



Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

What is CSBG?

The Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) provides critical funding to Community Action Agencies (CAAs) to operate programs addressing the causes and condition of poverty under three national goals:

Goal 1: Individuals and families with low incomes are stable and achieve economic security.

Goal 2: Communities where people with low incomes live are healthy and offer economic opportunity

Goal 3: People with low incomes are engaged and active in building opportunities in communities.

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) does not provide direct grants to individuals; CSBG does not charge a fee for receiving a grant. If you receive a message offering you a CSBG grant or requesting a fee, please contact the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Fraud Hotline at 1-800-447-8477. For more information, please visit the [Grant Fraud and Scams Visit disclaimer page](#) site.

If you're a Kansas resident currently struggling and looking for tools to bring stability and prosperity to your home and community, you may be eligible to receive assistance in the following ways for the following services. Just be sure to contact your [local Community Action Agency](#).

- Rental Assistance
- Advocacy and Funding to Avoid Evictions or Homelessness
- Ending Hunger, Commodity Assistance, and Coordination of USDA Food Programs
- Home Weatherization and other efficiency and repair programs
- LIHEAP Coordination and other Energy Utility Bill Assistance
- Water/Sewer Payment
- Employment Training/Placement
- Financial Management & Budgeting Education and/or Credit Counseling
- Temporary and Permanent Shelter Options
- Childcare & Head Start Programs
- Internet Access
- Tax Preparation Assistance
- Cash Assistance and Savings Programs
- ESL, GED, and other Occupational Training Classes

CSBG Income Eligibility

- Eligibility for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funded services may vary depending on sources of income and other factors. Please contact your local community services agency to determine your eligibility. CSBG income eligibility levels are currently set at 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, as defined here: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>.

Community Action History

- Community Action was founded in the Economic Opportunity Act (EOA) of 1964 as part of Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty".
- The EOA also funded programs like Head Start, Job Corps, Vista, etc.
- Agencies were directly funded by the Federal Government.
- The EOA recognized that poverty is not the same around the country, and local communities need to be empowered to address the unique causes and conditions of poverty that exist in their communities.

Moving From EOA to CSBG

- In 1981, Reagan replaced direct funding with the Community Services Block Grant Funding to go directly to State Offices, who are responsible for oversight and administration of CSBG and CSBG Eligible Entities
- Federal government oversees state offices
- The CSBG Act was last reauthorized in 1998
- Late 2021 and early 2022 included current efforts for CSBG Reauthorization

What are States required to do with CSBG?

- Must allocate at least 90% of its federal CSBG allotment to CSBG Eligible Entities.
- May use \$55,000 or 5% (whichever is greater) for state CSBG administrative costs.
- Remaining funds ("discretionary funds") must be used for CSBG authorized purposes.

What is the State Office Responsible for?

- CSBG State Plans
- CAP Plans
- Funding
- Monitoring
- Training and Technical Assistance
- ACSI
- Reporting
- Overall State Administration

National Association for State Community Services Programs

[National Report and State Fact Sheets](#)

Kansas Important Documents

[CSBG Policy and Procedure Manual](#)

[State Plan](#)

Annual Report

Training and Technical Assistance Plan

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Laws & Regulations

[CSBG Statute Community Services Block Grant](#), October 27, 1998

[CSBG Regulation 45CFR96 Block Grants](#), October 1, 2005

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