



COLORADO
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COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) PROGRAM CSBG ACT

Legislative Hearing

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**SMART ACT REPORT
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Section 676(b)(3) of the CSBG Act requires a legislative hearing to be convened at least every three years. This document serves as a response to this federal reporting requirement.

Program Overview and Status

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is a federally funded block grant which provides formulaic grants to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities. Funds are granted by the Office of Community Services, US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. CSBG funds support programs that serve low-income communities and people living at 125% federal poverty level (FPL) or below. The CARES Act temporarily increased the applicable income eligibility limit to 200% FPL. This includes low-income individuals and families, seniors and people with disabilities.

Ninety percent of CSBG funds are distributed based on a formula which is based on poverty statistics and an inverse population density ratio to support the provision of services and strategies in geographically dispersed rural communities. Five percent of funds are reserved for administrative expenses, and five percent are reserved for discretionary grants which primarily support training and technical assistance for CSBG grantees.

All 64 Colorado counties are served by 27 established local eligible entities which operate under nine CSBG federal objectives including employment, education, income/ infrastructure/ asset building, housing, health and social/ behavioral development including nutrition, civic engagement, services supporting multiple domains like transportation and childcare, linkages with other programs, agency capacity building, and emergency management. Programs determine their focus based on local community needs assessments.

Recent annual appropriations are below. See Table 1 for FFY 2023 formulaic allocations by grantee and service area.

FY 2022	\$6,540,433
FY 2023	\$6,669,350

Program Effectiveness

Grantees are required to report monthly or quarterly. In addition, services and outcomes are reported on by grantees annually as a part of the Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) performance management framework.

While grantees expended funds in each of the federal objectives, the following categories comprised the majority of CSBG expenditures in FFY 2021:

- 32% Housing
- 26% Health and Social/ Behavioral Development (includes nutrition)
- 18% Services Supporting Multiple Domains (ex. transportation and childcare)
- 12% Employment

Table 1. CSBG Formulaic Grant Awards - Federal Fiscal Year 2023

Grantee	Counties Served	FFY 2023 Allocation
Adams County	Adams	\$515,480
Arapahoe County	Arapahoe	\$517,428
Baca County	Baca	\$35,453
Boulder County	Boulder	\$351,209
Broomfield, City and County	Broomfield	\$36,964
Colorado East Community Action Agency	Cheyenne, Elbert, Kit Carson, Lincoln	\$110,881
Delta County	Delta	\$41,111
Denver, City and County	Denver	\$853,634
Douglas County	Douglas	\$120,519
El Paso County	El Paso	\$664,434
Garfield County	Garfield, Pitkin	\$84,475
Gunnison County	Gunnison, Hinsdale	\$67,203
Housing Solutions for the Southwest	Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan	\$194,584
Jefferson County	Jefferson, Park, Teller	\$424,095
Kiowa County	Kiowa	\$32,833
La Puente Housing, Corp	Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, Saguache, Eagle, San Miguel, Montrose, Ouray	\$312,277
Larimer County	Larimer	\$359,795
Mesa County	Mesa	\$180,071
Moffat County United Way	Moffat	\$45,079
Mountain Family Center	Grand, Jackson	\$50,443
Northeast Colorado Association of Local Governments	Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma	\$160,926
Otero County	Otero, Bent, Crowley	\$87,740
Prowers County	Prowers	\$27,525
Pueblo County	Pueblo	\$264,786
Rio Blanco County	Rio Blanco	\$38,457
Routt County	Routt	\$20,659
South Central Council of Governments	Huerfano, Las Animas	\$56,072
Summit County	Summit, Clear Creek, Gilpin	\$54,505
Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments	Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake	\$107,552
Weld County	Weld	\$278,625
	TOTAL	\$6,094,815