
1	Please give the acronym definition for OCS?	The Office of Community Services (OCS) is an office under the US Department of Health and Human Services.
2	Please give the acronym definition for TACAA?	The Texas Association of Community Action Agencies (TACAA) is the state association that is a major stakeholder in Community Services Block Grants.
3	What is a private non-profit organization?	Community Action Agencies may be several types of organizations, not just private nonprofit organizations. For more information about nonprofit organizations, please see the Texas Secretary of State's website at https://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/nonprofit_org.shtml . Please note that Emergency Solutions Grants eligible Subrecipients that are Private Nonprofit Organizations need to meet the definition in 10 Texas Administrative Code §7.2004(a): "those Private Nonprofit Organization(s) that are secular or religious organizations as described in §501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, are exempt from taxation under Subtitle A of the Code, have an accounting system and a voluntary board, and practice non-discrimination in the provision of assistance."
4	How did you get there?	Help for Texans is located at http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/texans.htm .