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CSBG-IM-2022-163 Mortgage Assistance



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Community Services Block Grant Information Memorandum

IM#: CSBG-IM-2022-163
DATE: August 9, 2022
TO: State, Territory, and Tribal CSBG Lead Agencies
SUBJECT: Use of CSBG Funds for Mortgage Payment Assistance
ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

PURPOSE

This Information Memorandum (IM) provides guidance on the use of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding for mortgage payment assistance.

RELATED REFERENCES

Community Services Block Grant Act, Sec. 672; 676(b)(1)(A)(v); Sec. 678F; Information Memorandum 60; Dear Colleague Letter 2022-21; Information Memorandum 157

OFFICIAL POLICY

The Office of Community Services (OCS) has received inquiries about the use of CSBG funds for mortgage payment assistance for program beneficiaries. While Section 678F of the CSBG Act prohibits CSBG grant recipients from acquiring or improving property, CSBG grant recipients and eligible entities **can** use their funds to help a program beneficiary pay their mortgage costs as long as the beneficiary meets the CSBG eligibility requirements, and this assistance aligns with an approved Community Action Plan or Tribal Plan.

The use of CSBG funds for mortgage assistance must strictly benefit the eligible beneficiary, and neither the grant recipient nor an eligible entity should possess any interest in the property ownership. As such, grant recipients and eligible entities should ensure appropriate risk management and oversight of all funds and related transactions.

BACKGROUND

“...CSBG grant recipients and eligible entities **can** use their funds to help a program beneficiary pay their mortgage costs as long as the beneficiary meets the CSBG eligibility requirements, and this assistance aligns with an approved Community Action Plan or Tribal Plan.”

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/policy-guidance/csbg-im-2022-163-mortgage-payment-assistance>

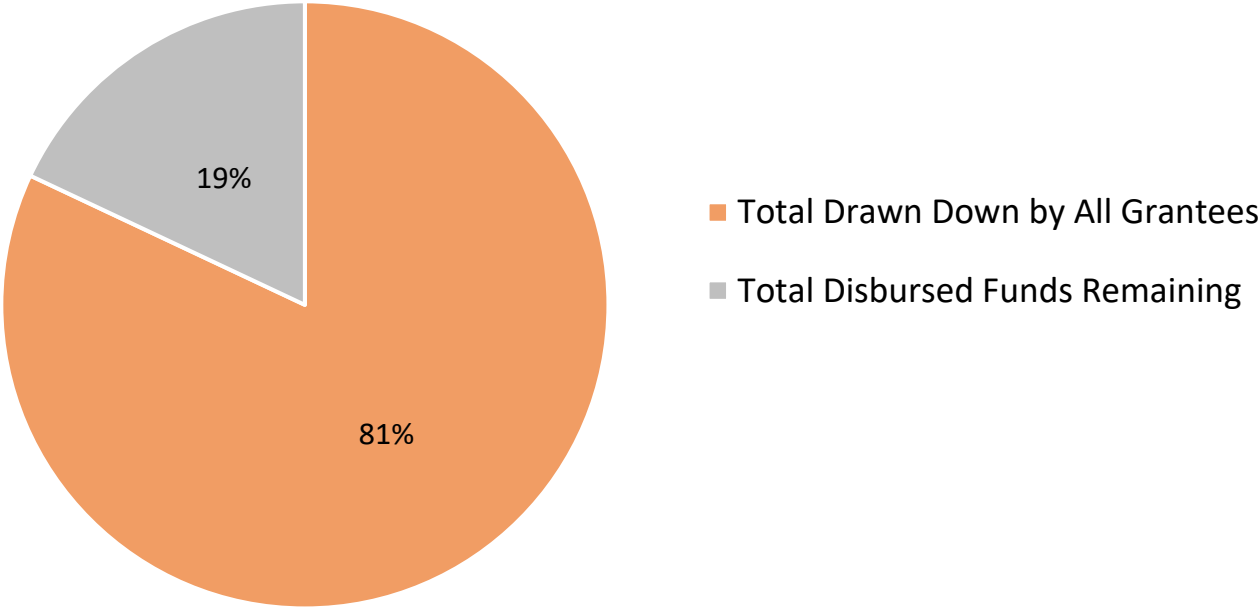
CSBG-IM-2022-163 Mortgage Assistance

- Historic Time for CSBG
- Provides Added Pathways out of Poverty for Individuals and Families
- Increased Flexibility for CSBG Spending
- Aligns with Needs within the Community



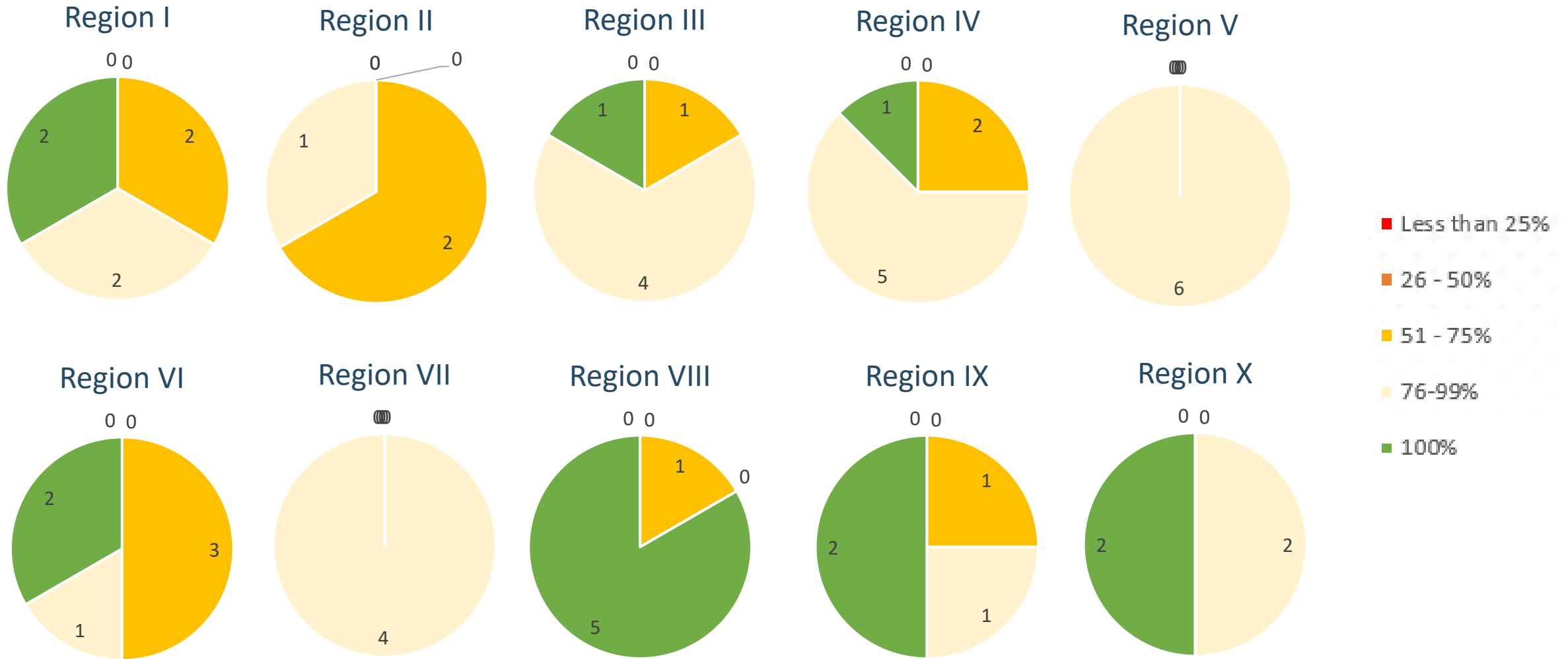
CSBG CARES Supplemental Funding Spending Analysis

Recipient	FY2020 Appropriation	FY2020 Disbursed	FY2020 Remaining	Percent Drawn Down
States	\$ 930,562,847	\$ 759,321,856	\$ 171, 240,990	82%
Territories	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 1,238,721	\$ 3,761,839	25%
Tribes (non 477)	\$ 5,227,400	\$ 2,972,251	\$ 2,255,148	57%



CSBG CARES States Supplemental Funding

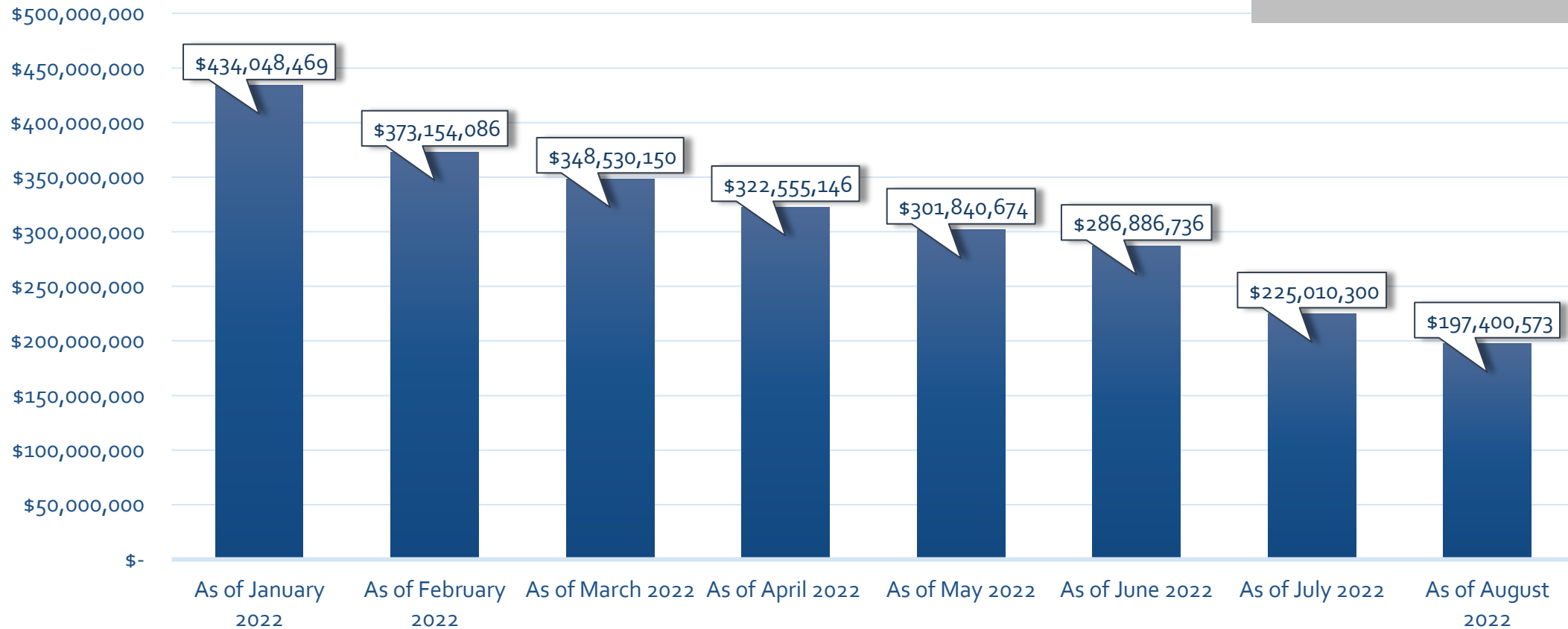
Spending Analysis by Region



Moving in the Right Direction...

States CARES Funds Remaining

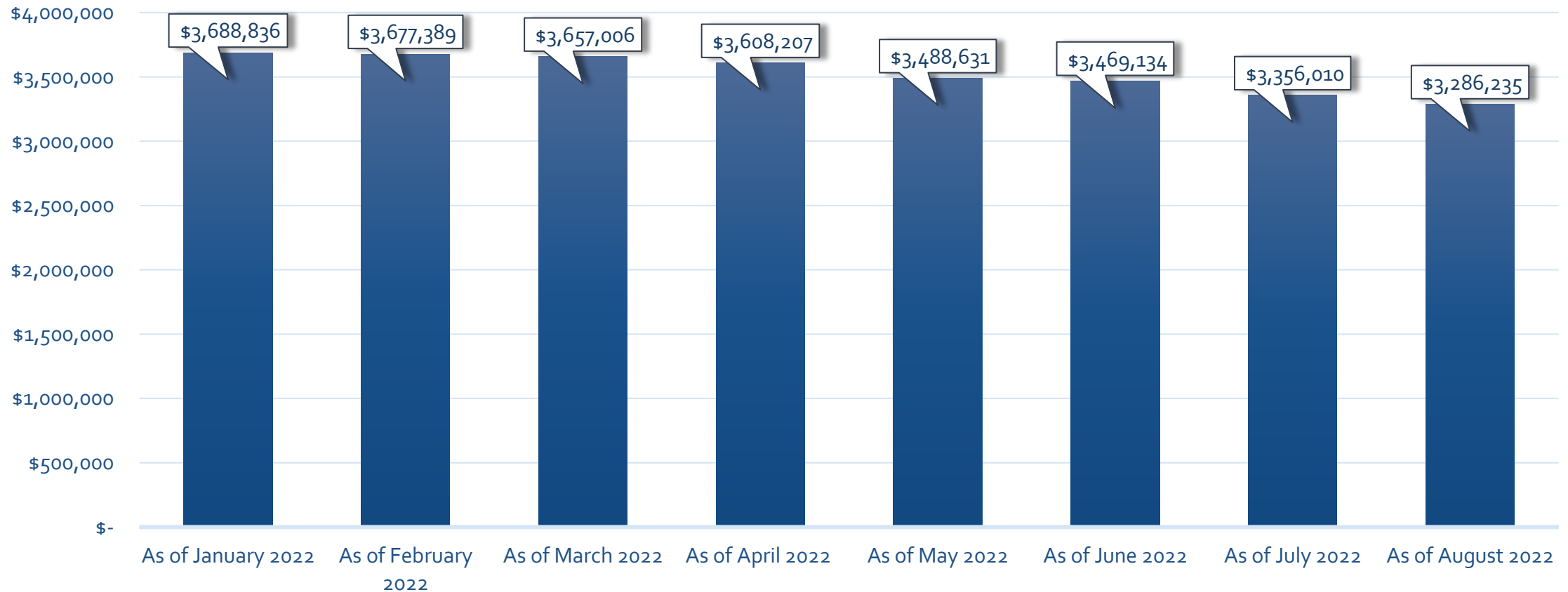
Amount Disbursed January
through August, 2022:
\$236,647,896 (24%)



More Work to be Done...

Amount Disbursed January
through August, 2022:
\$332,826 (5%)

Tribal CARES Funds Remaining



**CARES Update
from David
Bradley, CEO &
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Questions & Answers





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