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SUBJECT: Allowable Use of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Funds for 2023 National Association for State Community Service Programs (NASCSPP) Winter Training Conference

TO: CSBG Network

The Office of Community Services (OCS) recognizes state budget challenges often force difficult decisions regarding training investments. Since staff training is an allowable CSBG administrative expense, OCS encourages states to utilize this resource to strengthen and support the strong administration of CSBG through ongoing training and technical assistance. As such, OCS supports Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) state administrators' attendance at the National Association of State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP) 2023 Winter Training Conference themed: ***Mission Possible—Restoring Hope***, scheduled April 3-7, 2023. This will be an in-person conference in Arlington, Virginia.

OCS will provide remarks at the Federal Partner Update session on **Wednesday, April 5th** from **9:30am – 10:30am ET**, as well as lead two sessions on **Thursday, April 6th** from **1pm – 2:30pm ET** and **3pm – 4:30pm ET**. These sessions will provide insights on promising practices related to administering CSBG, explore innovative anti-poverty strategies, update the network on performance management efforts, and re-emphasize the importance of advancing equity and uplifting communities through CSBG programming. Specific information about these sessions will be detailed in the conference agenda.

In addition, we are very excited to share that OCS Program Specialists and leaders will be onsite and available by appointment to meet with state administrators. Instructions on how to schedule appointments are forthcoming.

The upcoming NASCSPP conference is an opportunity for the entire CSBG Network to maximize our impact as we continue serving families navigating the challenges of poverty.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lanique Howard
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