



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STATE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

CSBG Managers Regional Meeting

March 17, 2020



Who do we have
on the call?

COVID-19 Discussion with the Office of Community Services



AGENDA

- **Coronavirus Guidance**
- **Annual Report Feedback and Next Steps**
- **Changes in State Office Staff**
- **NASCSP 2020 Winter Conference / Upcoming Annual Conference**
- **Legislative Update**
- **Regional Call Schedule**

COVID-19 Update

- *This is evolving*
- States should be developing plans and policies now, if not already developed
- Specific guidance from OCS is forthcoming

COVID-19: What to do



Put Safety First



Develop a plan



Support agencies to develop plans



Stay informed



Refer to state Department of Public Health



Review Governor's Direction



Be mindful

COVID-19: Impacts on State Processes



Public Hearings



Monitoring



Events



Training and
Technical Assistance

COVID-19: State Flexibilities

- **Eligibility**: While states cannot waive the 125% of FPL requirement, states may revise eligibility documentation requirements or calculation methodologies
- **Organizational Standards**: States have authority to determine what “meets” an organizational standard.
- **Community Needs Assessments**: Criteria for what constitutes a comprehensive community needs assessment vary by state- the state has authority to revise requirements (outside of those required in Org Standards) as appropriate

COVID-19: State Flexibilities

- **Board Vacancies:** States may need to allow for longer board vacancies due to virus impacts. Refer to your state policy for extenuating circumstances/extensions.
- **Agency Administrative Caps:** Although the federal GPRA target for administrative costs is 20%, CSBG does not have a set administrative cap at the federal level. States may determine that administrative caps need to be raised to allow agencies to cover PTO, costs associated with maintaining clean and safe facilities, and other virus-related administrative costs.



ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE



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Where are we now?

- Most states have received a review memo for Modules 2 and 4.
- The deadline to send comments (not resubmit data) to OCS is March 20th.
 - There are **19 states who have not received a review memo**. The March 20th date does not apply to the group.

States who do not have a M2 and M4 review memo:

- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Florida
- Georgia
- Indiana
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Mississippi
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- Texas
- Virginia
- Washington
- Wyoming



Let your OCS Program Specialist know what you can and can't do as it relates to the FY18 review memo.



Where are we going:

- Working with OCS to test the FY19 reporting forms and XML against OLDC
 - SmartForms will not be released to states until the final testing has been completed.



Where are we now?

- All states have received Module 3 feedback.
- **There is no resubmission of the FY18 initiatives.**
The next submission of Module 3 is by June 27th for FY19.
 - NASCSP was a part of the review process and is happy to schedule a consultation on the memos.

M3 Memo...

EMAIL FROM OCS:

- Review the DCL and the Checklist prior to submitting Community Level Transformations for the FY2019 CSBG Annual Report.
- Sent an Excel
- Two tabs
- Highlighted in blue anything to not resubmit
 - The submission was not identifiable as a community-level transformation
 - The *Community Initiative Status* Form noted that the either the “Initiative Ended Early”, the “Initiative Ended As Planned”, or the initiative is “Completed and Still Delivering Value”
- All other submissions that are not “accepted” need TTA prior to submitting for FY19 by reviewing the feedback, working with your agencies and reaching out to NASCSP for TTA

There are no resubmissions for FY18.

Contact Katy or Muska to set up a call to discuss the feedback.

Feedback on M3



OCS Dear Colleague Letter

CSBG Dear Colleague 2020-14 Community-Level Transformation (Module 3) Guidance

Published: February 21, 2020

Audience: [Community Services Block Grants \(CSBG\)](#)

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Dear Colleagues,

Introduction

This guidance provides the following:

1. Information about an additional Quality Assurance Year for Module 3;
2. Operational definition of Community-Level Transformations^[1] in the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG); and
3. Phases of Community-Level Transformations and when to submit Module 3 of the CSBG Annual Report based these phases.

Additional Quality Assurance Year

Efforts to address community conditions that contribute to the cycle of poverty have been a key expectation for Community Action Agencies for over 50

Updated Community Level Work Definition



A **community-level transformation** is a project designed to create measurable community-wide improvement affecting one or more cause or condition of poverty within a defined geographic area.



The project has clearly defined and measurable goals and one or more strategic activities designed to achieve that goal.



The CSBG eligible entity must be an active participant with a clearly defined role that complements those of any other organizational partners with the necessary expertise and capacity to affect change in community conditions.

Based on this...



WHAT WILL YOU DO DIFFERENTLY
MOVING FORWARD?



WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM
NASCSP?



CSBG PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT WEBSITE

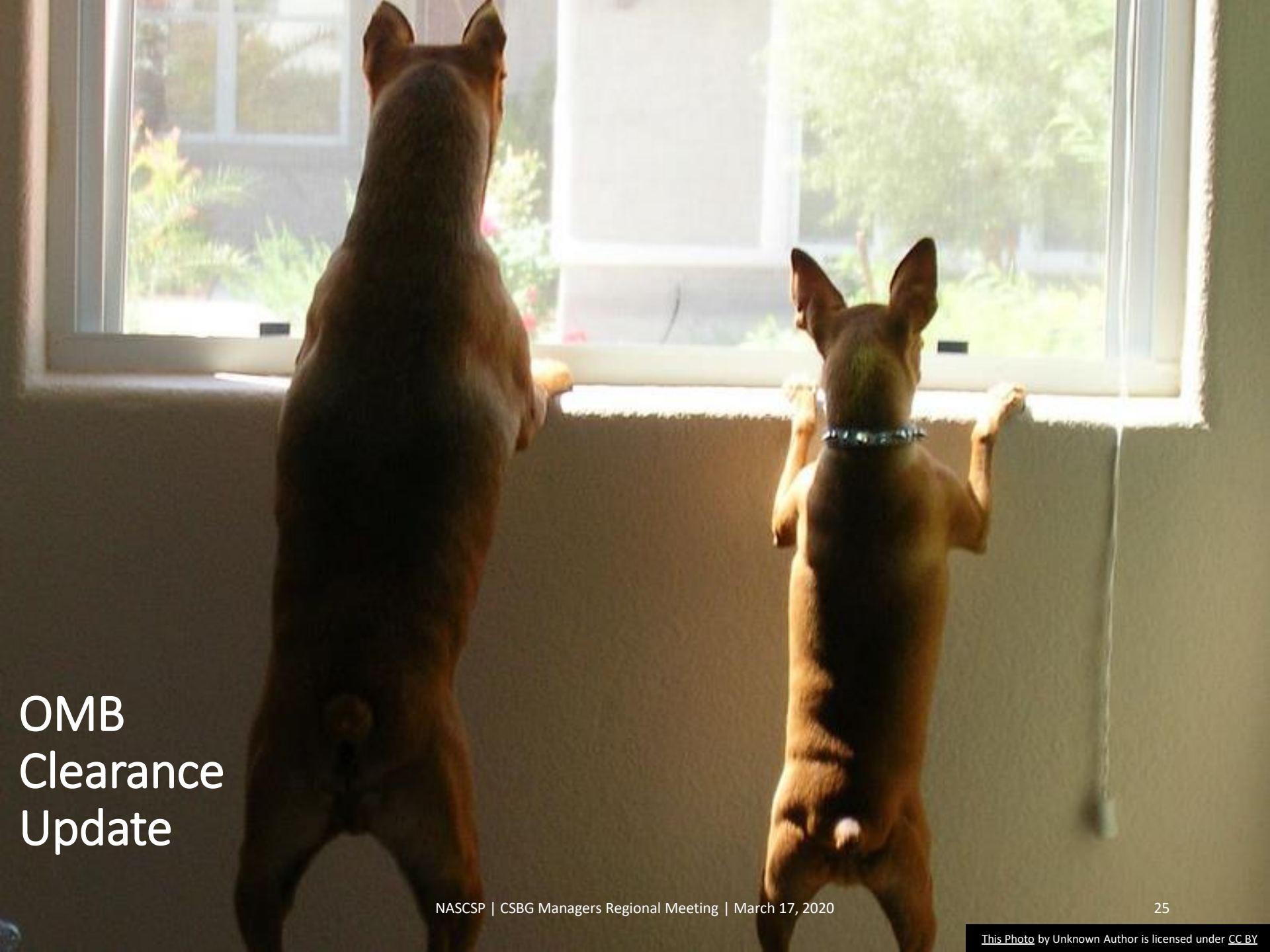
CSBG Performance Management Website

- NASCSP is supporting OCS in the development of the CSBG Performance Management Website that will highlight state level CSBG data.
- States will be able to pull reports with graphs and charts and query the system for information found in state plans and Module 1.
- The website will be released only to states first prior to the general public.
- There will eventually be a public and private side.



OMB CLEARANCE

OMB Clearance Update





Changes at the State Office

- Tennessee
 - Welcome to Ave Trotter, CSBG Program Director
- Florida
 - Jerry Durbin will retire at the end of March



Thanks for Joining Us at the
NASCSP 2020 Winter
Training Conference!



Join us in Grand Rapids, MI
September 28 – October 2, 2020

Legislative Update

Appropriations

- FY 2021 Appropriations Process has begun
 - Hearings begin this spring, work of appropriators continues into the summer
 - Possible delays due to COVID-19
 - NASCSP is preparing written testimony for House & Senate on FY 21 funding
 - House & Senate champions circulating letters recommending \$775 million for CSBG in FY 21

Reauthorization

- CSBG Reauthorization – still gaining co-sponsors in the House (158 right now)
 - Have not been any hearings held on the bill
 - CSBG reauthorization has not yet been introduced in Senate
 - NASCSP working with Board on next steps



Funding Update

- All States should have received the balance of their 2020 Award
 - Award Letter & Award in PMS
 - Pay attention to “esign” on line 29

Federal Agency Information

9. Awarding Agency Contact Information

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budget period

24. Total Approved Cost Sharing or Matching, where applicable

*See Remarks

25. Total Federal and Non-Federal Approved

*See Remarks

26. Project Period Start Date 10-01-2019 -

End Date 09-30-2021

27. Total Amount of the Federal Award including Approved Cost Sharing or Matching

*See Remarks

28. Authorized Treatment of Program Income

*See Remarks

29. Grants Management Officer – Signature



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Footnotes

*This action represents the Balance of Funds for CSBG FFY 2020



Discussion

2020 CSBG Regional Call Schedule



- May 19, 2020
 - July 21, 2020
 - September 1, 2020
 - November 17, 2020
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- Two calls on each date:
 - 11:00 AM Regions 1-3
 - 2:00 PM Regions 4 & 5 EST