

## Public Notice Public Invited to Comment on Proposed Social Services Block Grant Plan

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RALEIGH — The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is seeking public comment on the proposed Social Services Block Grant Plan, which outlines how \$76 million in federal Social Services Block Grant funds will be spent in North Carolina for the 2021-2022 state fiscal year. The Social Services Block Grant is the major source of federal funding for several programs, including adoption, counseling, adult day care and foster care, protective services for adults, housing and residential treatment. Other uses may include child care for individuals involved in child welfare cases, community-based services for adults who are elderly and/or have a disability, mental health services, transportation and other human services programs.

Due to COVID-19 safety concerns, the written plan will be available for review online at the following websites:

- Online at <u>www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/public-notices</u>
- Online at each county department of social services website

Comments on the report must be submitted in writing no later than Monday, Oct. 18, 2021 by one of the following methods:

Mail: Re: SSBG Plan Comments

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Email: <a href="mailto:ssbg.comments@dhhs.nc.gov">ssbg.comments@dhhs.nc.gov</a>

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**Public Hearing:** Also due to COVID-19, NCDHHS will hold the public hearing via online webinar and conference call. Hearing for comments on the report will be held on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021 at 1 p.m. To participate in the online webinar, please register at <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5586009869365717262">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5586009869365717262</a>.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. The email will also contain a conference line should attendees prefer to call into the public hearing.

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