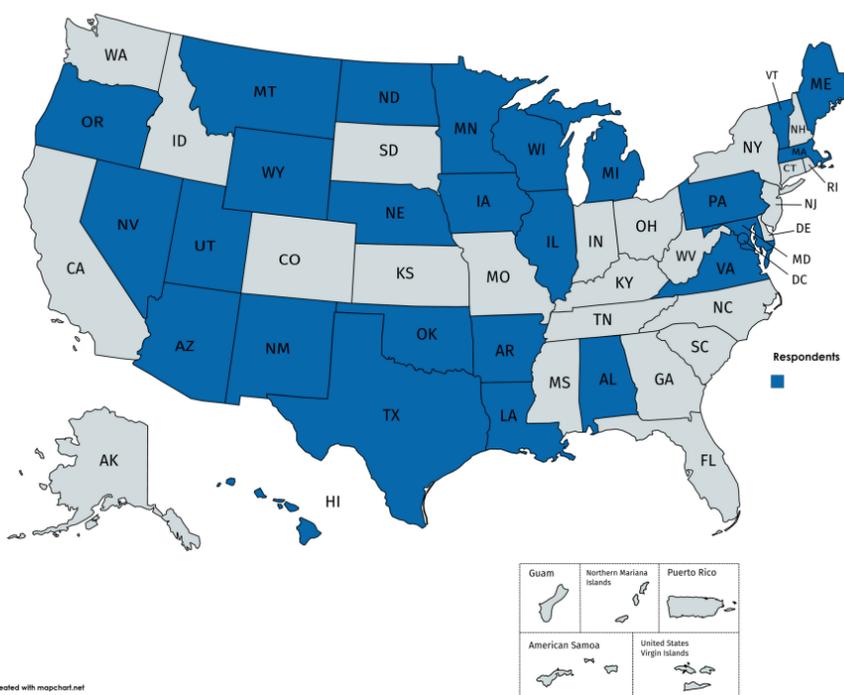


STATE CSBG CARES SPEND DOWN SURVEY SUMMARY

In the CARES Act, Congress appropriated a \$1 billion dollar supplemental award to the CSBG network to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 on low-income families and communities. Supplemental CSBG CARES appropriations were made to states starting in May 2020. The National Association for State Community Service Programs (NASCSPP) administered a survey with its network of CSBG lead agencies to gather information on the progress of spending these dollars, the challenges experienced by the network, and the needs of states and local entities to ensure a successful and complete spend out of CSBG CARES awards by the September 30, 2022 deadline. The survey was administered from November 2020 through December 2020.

RESPONDENT STATES

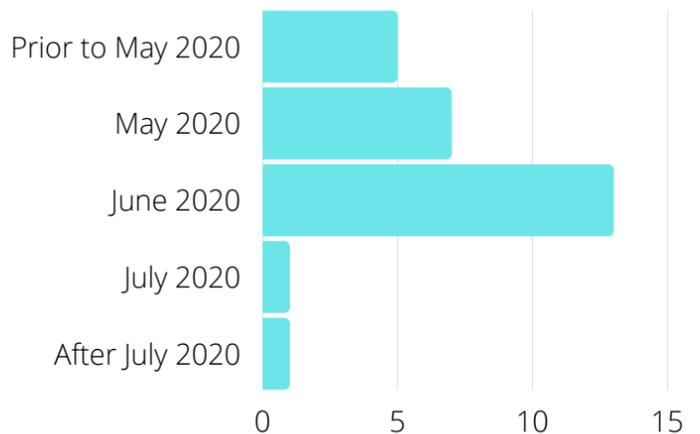
A total of 28 states responded the survey administered by NASCSPP, with nearly all OCS regions represented by at least one state.



STATES RAPIDLY DISTRIBUTED FUNDS

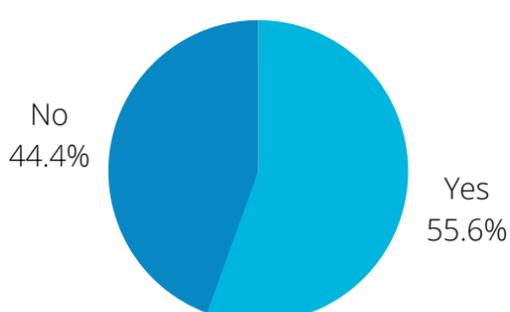
States are required to allocate funds to local CSBG eligible entities within 30 days or provide funding consistently and without interruption. The majority of states were able to distribute CARES awards within 30 days of receipt of allocation from the federal Office of Community Services.

Month Funds Made Available to Local CSBG Eligible Entities



EFFECTIVE STATE LEADERSHIP

Advances for CSBG CARES Awards made available to local CSBG eligible entities

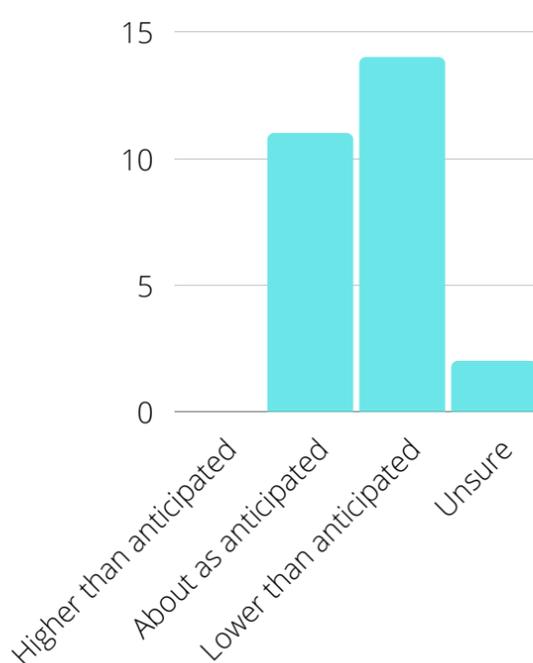


States are working to support their networks as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. States are employing a multitude of strategies to support an effective, efficient, and accountable response. States have increased two-way communication with agencies, monitored and provided regular updates about spending, provided targeted technical assistance and support, and implemented strategies to enhance the frontline response, including offering funding advances to cover initial costs to administer the awards.

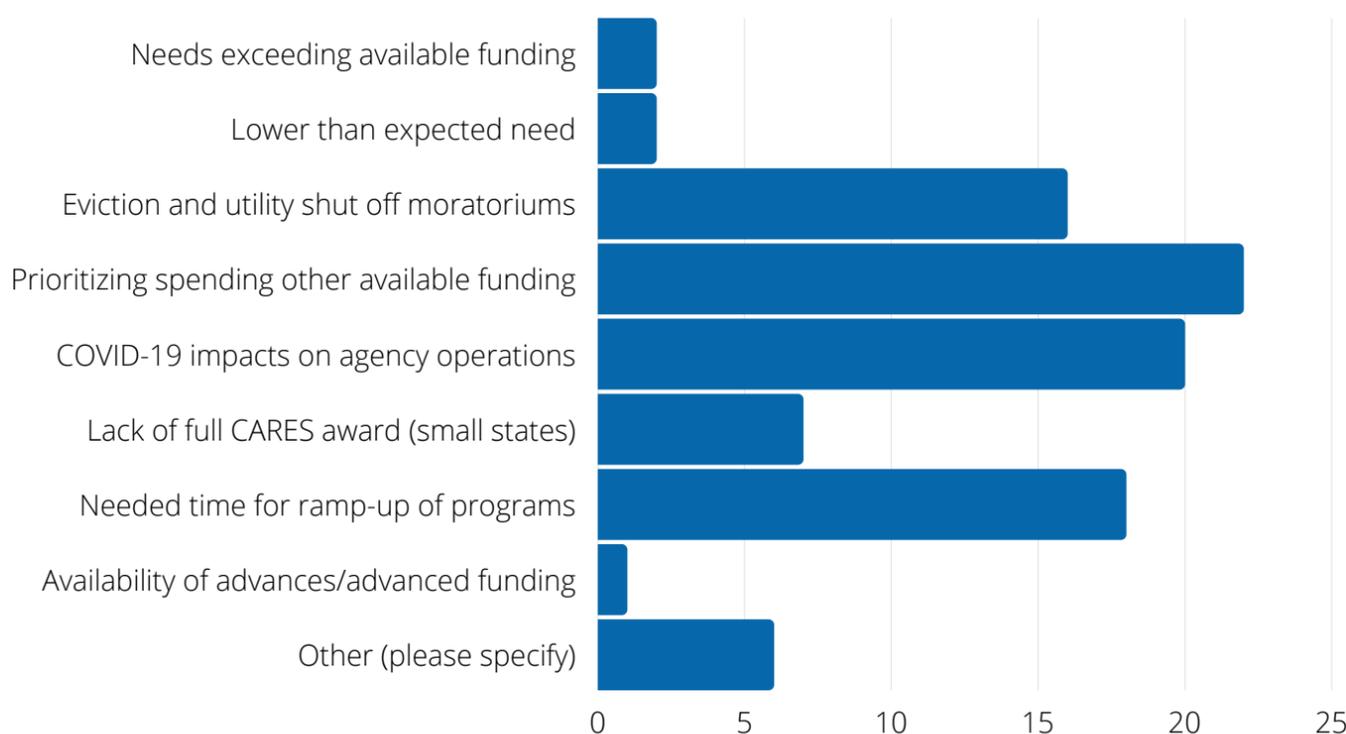
THOUGHTFUL AND INTENTIONAL SPENDING

On average, roughly 21% of the total CSBG CARES award has been spent by agencies and states. The CSBG network is responsible for the administration of 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 low-income families and communities. States report that they expect to see a significant increase in CSBG spending rates beginning in 2021, and anticipate agencies to fully expend awards by the September 30, 2022 deadline.

Overall CSBG CARES spending in the state is:



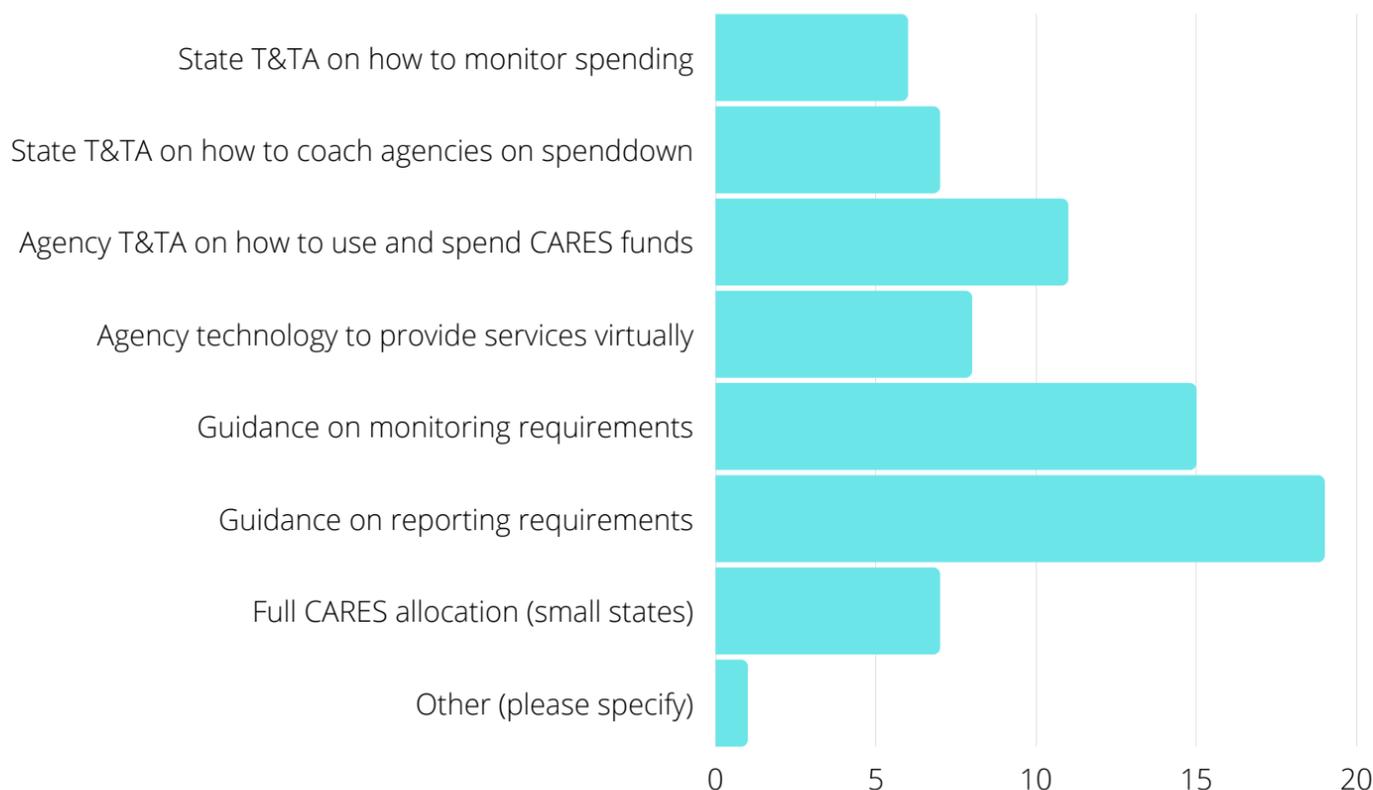
Factors contributing to the spending rate of CSBG CARES



STATE NEEDS TO SUPPORT SUCCESSFUL AND COMPLETE SPENDING OF CARES AWARDS

States play a critical role in supporting the successful and complete spenddown and implementation of the CARES CSBG Supplemental awards. States will need continued support throughout the remainder of the project period. These needs may change with time, but currently states report needing guidance on reporting and monitoring requirements, training and technical assistance for agencies on how to use and spend their CARES awards, and state level training and technical assistance and support.

State needs for successful and complete spending of CARES awards



The National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP) is the sole national association charged with advocating and enhancing the leadership role of States in the administration of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).