

*Public Notice*

**Public Invited to Comment on Proposed  
2023-2025 Community Services  
Block Grant State Plan**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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RALEIGH — The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is seeking public comment on the revision of the proposed 2023–2025 North Carolina Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) State Plan, which outlines how the state will facilitate the CSBG Program 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. NCDHHS 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 2023–2025 and must be submitted by September 1, 2023.

The written plan will be available for review through April 10, 2023 online at [www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/office-economic-opportunity](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/office-economic-opportunity), the Office of Economic Opportunity’s webpage.

Comments on the report must be submitted in writing no later than April 10, 2023, by one of the following methods:

- **Email:** [Marionna.Poke-Stewart@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Marionna.Poke-Stewart@dhhs.nc.gov)
- **Fax:** 919-334-0168
- **Public Hearing:** There will be a public hearing regarding the CSBG State Plan on April 11, 2023, at 1 p.m. via Microsoft Teams meeting platform. Please use the following link to attend: [OEO Public Hearing for Draft State Plan](#).