

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

The Arkansas Department of Human Services/ Office of Community Services (OCS) intends to adopt a State Plan for distribution of Community Services Block Grant funds for fiscal years 2016-2017, covering the period from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2017. Funding is expected to be approximately \$9,120,191 in federal monies annually.

Parties who wish to comment on the proposed plan may attend a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on August 31, 2015, at the Bryant Senior Activity Center, 6401 Boone Road, Suite 3, Bryant, AR, or may review the document via the Department of Human Services website (www.arkansas.gov/dhs/homepage.html) and submit comments in writing: Office of Community Services, Post Office Box 1437/Slot S-330, Little Rock, AR 72203-1437. The plan also will be available for review at the Office of Community Services during normal business hours on August 20 – September 20, 2015. The deadline to submit comments to the Office of Community Services is 4:30 p.m., September 20, 2015.

For more information, please call the Office of Community Service at (501) 682-8714. If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contacts our Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator at (501) 682-8920 (voice) or 682-8933 (TDD).

The Arkansas Department of Human Service is in compliance with Titles VI and VII of The Civil Rights Act and operates, manages and delivers service without regard to age, religion, disability, political affiliation, veteran status, sex, race, color or national origin.

Dana Anderson, Director
Division of County Operations
733248921

Arkansas Department of Human Services
Office of Community Services
Community Services Block Grant State Plan
Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017

Public Hearing Agenda
August 31, 2015
10:00 a.m.

Opening.....Lorie Williams
Assistant Director, OCS

Public Hearing Overview.....Beverly Buchanan
CSBG Manager

Community Services Block Grant Arkansas State Plan (FY 2016-2017)

Public Comments

Closing Remarks.....Williams and Buchanan



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) SUMMARY OF FY 2016-2017 ARKANSAS STATE PLAN

Introduction

The Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of County Operations, Office of Community Services, is responsible for administering the Community Services Block Grant, which is a federal anti-poverty program that supports services designed to help low-income individuals and families become self-sufficient.

Amount of Funds

Arkansas expects to receive approximately \$9,120,191.00 in federal funds for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017. Based on Public Law 105-285, the state agency is required to pass through at least 90% of the funds to the 16 private nonprofit eligible entities (Community Action Agencies). These agencies provide statewide coverage to all 75 counties. No more than five percent may be used by the state agency for administration. The remaining five percent will be spent as a discretionary fund to advance the purposes of the Act.

Allowable Services

Services are provided through these funds to low-income persons to obtain employment, pursue an adequate education, make better use of the income they have available to them, obtain and maintain adequate housing, receive essential human services, obtain emergency food assistance, become more self-sufficient, take a responsible part in community improvement including the development of public and private grassroots partnerships with local law enforcement, address the needs of youth, and make more effective use of programs relating to state welfare reform efforts. The level of priority established for each of these areas is up to the Board of Directors for each eligible entity. Eligible entities are also expected to use CSBG funds as leverage to obtain more resources from other funding sources to provide additional essential services in their areas.

Government Performance and Results Act

The Government Performance and Results Act was signed into law by President Clinton in August, 1993. This legislation requires government organizations and private non-profits receiving federal money to show measurable progress in assisting clients with these funds. A requirement for performance-based monitoring is being met by the Office of Community Services through Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA).

FY 2016 ESTIMATED CSBG ALLOCATION

AGENCY	ALLOCATION
ARVAC	728,466
BRAD	201,868
CADC	2,125,727
CAPCA	362,113
CRDC	900,782
C-SCDC	348,640
CSO	316,907
EOAWC	322,665
MCAEOC	312,190
M-DCS	343,064
NADC	257,916
OHC	302,699
OOI	478,225
PB-JCEOC	409,337
SEACAC	354,679
SWADC	369,938
TOTAL	8,135,216



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Division of County Operations OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FACT SHEET

The Office of Community Services administers the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Commodity Distribution Unit, and Shelter Plus Care. Administrative responsibilities include program planning and coordination, policy development, funds management, compliance monitoring, and evaluation of sub-recipients. A description of OCS programs is listed below.

Commodity Distribution Unit – The Commodity Distribution Unit is the Distributing Agency for USDA School Programs and the Adminstrating and Distributing Agency for USDA Household Programs. School Programs include: National School Lunch Programs, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, Summer Food Service Program, and USDA Processing. Household Programs include: The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). Additional Programs include: Disaster Feeding and State Food Purchasing Program.

Community Services Block Grant – CSBG is a state-administered federal anti-poverty program which supports services designed to help low-income individuals and families become self-sufficient (i.e., employment assistance, housing, childcare, food, etc.). Services are provided by 16 Community Action Agencies which cover all 75 counties in the state. In FY 2015, Arkansas received \$9,120,191 in CSBG funds from the U. S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

Emergency Solutions Grants Program – ESG assists local communities in helping to improve the quality of life for the homeless, homelessness prevention efforts, and rapid re-housing assistance. In FY 2014, Arkansas received \$1.7 million for ESG from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program – LIHEAP provides assistance to approximately 60,000 households each year to help meet home energy costs. It also offers weatherization services and case management activities designed to encourage households to reduce their energy costs, as well as their need for financial assistance. Services are provided by 16 Community Action Agencies in the State. FY 2015, Arkansas received approximately \$26 million for LIHEAP from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Shelter Plus Care – S+C provides housing and supportive services on a long-term basis for homeless persons with disabilities (primarily those with serious mental illness, chronic problems with alcohol and/or drugs, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), or related diseases) and their families who living in places not intended for human habitation (e.g., streets) or in emergency shelters. FY 2014, Arkansas received approximately 2 million in funding.

Arkansas Department of Human Services
Office of Community Services
Community Services Block Grant State Plan
Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017

Public Hearing Sign in Sheet
August 31, 2015
10:00 a.m.

Darcia Hughes	Lanni Tull
Glenda Johnson	Charles Bacon
Leresa Smith	Jane Bacon
Paula Smith	Shelah Shilun
Bethie Edmond	Nellis Burnett
Annie Hannah	Leroy Burnett
Earl Cooper	Ray Fashy
Alice Smith	Ray Fashy
Dorman Anderson	Robin Rooley
Nancy Volney	Julene Rooley
Howard Childress	Dobbie Rooley
Betty Rone	Bob Cooper
Margaret Kelley	Danny Harris
Cynthia Giles	Gloria Murphy
Bucky Hemmon	Kelly M. M.
Barlene Bergold	
Paul W. W.	
Otto R. Rooley	
Jim Price	
Glynn Morn	
Bob Hard	
Kay Fawcett	
Wahle Baise	
Loretta Mull	
Harner	
Harner	
W. H.	
Patsy Wilson	
Lane Willis	