



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STATE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

## **CARES Small States Check-In**

**August 16, 2023**



Welcome

# CSBG Small States CARES Drawdown FROM LAST CALL

April 2023

FY2021 Allocation	% Disbursed	Remaining Balance
\$40,835,962	60.1%	\$16,284,489

July 2023

FY2021 Allocation	% Disbursed	Remaining Balance
\$40,835,962	80.1%	\$11,201,969

# CSBG CARES Overview

- CSBG CARES funds expire on September 30, 2022
  - Small States have the ability to obligate their second installment of CARES funds through September 30, 2023
    - ***THERE IS NO CARRYOVER OF CSBG CARES FUNDS***
- Family, Agency, and Community needs persist
- Full expenditure of CSBG CARES is an opportunity to demonstrate our value

# Top Ten Ideas for Spending



## # 10 Customers

- Food
- Transportation
- School supplies



## #9 Children and Youth Activities

- Scholarships for activities
- Summer learning/reading programs
- Childcare expenses
- Supplement a summer food programs



## #8 Health

- Vaccination
- Wellness visits
- Co-pays
- Dental
- Vision
- Mental health-kids & adults



## #7 Housing

- Eviction protection
- Rent assistance/mortgage
- Water, utility payments



## #6 Technology

- Agency upgrade
- Customer service upgrades
- Community partner needs
- Technology for families

# Top Ten Ideas for Spending



## #5 Customer Engagement\*

- Focus groups
- Door-to-door campaign
- Customer advisory group
- Customer Leadership Training Program



## #4 CAA Capacity

- Training/Leadership
- Employee wellbeing
- Trauma-informed practices
- CAA preparedness
- Increase recruitment strategies/marketing



## #3 Small Business Support

- Childcare Materials and Supports
- Coaching and resources for low-income entrepreneurs



## #2 Job Training

- Pay enrollment fees
- Summer apprenticeship program



## #1 Pop Up events

- Food
- Diapers
- School preparation
- Gift cards
- Vehicle repair

# Expending CSBG CARES Funds



The general flexibility of CSBG extends to CARES funding.

1. Gift cards
2. Employee incentive compensation
3. Residual inventory
4. Benefits/services after the end of the federal fiscal year

# Mortgage Payment Assistance



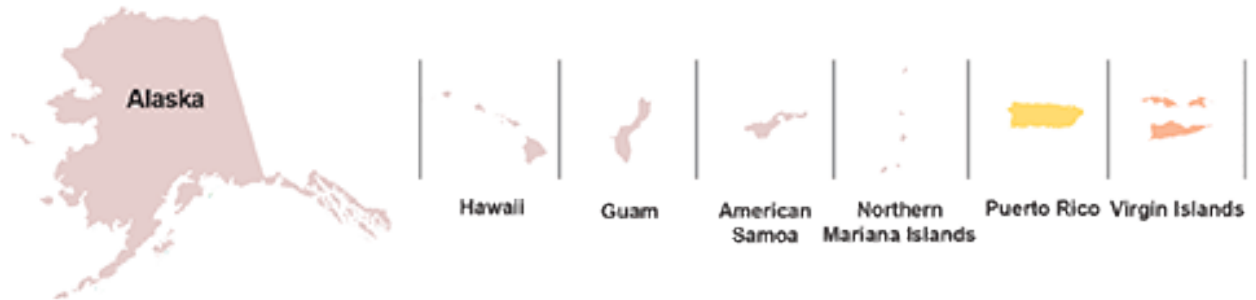
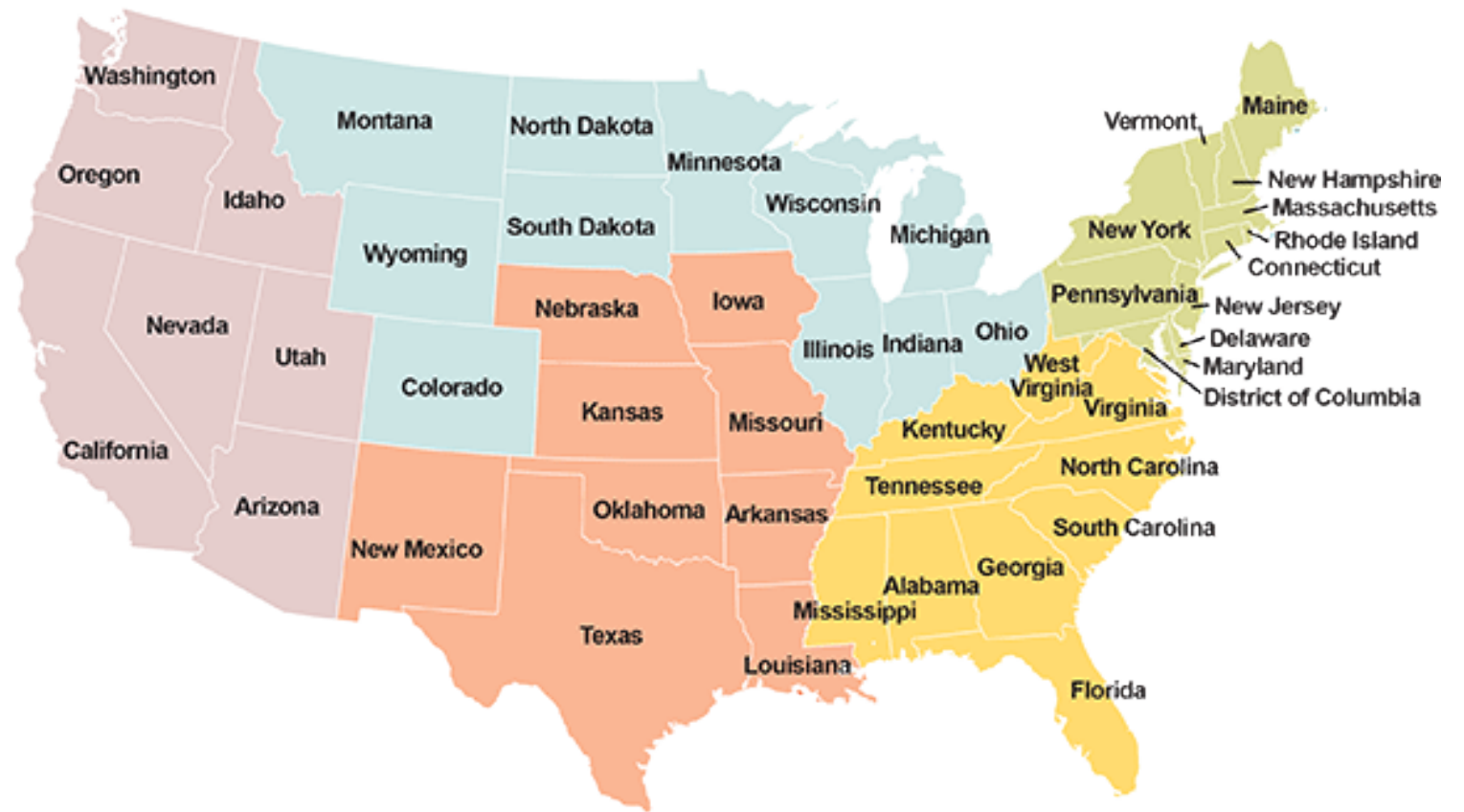
The state has the discretion to determine allowability and eligibility parameters.

States can and ***should*** be flexible.

- CNA should show housing as a need
- CAP Plan ***can*** be flexible in regard to housing and/or “crisis situations”



# State Discussion



# CARES Related Resources

- [OCS Notice: 200% FPL Eligibility](#)
- [CSBG-DCL-2022-43 Expending CSBG CARES Funds FY 2022](#)
- [NASCSP's State Gift Card Peer-to-Peer Resources](#)
- [NCAP Gift Card Webinar](#)
- [CAPLAW Building Blocks of Employee Compensation](#)
- [CSBG-IM-2022-163 Mortgage Payment Assistance](#)
- [OCS Update on the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023](#)



# Thank You!



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