

CSBG CARES

Minimum Maximum Allotment

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Legislation

PUBLIC LAW 105-285—OCT. 27, 1998

TITLE II—COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

SEC. 201. REAUTHORIZATION.

The Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9901 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

“Subtitle B—Community Services Block Grant Program

SEC. 675B.

ALLOTMENTS AND PAYMENTS TO STATES.

“(b) ALLOTMENTS IN YEARS WITH GREATER AVAILABLE FUNDS.—

- “(1) MINIMUM ALLOTMENTS.—Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), if the amount appropriated under section 674(a) for a fiscal year that remains after the Secretary makes the reservations required in section 674(b) exceeds \$345,000,000, the Secretary shall allot to each State not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent of the amount appropriated under section 674(a) for such fiscal year.
- “(2) MAINTENANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 1990 LEVELS.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to a fiscal year if the amount allotted under subsection (a) to any State for that year is less than the amount allotted under section 674(a)(1) (as in effect on September 30, 1989) to such State for fiscal year 1990.
- “(3) MAXIMUM ALLOTMENTS.—The amount allotted under paragraph (1) to a State for a fiscal year shall be reduced, if necessary, so that the aggregate amount allotted to such State under such paragraph and subsection (a) does not exceed 140 percent of the aggregate amount allotted to such State under the corresponding provisions of this subtitle for the preceding fiscal year.

State Accountability Measure 2Sa



The states are concerned that the award letters that were issued were backdated to January 22, 2021, although they only just received corrected letters starting on February 9th. The small states would like confirmation that if OCS were to apply State Accountability Measure 2Sa to this release of funds, the 30 day timeline would be calculated from the date of receipt of the corrected award letter, not the January 22nd date.

The State Accountability Measures are meant as a performance measurement. It is not expected that all states will meet 100 percent of the standards every year, and states are not “dinged” if they do not meet every standard. Rather, states should use the State Accountability Measures to set targets and review their activity yearly to find areas for continuous growth and improvement.



CSBG CARES State Plans Update



Previously, OCS had indicated that small states would not be required to update their CARES State Plans when the balance of funds were received. This may create some challenges in that the Annual Report will not line up with the CARES State Plans, since the plan was submitted only with the allocation the state had at the time. States want to confirm that this will not be a problem and that the original guidance that updated state plans are not required is correct.

No, the states do not need to update their CSBG CARES State Plan. The State Plan is a planning instrument and tool for states to prepare to administer CSBG in the upcoming Fiscal Year. This means planning based on the information available at the time that you are preparing and submitting the CSBG State Plan, including allocating funds based on the expected funding amount. OCS does not expect that there is perfect alignment between the CSBG CARES State Plan and CSBG CARES Annual Report.



Allocation Chart



When can we expect to see an updated allocation chart accounting for this release of funds?

Our primary priority is releasing the funds and notifying the states. Our secondary priority is releasing the allocation chart publicly for our stakeholders. We are deciding whether to update the original allocation table or to post the current allocation as a separate table. When we release the allocation table, we will send a notification via email as is our normal practice.



CSBG CARES Minimum/Maximum Allotments

State	Initial Payment	Second Payment	State Total Allotment	TRIBES Initial Payment	TRIBES Second Payment	TRIBES Total Payment
Alaska	\$932,510	\$2,464,625	\$3,397,135	\$439,985	\$1,162,880	\$1,602,865
Delaware	\$1,372,494	\$3,627,506	\$5,000,000			
Hawaii	\$1,372,494	\$3,627,506	\$5,000,000			
Idaho	\$1,357,634	\$3,588,231	\$4,945,865	\$14,860	\$39,275	\$54,135
Montana	\$1,258,912	\$3,327,308	\$4,586,220	\$113,582	\$300,198	\$413,780
Nevada	\$1,372,494	\$3,627,506	\$5,000,000			
New Hampshire	\$1,372,494	\$3,627,506	\$5,000,000			
North Dakota	\$1,283,797	\$3,393,078	\$4,676,875	\$88,698	\$234,427	\$323,125
South Dakota	\$1,128,440	\$2,982,470	\$4,110,910	\$244,054	\$645,036	\$889,090
Utah	\$1,341,256	\$3,544,944	\$4,886,200	\$31,238	\$82,562	\$113,800
Vermont	\$1,372,494	\$3,627,506	\$5,000,000			
Wyoming	\$1,285,574	\$3,397,776	\$4,683,350	\$86,920	\$229,730	\$316,650



Eligible Entities Expend Date

Eligible entities are permitted to **expend** the funds issued in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 until September 30, 2023.

OCS is currently researching when the funds for the states would need to be obligated or expended.

At a minimum, states would be able to obligate their portion of funds awarded in 2021 through September 30, 2022. We expect to issue further guidance for all states, tribes, and territories upon conclusion of the research and review processes.

	Release Date	Expend Date
Initial Payment	May 8, 2020	September 30, 2022
Second Payment	February 9, 2021	September 30, 2023

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Q&A

