
Social Services Block Grant**Dear Colleague Letter**

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Re: SSBG FY 2013 Allocations Update**Date: April 11, 2013**

Dear Colleague:

The purpose of this message is to provide you with an update on the third and fourth quarter allocations of Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds for the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2013.

On March 26, 2013, President Obama signed into law the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (P.L. 113-6), which provides SSBG funding for the remainder of the 2013 Fiscal Year (through September 30, 2013).

As noted in earlier letters, on March 1, approximately \$85 billion in budgetary resources were canceled across the Federal government for the remainder of the Federal fiscal year. These spending cuts, called sequestration, are required by law, and reduce SSBG funding for this fiscal year from \$1.7 billion to \$1.613 billion (a cut of approximately 5.1% or \$87 million). Because the first two quarterly allocations in FY 2013 were issued before sequestration took effect, the full cut will have to be absorbed in the second half of the fiscal year. As a result, downward adjustments of approximately 10.2% will have to be made in the third and fourth quarter allocations. These allocations are exclusive of the Sandy funding provided by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act (P.L. 113-2), which is addressed in separate communications.

Additionally, budget execution procedures allow the immediate release of only a portion of the total third quarter allocation amounts at this time, with the remaining balance to be released in the upcoming weeks. For planning purposes, the revised quarterly allocations are attached (including the remaining balance for the third quarter) along with the expected full-year allocation for each State.

Thank you for your continued partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and ACF, and for your cooperation as we work together to manage these complex and challenging budget circumstances.

Sincerely,

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