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**Community Services Block Grant
Information Memorandum**

IM#: CSBG-IM-2020-158
DATE: May 8, 2020
TO: The CSBG Network
SUBJECT: CSBG CARES Act Supplemental Administrative Guidance
ATTACHMENT(S): CSBG CARES Act Supplemental - Projected Allocations Chart

PURPOSE: This guidance provides preliminary information on the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Supplemental Award process. More detailed information and plan amendment instructions will be forthcoming in an Action Transmittal.

RELATED REFERENCES: Community Services Block Grant Act, 42 U.S.C. 9901 et seq.; Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 2020, Public Law 116-36; and Department of Health and Human Services Block Grant Regulations, 45 CFR Part 96.

BACKGROUND

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 2020, Public Law 116-36, was signed into law on March 27, 2020, providing \$1 billion in additional funds to the CSBG program. The funds to states, territories, and tribes authorized under the CSBG Act are intended to address the consequences of increasing unemployment and economic disruption as a result of COVID-19.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO STATES, TERRITORIES AND TRIBES

OCS is currently preparing to release supplemental CARES Act awards. All states, territories and tribes will receive CARES Act funding, as a separate allotment, under the same formula used for grants allocations under the regular annual CSBG appropriations. States, territories, tribes, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia that applied for, and received, funding in FY2020 will receive a portion of the CSBG CARES Act funds.

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CSBG IM #158 Key Guidance:

Projected allocations

CARES allocations for some states are already in the Payment Management System. Award letters are going out now. Please send your CARES Award letters to [Hugh Poole](#) when received.



The CFDA number for these funds is
93.569

Award Letters

- Award letters were issued with incorrect Budget & Project Period; defer to the Terms and Conditions for correct dates.
- Terms and Conditions state:
 - “Pre-award costs that were incurred from January 20, 2020 through the Public Health Emergency Period and prior to the effective date of this award may be paid with this award.”
 - “Funds obligated for this award must stay with the eligible entity for the next two federal fiscal years and remain available for expenditure through September 30, 2022. Eligible entities must liquidate all funds by December 30, 2022.”
- Award Letters were system-generated; some specialists also sent award letters

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State Plan Amendments—By September 1, 2020, states and tribes will be required to submit a CSBG plan amendment with information specific to CARES Act funding.

- The information gathered in this plan will be reduced to include the amounts allocated to each eligible entity, income eligibility levels, a plan for state training and technical assistance and discretionary uses of CSBG, and a detailed monitoring plan. More detailed information and plan amendment instructions will be forthcoming in an OCS Action Transmittal.

States were instructed “To assure that critically needed resources are available to meet community needs, states are asked to begin immediate distribution of resources to eligible entities.”

Minimum Funding/Maximum Allotment

- Twelve states received significantly less funding than anticipated in this release because OCS needs to clarify Congressional Intent for those states who were receiving a minimum allocation.
 - Impacted states include Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, and Wyoming.
- These states only received about 26% of their projected allocation. No timeline is currently available for how long it will take to address congressional intent.

State Association Partnerships



- CARES funding is an opportunity to invest in the organizational capacity of your entities via training and technical assistance.
 - State Associations can be a great partner in this work in the right conditions.
- What do you need from NASCSP to support your work with your State Association?



Let's Talk...

- What can NASCSP do to support you?
- What challenges are you facing?
- What excites you?
- What can you do to help your peers?
- What would you like to see from your peers?
- What do you need from OCS (besides the obvious!)?
- What questions do you have?



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