

State CSBG CARES Spend Down Survey Summary

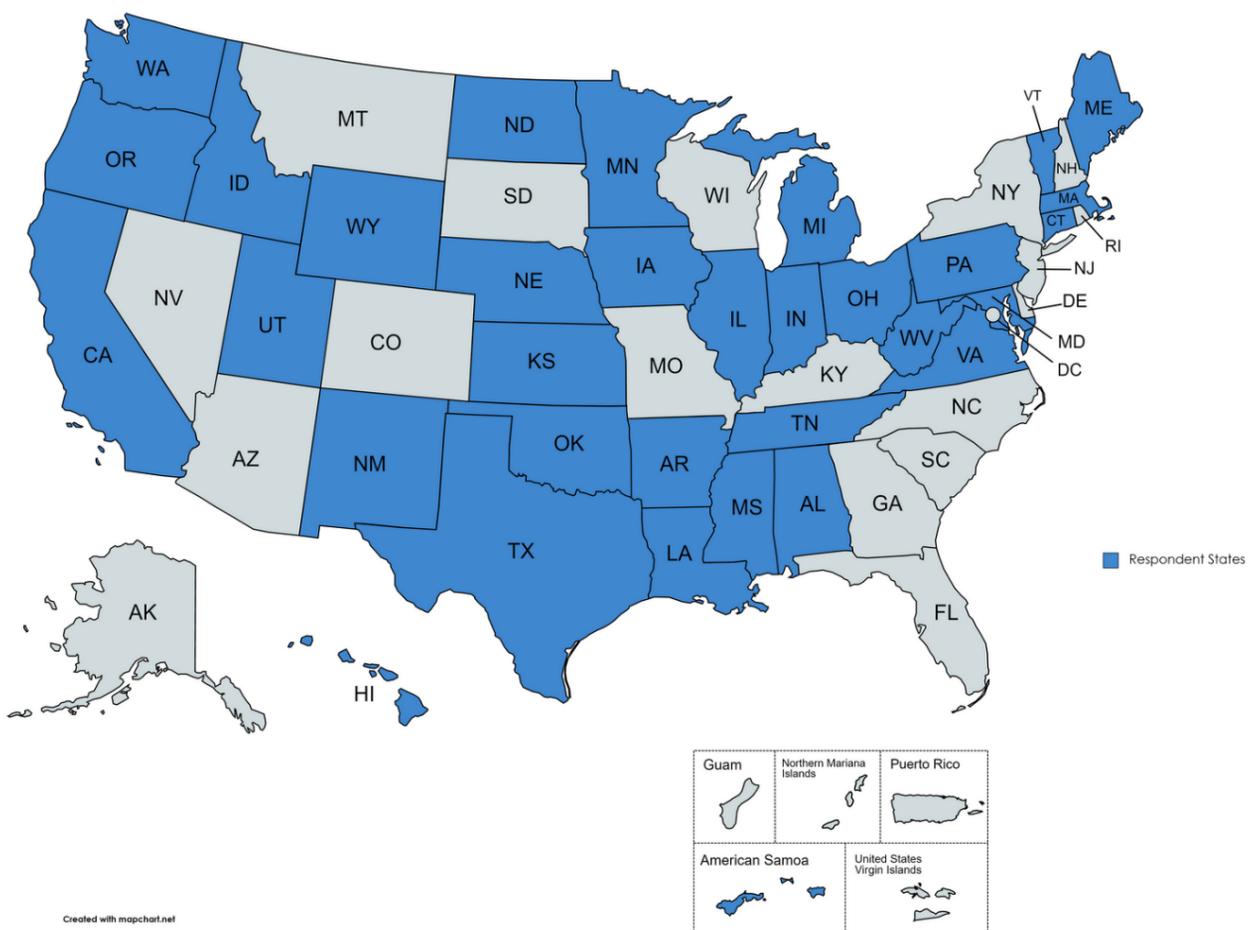
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In the CARES Act, Congress allocated a \$1 billion dollar supplemental award to the CSBG network. This investment in America's poverty fighting network has supported rapid, coordinated, and collaborative efforts to combat the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on people and communities experiencing poverty. Supplemental CSBG CARES appropriations were made to states starting in May 2020.

The National Association for State Community Service Programs (NASCS) administered two surveys with its network of CSBG lead agencies to gather information on the progress of spending these dollars and gather information on what is needed to support a complete spend out of CSBG CARES awards by the September 30, 2022 deadline. This report is a point-in-time summary reflective of data collected from states from late April 2021 through early May 2021.

Respondent States

A total of 33 states responded to the survey administered by NASCS, with nearly all OCS regions represented by at least one state. Of the 33 responses, six are small states who did not receive their full allocation until January 2021. Small states can expend their CARES awards through September 30, 2023.



The majority of states, including small states, issued contracts rapidly despite the challenges in the early days of the pandemic.

Respondent states report an average of 30% of their CSBG CARES award have already been spent.

All but one state expect CSBG CARES awards to be fully expended by all agencies before funds expire. CSBG Eligible Entities administer a suite of federal, state, and local programs that address the causes and conditions of poverty. Agencies are working diligently to respond to the impacts of COVID-19, and are coordinating various funding streams to leverage funding and maximize impact for families and communities of low-income. Top factors impacting spending include:

