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SUBJECT: Allowable Use of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Funds for National Association for State Community Service Programs (NASCSPP) 2024 Annual Training Conference

TO: CSBG Network

The Office of Community Services (OCS) is reminding the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) state administrators of the allowability to use CSBG funding to attend the National Association of State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP) 2024 Annual Training Conference. The theme of NASCSPP's conference is ***Beyond the Box: Turning Possibilities to Realities*** and is scheduled from September 16-20, 2024, in Memphis, Tennessee.

OCS recognizes state budget challenges often force difficult decisions regarding training investments. Since staff training is an allowable administrative expense, CSBG funds can be used for training conference attendance.

As part of the training conference, OCS will provide remarks at the Federal Partner Update session on **Wednesday, September 18** from **9:30 – 10:30am CT**, as well as lead two sessions on **Thursday, September 19** from **9:00 – 10:15am CT** and **10:45 – 12:00pm CT**. The first session, **PEAAK Preparation: Voluntary Relinquishments, De-Designations and Orderly Closeouts...Navigation Tools for State Administrators in Unknown Territory**, will help state administrators explore options and resources to make the most informed decisions to ensure that all geographic areas of the state are served. The second session, **CSBG Performance Management and Beyond: Using the Performance Management Website for Data Driven Decision Making**, will demonstrate how to use the website in preparing for the next fiscal year, such as making management decisions and setting targets. Details about these sessions will be in the conference agenda.

Additionally, members of the OCS team will be available by appointment to meet with state administrators, giving priority scheduling to CSBG administrators with less than three years in the position. Instructions on how to schedule appointments are forthcoming.

We look forward to engaging with CSBG state administrators attending the NASCSPP conference and using this time to further strengthen our collective capacity to serve families navigating the challenges of poverty.

Sincerely,

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