

**PUBLIC HEARING ON
COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT
08/24/2020**

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Good morning everyone! It is now 10 am, I am going to wait a few minutes to allow time for people to appear in person or call in. I will start the hearing in about five minutes.

This hearing, like all public hearings will be recorded. For those of you who haven't muted your phones already, please do so now. That will ensure that we have a clear recording. I am going to start recording the hearing now, you will hear a notification that the call is now being recorded. **Press *2 to record the hearing; we will be prompted to create a number**

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Good morning.

This is a public hearing for the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services, Children and Family Services

My name is Marge Respeliers and I am the hearing officer today.

It is now 10:04 (a.m) on August 24, 2020 and we are now on the record.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Children and Family Services is holding this hearing to accept comments on proposed state plan for:

- The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022. The state plan is submitted biennially to the federal Department of Health and Human Services. CSBG funding is primarily distributed to Nebraska's nine local Community Action Agencies, which operate programs and services for low-income families statewide. The plan describes Nebraska's use of CSBG funds, the service delivery system, and developing or ongoing initiatives. The proposed plan can be requested via e-mail at DHHS.CSBGMailbox@nebraska.gov, via phone at 402-417-9435, or via mail at 1955 E Military Ave Fremont, NE 68025.

*****The draft of the State Plan and the related notice of public hearing [are available here for review](#)

The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments from interested members of the public regarding the proposed State Plan. Comments can be offered orally at this hearing or submitted in writing or otherwise as provided in the Notice of Public Hearing.

All oral testimony provided at this hearing will be recorded.

Please know that if anyone testifying has any questions about the content of the proposed State Plan, I am not able to answer those questions. My role as hearing officer is only to moderate this hearing. Any questions about the State Plan may be directed to division program staff, DHHS.CSBGMailbox@nebraska.gov, via phone at 402-417-9435.

If you plan on providing oral comments at today's hearing, you will be able to do so.

For those of you that are present in the room and planning on providing oral comments at today's hearing, you will need to come up front, and fill out the sign-in sheet on the table here in which we ask for you to print your name and phone number. Please write legibly.

After you have written down your information on the sheet, you may have a seat near the phone. When you begin speaking, please state your name and the name of your organization if you are representing one. Also try to speak clearly and loudly enough for people to hear you.

If you have brought a written copy of your statement, it would be appreciated if you left a copy with me today.

I will be wiping down the area with disinfectant wipes in between in person testifiers. As such, there may be a pause between speakers to allow for this.

We do not have anyone present in the room for today's hearing, so f[F]or those of you on the conference line who would like to provide oral comments at today's hearing, we would ask that you state and spell your name and provide a phone number. If you are representing an organization, please also include the name of the organization. We ask that you please try and speak slowly, clearly and loudly enough for everyone to hear you. We also ask that if you are listening to today's hearing on a speaker phone, and if you do chose to testify, that you please take yourself off of speaker phone and speak directly into your phone. That will help ensure that we get a good, clear recording of your testimony.

If you have a written copy of your statement, it would be appreciated if you provided a copy to DHHS.CSBGMailbox@nebraska.gov.

After today's hearing, all comments that have been received by the Department, will be forwarded to the division program to be reviewed and taken into consideration.

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OK, I will begin accepting your comments. I will start with in-person testifiers first. Whomever would like to start, please state and spell your name and provide a phone number before you start to speak please come up and fill out the sheet before you

WHEN NO ONE IS PRESENT TO COMMENT

Because no one is currently present or on the phone to comment, I am going to wait a few minutes to see if anybody arrives.

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Is there anyone else who would like to comment?

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Because there are no more comments, this hearing is adjourned, and it is 10:11
a.m. p.m.

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