

## **Public Notice**

## Public Invited to Comment on the Proposed 2021–2023 Community Services Block Grant State Plan

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RALEIGH — The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is seeking public comment on the revision of the proposed 2021–2023 North Carolina Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) State Plan, which outlines how the state will facilitate the <u>CSBG program</u> over the next two years.

The CSBG Block Grant is the sole source of federal funding for Community Action Agencies that provide a wide range of services and programs to assist needy families with children. CSBG funding supports projects that:

- Lessen poverty in communities
- · Address the needs of low-income individuals including the homeless, migrants and the elderly
- Provide services and activities addressing employment, education, better use of available income, housing, nutrition, emergency services and/or health

The CSBG State Plan is required for North Carolina to receive CSBG block grant funds, and it describes major program provisions, eligible entities, training and technical assistance, and program benefits. DHHS will submit the CSBG State Plan to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Services. This draft plan covers the Federal Fiscal Years 2021–2023 and must be submitted by Sept. 1, 2021.

The written plan will be available for review through Aug. 25, 2021 at the following locations:

- Each county department of social services during normal business hours
- Each <u>Community Action Agency location</u> during normal business hours
- Online at <a href="https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/office-economic-opportunity">https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/office-economic-opportunity</a> Office of Economic Opportunity

Comments on the report must be submitted in writing no later than Aug. 25, 2021 by one of the following methods:

1. Email: Valerie.Powell@dhhs.nc.gov

2. **Fax:** 919-334-0168

3. **Public Hearing:** There will be a public hearing regarding the CSBG State Plan on <u>August 24, 2021</u> at 10:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams meeting platform, please click below to attend.

Link to OEO Public Hearing for Draft State Plan

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