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Community Services Block Grant

Dear Colleague Letter

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DATE: October 19, 2021
TO: CSBG Network
SUBJECT: Continuing Resolution
ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

Dear Colleagues,

This guidance provides updates on two topics related to the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG):

1. First quarter funding, and
2. The extended authority for States to revise the income limit from 125 to 200 percent FPL.

RELATED REFERENCES

Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 117-43; Community Services Block Grant Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9901 et seq.; and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, 2020, Public Law 116-36.

FY 2022 QUARTER 1 ALLOCATION AMOUNTS UNDER THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION

On September 30, 2021, President Biden signed into law, the *Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act*. This Continuing Resolution (CR) allocates CSBG funds through December 3, 2021. Given the CR, the first quarter funding amounts will be based on the FY 2021 CSBG allocation. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has provided Administration for Children and Families (ACF) with the CSBG apportionment so that OCS can begin the award process. OCS, in collaboration with the ACF Office of Grants Management (OGM), plans to issue first quarter awards for states, territories, and Tribes with accepted CSBG

Plans by the end of October. Final FY 2022 allocations will be determined after the passage of a full year appropriation.

EXTENSION OF THE ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLD OF 200% FPL

As detailed in [IM 2020-57](#) “Immediate Guidance on COVID-19 Response,” the CARES Act authorized States to revise the income limit for eligibility from 125 to 200 percent of the federal poverty line (FPL) “for CSBG services furnished during fiscal years 2020 and 2021, including services furnished with the state’s regular CSBG appropriations during those years.”

However, the CR extends the authority for States to revise the income limit from 125 to 200 percent FPL through December 3, 2021 for regularly appropriated CSBG and CSBG CARES funding. This extension does not apply to CSBG Disaster Supplemental funds. The Continuing Resolution at Section 145 specifies: “During the period covered by this Act, for services furnished under the Community Services Block Grant Act (“CSBG Act”) with funds made available by this Act, by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260), or by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136), States may apply the last sentence of section 673(2) of the CSBG Act by substituting ‘200 percent’ for ‘125 percent’.”

For additional resources on CSBG CARES Act funding, implementation, monitoring, and reporting, please visit our [CSBG CARES Act Grantee Toolkit](#).

Thank you for your attention to these matters. OCS looks forward to continuing to provide high-quality services to OCS grantees.

/s/

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