



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STATE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

CARES Small States Check-In

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Welcome

State's Lessons Learned



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Why should we care about CARES

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- *CSBG CARES is an Opportunity to Demonstrate our Value*
 - *Family, Agency, Community Needs Still Exist*
 - *Reauthorization*




CSBG CARES Expenditure Analysis

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- *Began looking at CARES expenditures in Oct 2021*
 - *National Average 43%*
 - *Illinois 50%*
 - *Requested agencies below 50% to submit a spending plan*
 - *Second expenditure analysis conducted in Jan 2022*
 - *National Average 62%*
 - *Illinois 60%*
 - *Conducted one-on-one meetings with agencies below 65%*




CSBG CARES Expenditure Analysis

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- *Conducted survey of all agencies April to determine what plans they had in place to spend funds*
 - *Waiting on modification execution*
 - *Rental Assistance programs*
 - *Food and hygiene products for pantries*
 - *Expenditure analysis conducted May 2022*
 - *National Average 74%*
 - *Illinois 66%*
 - *Open discussion at Annual Workshop*




Annual Meeting Format

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- In Person to maximize participation
 - Recognized all grantees that had spent 90% of grant funds or more
 - They appreciated their work being recognized
 - Asked them to share what practices they felt were most helpful in expending the funds
 - Strategically broke grantees up into pre-assigned groups with each group having
 - An equal number of agencies that spent over 90%
 - An equal number of agencies over the State average
 - An equal number of agencies below the State average



CSBG CARES Group Work

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- What can the State do to assist you in spending?
 - For CAAs with lower spend rates, have you reached out to your peers for ideas?
 - For CAAs with higher spend rates, what programs did you offer that were successful in providing meaningful outcomes with a higher cost of service?
 - What programs do you currently have in place that you could rapidly increase funding?
 - At what point would you be willing to provide additional funding to a food pantry/bank to expend your remaining balances?


Top Spending ideas

- *Food*
- *Transportation*
- *School Supplies*
- *Summer Learning Activities*
- *Child Care Expenses*
- *Summer feeding programs*
- *Vaccination Outreach*
- *Wellness visits*
- *Medical Co-Pays*
- *Eviction protection*
- *Rent Assistance*
- *Water/Utility Assistance*
- *Agency Technology Needs*
- *Community Partner Needs*
- *PPE for childcare centers*
- *Apprenticeship programs*
- *Pop Up Events*
- *Vehicle Repairs*

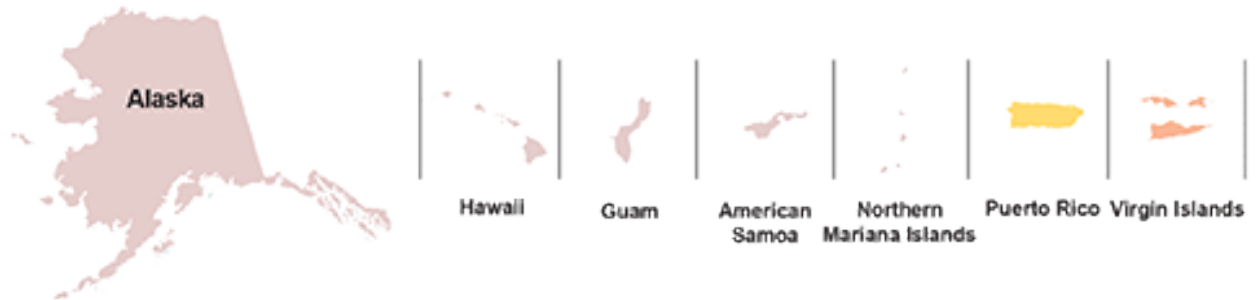
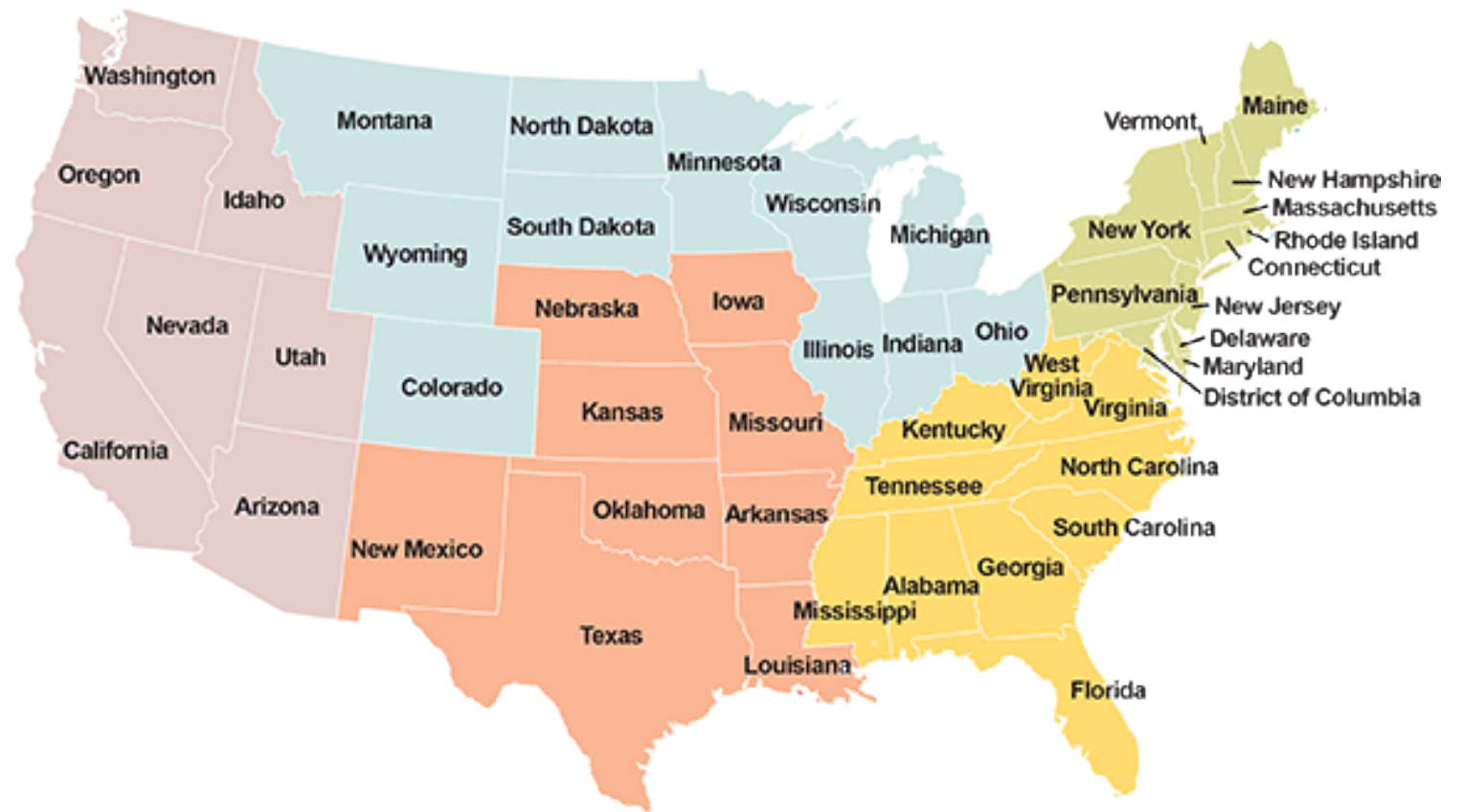




Strategies for expending CARES Funds

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- *Utilize case notes to show link to COVID*
 - *Link does not necessarily need to be recent*
 - *Many COVID issues have a lingering effect that can cause undo strain for an extended period*
 - *Consider relaxing sustainability measures or extending availability of assistance*
 - *Waive financial literacy classes*
 - *Offer multiple months of benefits*
 - *Increase dollar limits available*
 - *Market CARES resources through schools, daycares, landlords, local politicians, etc.*
 - *Coordinate with LIHWAP and LIHEAP to assist in paying additional client assistance for those with remaining balances*
 - *Bundle services to CARES recipients*

State Discussion



CSBG Small States CARES Drawdown

Last month

FY2021 Allocation	Amount Disbursed	% Disbursed	Remaining Balance
\$40,835,962	\$22,311,761	54.64%	\$18,524,200

Current

FY2021 Allocation	Amount Disbursed	% Disbursed	Remaining Balance
\$40,835,962	\$24,551,472	60.12%	\$16,284,489



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**NASCSP 2023 WINTER TRAINING
CONFERENCE**

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

NASCSP 2023 Winter Conference
April 3-7 Arlington, VA

Thank You!



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