

CSBG State Plan

Program Name: Community Services Block Grant

Grantee Name: DEPARTMENT WORK SERVICES

Report Name: CSBG State Plan

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* 1.a. Type of Submission: <input type="radio"/> Application <input checked="" type="radio"/> Plan <input type="radio"/> Other (2 Year)	* 1.b. Frequency: <input type="radio"/> Annual <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other (2 Year)	* 1.c. Consolidated Application/ Plan/Funding Request? Explanation:	* 1.d. Version: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Initial <input type="radio"/> Resubmission <input type="radio"/> Revision <input type="radio"/> Update
		2. Date Received:	State Use Only:
		3. Applicant Identifier:	
		4a. Federal Entity Identifier:	5. Date Received By State:
		4b. Federal Award Identifier:	6. State Application Identifier:
7. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
* a. Legal Name: State of Utah			
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 876000545		* c. Organizational DUNS: 621491328	
* d. Address:			
* Street 1:	140 East 300 South	Street 2:	
* City:	Salt Lake City	County:	Salt Lake County
* State:	UT	Province:	
* Country:	United States	* Zip / Postal Code:	84111 -
e. Organizational Unit:			
Department Name: Department of Workforce Services		Division Name: Housing and Community Development Division	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:			
Prefix:	* First Name: Karen	Middle Name:	* Last Name: Quackenbush
Suffix:	Title: CSBG Program Manager	Organizational Affiliation: Utah Department of Workforce Services	
* Telephone Number: (801) 526-9922	Fax Number (801) 526-9238	* Email: kquackenbush@utah.gov	
* 8a. TYPE OF APPLICANT: A: State Government			
b. Additional Description:			
* 9. Name of Federal Agency:			
		Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:	CFDA Title:
10. CFDA Numbers and Titles		93569	Community Services Block Grant
11. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project CSBG State Plan FY25 and FY26			
12. Areas Affected by Funding: statewide			
13. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:			
* a. Applicant 2		b. Program/Project: statewide	
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.			
14. FUNDING PERIOD:		15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:	
a. Start Date:	b. End Date:	* a. Federal (\$): \$0	b. Match (\$): \$0
* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?			
a. This submission was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372			
Process for Review on :			
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by State for review.			

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

* 17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?

- YES
 NO

Explanation:

18. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

****I Agree**

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

18a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official

18c. Telephone (area code, number and extension)

18d. Email Address

18b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official



18e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year)

08/16/2024

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Section 1: CSBG Lead Agency, CSBG Authorized Official, CSBG Point of Contact, and Official State Designation Letter

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SECTION 1 CSBG Lead Agency, CSBG Authorized Official, CSBG Point of Contact, and Official State Designation Letter	

1.1. Identify whether this is a One-Year or a Two-Year Plan	<input type="radio"/> one-year <input checked="" type="radio"/> two-year
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1.1a. Provide the federal fiscal years this plan covers:	Year One 2025	Year Two 2026
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1.2. Lead Agency and Authorized Official: Update the following information in relation to the lead agency and authorized official designated to administer CSBG in the state, as required by Section 676(a) of the CSBG Act.

Information should reflect the responses provided in the Application for Federal Assistance, SF-424M.

Has information regarding the state lead agency and authorized official changed since the last submission of the State Plan? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

If yes, select the fields that have been changed [Check all the apply]

<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Department Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Department Name
<input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Official	<input type="checkbox"/> Street Address	<input type="checkbox"/> City
<input type="checkbox"/> Zip Code	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office Number	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fax Number
<input type="checkbox"/> Email Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Website	

1.2a. Lead agency	Department of Workforce Services
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1.2b. Cabinet or administrative department of this lead agency [Check one and provide a narrative where applicable]

<input type="radio"/> Community Affairs Department
<input type="radio"/> Community Services Department
<input type="radio"/> Governors Office
<input type="radio"/> Health Department
<input type="radio"/> Housing Department
<input type="radio"/> Human Services Department
<input type="radio"/> Social Services Department
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Other, describe
Department of Workforce Services

1.2c. Cabinet or Administrative Department Name: Provide the name of the cabinet or administrative department of the CSBG authorized official	Department of Workforce Services
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1.2d. Authorized Official of the Lead Agency

Name: Christia Oliver	Title: Director, Housing and Community Development Div.
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1.2e. Street Address	140 East 300 South
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1.2f. City	Salt Lake City	1.2g. State UT	1.2h. Zip 84111
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1.2i. Telephone number 801 759 - 7628 ext.	1.2j. Fax number 801 526 - 9238
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1.2k. Email address coliver@utah.gov	1.2l. Lead agency website https://jobs.utah.gov/housing/scso/csbg/index.html
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1.3. Designation Letter:

Attach the state's official CSBG designation letter. A new designation letter is required if the chief executive officer of the state and/or the designated agency has changed.

1.4. CSBG Point of Contact: provide the following information in relation to the designated state CSBG point of contact. The state CSBG point of contact should be the person that will be the main point of contact for CSBG within the state.

Has Information regarding to the state point of contact has changed since the last submission of the State Plan? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
If yes, select the fields that have changed [check all the apply]			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agency Name	<input type="checkbox"/>	Point of Contact
<input type="checkbox"/>	City	<input type="checkbox"/>	Zip Code
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fax Number	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email Address
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Street Address
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Office Number
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Website
1.4a. Agency Name Department of Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development Division			
1.4b Point of Contact Name			
Name: Karen Quackenbush		Title: CSBG Program Manager	
1.4c. Street Address		140 East 300 South	
1.4d. City		Salt Lake City	1.4e. StateUT 1.4f. Zip 84111
1.4g. Telephone Number 801 526 - 9922 ext.		1.4h. Fax Number 801 526 - 9238	
1.4i. Email Address kquackenbush@utah.gov		1.4j. Agency Website https://jobs.utah.gov/housing/scso/csbg/index.html	
1.5. Provide the following information in relation to theState Community Action Association.			
There is currently a state Community Action Association within the state. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
Has Information regarding the state Community Action Association has changed since the last submission of the State Plan? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
If yes, select the fields that have been changed [Check all the apply]			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agency Name	<input type="checkbox"/>	Executive Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City	<input type="checkbox"/>	State
<input type="checkbox"/>	Office Number	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax Number
<input type="checkbox"/>	Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	RPIC Lead
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Street Address
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Zip Code
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Email Address
1.5a. Agency Name Utah Community Action Partnership Association dba Community Action Partnership of Utah			
1.5b. Executive Director or Point of Contact			
Name: Clint Cottam		Title: Executive Director	
1.5c. Street Address		3159 Grant Ave.	
1.5d. City		Ogden	1.5e. StateUT 1.5f. Zip 84401
1.5g. Telephone number 801 433 - 3025 ext.		1.5h. Fax number -	
1.5i. Email Address clint@caputah.org		1.5j. State Association Website https://caputah.org/	
1.5k. State Association currently serves as the Regional Performance Innovation Consortia (RPIC) lead <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No			

Section 2: State Legislation and Regulation

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SECTION 2 State Legislation and Regulation

2.1. CSBG State Legislation:

State has a statute authorizing CSBG Yes No

2.2. CSBG State Regulation:

State has regulations for CSBG Yes No

2.3. Legislation/Regulation Document: *Attach the legislation and/or regulations or provide a hyperlink(s) to the documents indicated under Item 2.1. and/or Item 2.2.*

See attached.

2.4. State Authority:

Select a response for each of the following items about the state statute and/or regulations authorizing CSBG:

2.4a. Authorizing Legislation: State legislature enacts authorizing legislation or amendments to an existing authorizing statute, last federal fiscal year Yes No

2.4b. Regulation Amendments: State established or amended regulations for CSBG last federal fiscal year Yes No

Section 3: State Plan Development and Statewide Goals

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SECTION 3 State Plan Development and Statewide Goals

3.1. CSBG Lead Agency Mission and Responsibilities:

Briefly describe the mission and responsibilities of the state agency that serves as the CSBG Lead Agency.

The State Community Services Office (SCSO) provides guidance, oversight, and funding to Utah's nine CSBG eligible entities (EEs). SCSO will continue to develop and refine policies and procedures to enhance management goals and standards. SCSO supports efforts to assist grantees to use data and needs assessment information to improve service and program delivery while preserving the flexibility and local initiatives of CSBG to impact and address local poverty issues.

3.2. State Plan Goals:

Describe the state's CSBG-specific goals for state administration of CSBG under this State Plan.

(Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 1Sa(i) and pre-populates the State's Annual Report, Module 1, Item B.1.)

The CSBG goals of SCSO have traditionally been closely aligned with the successful management and oversight of the grant. While those goals remain, the goals have been expanded following network discussions about the FY25-FY26 CSBG State Plan. All parties to the discussion (EEs, state association and SCSO) supported the additional goal of support for best practices and for a robust data culture, added below as Goal 3. Goal 1: The SCSO will administer the CSBG program in Utah in accordance with its mission and in compliance with all applicable statutes, rules, and regulations, in a manner which will increase management efficiency and program effectiveness. Objective 1: SCSO will allocate and distribute funds in accordance with the CSBG Act and amendments. Objective 2: SCSO will ensure fiscal accountability of CSBG grantees. Objective 3: SCSO will support organizational best practices and strengthen organizational capacity, management efficiency, and program effectiveness through review for compliance with the CSBG Organizational Standards. Goal 2: To advocate for the continuation of funds, community involvement and support, and the expansion of programs to provide services and activities having a measurable impact on the causes and conditions of poverty. Objective 1: Conduct planning activities to promote the successful results of CSBG-funded activities that collaborate with all interested parties throughout the State with the greatest potential impact on poverty in Utah. Objective 2: SCSO will monitor and evaluate grantee performance through data collection, program assessment, compliance with the organizational standards, and regular on-site visits. Objective 3: Consistent with available resources, training and technical assistance will be provided through SCSO to increase administrative and operational effectiveness, including compliance with the organizational standards. Objective 4: SCSO, in conjunction with other state partners, will research and report on poverty conditions and anti-poverty program outcomes throughout the State. Goal 3: SCSO will support adoption of best practices and the building/strengthening of a robust data culture. Objective 1: SCSO, in collaboration with the state association, will facilitate exchange of best practices through training, support of peer mentoring, encouragement of conference attendance, and creation of forums for exchange of best practices. Objective 2: SCSO will support training activities that contribute to the development of a strong data culture.

3.3. State Plan Development:

Indicate the information and input the state accessed to develop this State Plan.

3.3a. Analysis of state-level tools [Check all that apply and provide additional information where applicable]

State Performance Indicators and/or National Performance Indicators (NPIs)

U.S. Census data

State Performance Management Data (e.g., accountability measures, ACSI survey information, and/or other information from annual reports)

Monitoring Visits/Assessments

Tools Not Identified Above (specify)

DWS Annual Data Report on Homelessness, DWS Research and Analysis data

3.3b. Analysis of local-level tools [Check all that applies and provide additional information where applicable]

Eligible Entity Community Needs Assessments

Eligible Entity Community Action Plans

Public Hearings/Workshops

Tools Not Identified Above (e.g., State required reports)[specify]

3.3c. Consultation with [Check all that applies and provide additional information where applicable]

Eligible Entities (e.g., meetings, conferences, webinars; not including the public hearing)

State Association

National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP)

Community Action Partnership (NCAP)

Community Action Program Legal Services (CAPLAW)

CSBG Tribal Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) provider

Regional Performance Innovation Consortium (RPIC)

<input type="checkbox"/> Association for Nationally Certified ROMA Trainers (ANCRT)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal CSBG Office				
<input type="checkbox"/> Organizations not identified above [Specify]				
3.4. Eligible Entity Involvement				
3.4a. State Plan Development Describe the specific steps the State took in developing the State Plan to involve the eligible entities.				
<i>(Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 1Sa(ii) and may pre-populate the State's annual report form)</i>				
<p>As described in the FY23-FY24 CSBG state plan, SCSO, in consultation with Utahs Community Action Agency (CAA) network, updated CSBG policies in 2022 to include an update every 2 years of the ACS statistic used in Utahs CSBG formula. The update coincides with Utahs 2-year state plans. ACS 5-year stats (S1701) are published in December; thus, the work on the FY25-FY26 CSBG State plan began in November 2023 with network discussion of the new data that would be available in December and a virtual meeting (11/14/23) that we would be working on the state plan over the next 10 months. SCSO pulled the updated percentages (12/8/23) and formula tables; Individual meetings were held with agencies to inform each of impact of the change (12/27/23-1/52/4). The updated formula and timeline for plan development were presented to the network (1/16/24) including a step-by-step so agencies could verify process and calculations. Public hearing and public comment on the formula update were discussed and planned to coincide with the public hearing and public comment to be held for the state plan (7/9/24). The updates to the formula would go into effect with the FY25-FY26 state plan. SCSO sent emails requesting input on the new state plan and copy of the current plan to the CAAs and state association on 2/7/24. SCSO presented a timeline for state plan development and again requested input from the CAAs and state association during an SCSO webinar on 2/20/24. The state association held a round table discussion (hybrid-remote and in-person) to discuss the state plan and its purpose, to review the current plan, and to gather specific feedback and suggestions (3/18/24). SCSO called in toward the end of the meeting---responding to questions and receiving direct input from those wanting to share. The state association forwarded a summary of the comments and suggestions provided during the meeting to the state office (3/25/24). SCSO incorporated the suggestions into draft, and the updates to mission, goals and teaching and technical assistance were shared with the state association on 4/26/24 so that the updates could then be shared with the network during the following state association board meeting. The draft of the FY25-FY26 CSBG State Plan was submitted to division leadership on 5/3/24. The draft plan was shared with the network and posted for public comment on 6/10/24. The public hearing will be held 7/9/24. Public comment closed 8/9/24.</p>				
3.4b. Performance Management Adjustment: Describe how the state adjusted its State Plan development procedures under this State Plan, as compared to previous State Plans, in order to:				
<p>1) encourage eligible entity participation and 2) ensure the State Plan reflects input from eligible entities?</p> <p>Any adjustment should be based on the State's analysis of past performance in these areas, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the State is not making any adjustments, provide further detail.</p>				
<i>(Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 1Sb(i) and (ii) and pre-populate the Annual Report, Module 1, Item B.1.)</i>				
<p>With the decision to update the funding formula biannually with the most recent ACS statistics, awareness of state plan development and interest and involvement from the network has increased. Discussion of the plan and need to update the formula started 10 months in advance of the plans submission deadline. The public hearing was held July 9, 2024, and public comment was open from June 10, 2024 through August 9, 2024. SCSO kept in place the procedures the CAAs indicated they appreciated: individual meetings to discuss impact of formula data update; round table state plan discussion facilitated by the state association; invitations to share input by email or call; allowance for plenty of time to review draft and offer additional input. SCSO provided the network with a timeline for development and continued to request feedback during monthly webinars held between January and August 2024.</p>				
3.5. Eligible Entity Overall Satisfaction:				
<i>Provide the State's target for eligible entity Overall Satisfaction during the performance period:</i>				
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Year One</td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">95</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Year Two</td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">95</td> </tr> </table>	Year One	95	Year Two	95
Year One	95			
Year Two	95			
<p>Instructional Note: The state's target score will indicate improvement or maintenance of the state's Overall Satisfaction score from the most recent American Customer Survey Index (ACSI) survey of the state's eligible entities. <i>(Note: Item 3.5 is associated with State Accountability Measure 8S and may pre-populate the State's annual report form)</i></p>				

Section 4: CSBG Hearing Requirements

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SECTION 4 CSBG Hearing Requirements

4.1. Public Inspection:

Describe the steps taken by the state to disseminate this State Plan to the public for review and comments prior to the public hearing, as required under Section 676(e)(2) of the Act.

The draft FY25-FY26 CSBG State Plan was posted for public comment on 6/10/24 on Utahs CSBG webpage (<https://jobs.utah.gov/housing/scso/csbg/index.html>) as well as Utahs Department of Workforce Services public notice webpage (<https://jobs.utah.gov/department/publicnotices.html>). Copies of the draft plan were also emailed to Utahs 9 CAAs and to the state association. Public comment was held open until 8/9/24. Notice of public comment and of how to access the plan was posted in 2 statewide newspapers on 6/10/24.

4.2. Public Notice/Hearing:

Describe how the state ensured there was sufficient time and statewide distribution of notice of the public hearing(s) to allow the public to comment on the State Plan, as required underSection 676(a)(2)(B) of the CSBG Act.

The public hearing for the FY25-FY26 CSBG state plan was held on July 9, 2024. Notice of the public hearing was posted in 2 state wide newspapers as well as on Utahs Department of Workforce Services public notice webpage (<https://jobs.utah.gov/department/publicnotices.html>) on June 9, 2024-- providing 4 weeks of advance notice and coinciding with the opening of public comment.

4.3. Public and Legislative Hearings:

In the table below, specify the date(s) and location(s) of the public and legislative hearing(s) held by the designated lead agency for this State Plan, as required under Section 676(a)(2)(B) andSection 676(a)(3) of the Act.

	Date	Location	Type of Hearing [Select an option]	If a combined hearing was held, confirm that the public was invited
1	06/15/2022	State Capitol Building, 350 N State St. (Rm 120-Senate Bldg) Salt Lake City, UT 84111	Legislative	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	07/09/2024	Olene Walker Building, 140 E 300 S Salt Lake City UT 84111	Public	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTE : States can add rows as needed for each hearing as needed

4.4. Attach supporting documentation or a hyperlink for the public and legislative hearings.
See attached.

Section 5: CSBG Eligible Entities

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SECTION 5 CSBG Eligible Entities

5.1. CSBG Eligible Entities:

In the table below, indicate whether each eligible entity in the state, is public or private, the type(s) of entity, and the geographical area served by the entity.

Note: Table 5.1 pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Table C.1.

Types of Entities include Community Action Agency, Limited Purpose Agency, Local Government Agency, Migrant or Seasonal Farmworker Organization, Tribe or Tribal Organization, and Other

#	CSBG Eligible Entity	Geographical Area Served by county (Provide all counties)	Public or Nonprofit	Type of Entity [choose all that apply]
1	Bear River Association of Governments	Box Elder County, Cache County, Rich County	Public	Community Action Agency
2	Community Action Services & Food Bank, Inc.	Summit County, Utah County, Wasatch County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
3	Family Connection Center	Davis County, Morgan County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
4	Five County Association of Governments	Beaver County, Iron County, Garfield County, Kane County, and Washington County	Public	Community Action Agency
5	Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership Inc.	Weber County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
6	Salt Lake Community Action Program	Salt Lake County, Tooele County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
7	Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments	Carbon County, Emery County, Grand County, and San Juan County	Public	Community Action Agency
8	Uintah Basin Association of Governments	Daggett County, Duchesne County, and Uintah County	Public	Community Action Agency
9	R6 Regional Council	Juab County, Millard County, Piute County, Sanpete County, Sevier County, Wayne County	Public	Community Action Agency

5.2. Total number of CSBG eligible entities 9

5.3. Changes to Eligible Entities List:

Within the tables below, describe any changes that have occurred to the Eligible Entities within the state since the last federal fiscal Year (FFY), as applicable.

One or more of the following changes were made to the eligible entity list: [Check all that apply].

- Designation and/or Re-Designation
- De-Designations and/or Voluntary Relinquishments
- Mergers
- No Changes to Eligible Entities List

5.3a. Designation and Re-Designation: Identify any new entities that have beendesigned as eligible entities, as defined under Section 676A of the Act, since the last federal fiscal year.Include any eligible entities designated to serve an area previously not served by CSBG as well as any entities designated to replace another eligible entity that was terminated (de-designated) or that voluntarily relinquished its status as a CSBG eligible entity.

CSBG Eligible Entity	Type	Start Date	Geographical Area Served	Delete
R6 Regional Council	Designation	07/01/2024	Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, Wayne counties	

5.3b. Designation and Voluntary Relinquishments: Identify any entities that are no longer receiving CSBG funding. Include any eligible entities that have been terminated (de-designated) as defined under Section 676(c) and Section 676C of the Act, or voluntarily relinquished their CSBG eligible entity status since the last Federal Fiscal Year (FFY). Include any eligible entities designated to serve an area previously not served by CSBG as well as any entities designated to replace another eligible entity that was terminated (de-designated)

CSBG Eligible Entity	Reason	Delete
Six County Association of Governments	Voluntarily Relinquished	

5.3c. Mergers: In the table below, provide information about any mergers or other combinations of two or more eligible entities that were individually listed in the prior State Plan.

Original CSBG Eligible Entities	Surviving CSBG Eligible Entity	New Name (as applicable)	DUNS No.	Delete

Section 6: Organizational Standards for Eligible Entities

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Note: Reference IM 138, <i>State Establishment of Organizational Standards for CSBG Eligible Entities</i> , for more information on Organizational Standards. Click HERE for IM 138.	
6.1. Choice of Standards: Confirm whether the state will implement the CSBG Organizational Standards Center of Excellence (COE) organizational standards (as described in IM 138) or an alternative set during the federal fiscal year(s) of this planning period	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> COE CSBG Organizational Standards <input type="radio"/> Modified version of COE CSBG Organizational Standards <input type="radio"/> Alternative set of Organizational Standards	
6.1a. Modified Organizational Standards: In the case that the state is requesting to use modified COE-developed organizational standards, provide the proposed modification for the FFY of this planning period including the rationale.	
6.1b. Alternative Organizational Standards: If using an alternative set of organizational standards, attach the complete list of alternative organizational standards.	
6.1c. Alternative Organizational Standards Changes: If using an alternative set of organizational standards: 1) provide any changes from the last set provided during the previous State Plan submission; 2) describe the reasons for using alternative standards; and 3) describe how they are at least as rigorous as the COE- developed standards	
<input type="radio"/> There were no changes from the previous State Plan submission	
Provide reason for using alternative standards	
Describe rigor compared to COE-developed Standards	
6.2. Implementation: Check the box that best describes how the state officially adopt(ed) organizational standards for eligible entities in the state in a manner consistent with the state's administrative procedures act. If "Other" is selected, provide a timeline and additional information, as necessary. [Check all that apply and narrative where applicable]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regulation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts with eligible entities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, describe:	
6.3. Organizational Standards Assessment: Describe how the state assess eligible entities against organizational standards this federal fiscal year(s). [Check all that apply.]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Peer-to-peer review (<i>with validation by the State or state-authorized third party</i>)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Self-assessment (<i>with validation by the State or state-authorized third party</i>)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Self-assessment/peer review with state risk analysis	
<input type="checkbox"/> State-authorized third party validation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular, on-site CSBG monitoring	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
6.3a. Assessment Process: Describe the planned assessment process.	
The assessment process is the same as that reported in the FY23-FY24 state plan. SCSO expects all agencies to be in compliance with the organizational standards in FY25 and FY26. A compliance rate that is below full conformity will require corrective action for each standard that is not met. Corrective action will be developed in partnership with the agencies and progress will be monitored by SCSO. SCSO will provide final review, determination, and approval of corrective action type and plan, as well as any revisions to corrective action plans. An organizational standard assessment tool is included in SCSOs monitoring tool and addresses the 58 standards required for private CAAs as well as the 50 standards required for public CAAs. SCSO reviews agencies for compliance with the organizational standards as part of the program monitoring process and may include in this process desktop review of supporting documentation. Documents not submitted in advance for desktop review are viewed in the field during the on-site monitoring visit. During the on-site visit, an opportunity is provided to answer questions as well as explain any deficiencies in meeting the organizational standards. Any areas of noncompliance found during the on-site visit are discussed during an exit interview; opportunity is provided for additional explanation, and, if corrective action is needed, the agency is invited to submit a corrective action plan which is reviewed by SCSO. Once an acceptable corrective action plan is in place, an SCSO program specialist follows up with the agency to ensure corrections are in place.	
6.4. Eligible Entity Exemptions: Will the state make exceptions in applying the organizational standards for certain eligible entities due to special circumstances or organizational characteristics (as described in IM 138)? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	

6.4a. Provide the specific eligible entities the state will exempt from meeting organizational standards, and provide a description and a justification for each exemption

Total Number of Exempt Entities: 0

CSBG Eligible Entity	Description / Justification	Delete

6.5. Performance Target: Provide the percentage of eligible entities that the state expects to meet all the state-adopted organizational standards for FFY(S) for this planning period

Year One	100%	Year Two	100%
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Note: Item 6.5 is associated with State Accountability Measures 6Sa and prepopulate the Annual report, Module 1, Table D.2.

Section 7: State Use of Funds

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SECTION 7 State Use of Funds

Eligible Entity Allocation (90 Percent Funds) [Section 675C(a) of the CSBG Act]

7.1. Formula:

Select the method (formula) that best describes the current practice for allocating CSBG funds to eligible entities.

- Historic
- Base + Formula
- Formula Alone
- Formula with Variables
- Hold Harmless + Formula
- Other

7.1a. Formula Description: Describe the current practice for allocating CSBG funds to eligible entities.

The 9 eligible entities receive a \$50,000 base and a percentage of the remaining 90% pass through funds. The poverty percentage, which is the CAA jurisdictions percentage of the states CSBG eligible population, has been updated for FY25-26 using American Community Survey (ACS) S1701-- 2022 data. The report provides at state and county level the number of Utahns living at or below 125% of Federal Poverty Level. The percentage of the states population at/below 125% of Federal Poverty Level is determined for each eligible entity and applied in the formula for distribution of funds. The percentage is updated with data from the ACS every 2 years which was added to SCSO CSBG policy in FY22. The update corresponds with the two-year submission cycle of the CSBG state plan. Public hearings and public inspection for the updated formula coincide with those held for the state plan.

7.1b. Statute: Does a state statutory or regulatory authority specify the formula for allocating "not less than 90 percent" funds among eligible entities? Yes No

7.2. Planned Allocation:

Specify the percentage of your CSBG planned allocation that will be funded to eligible entities and "not less than of 90 percent funds" as described under Section 675C(a) of the CSBG Act.

In the table, provide the planned allocation for each eligible entity receiving funds for the fiscal year(s) covered by this plan.

Note: This information pre-populates the state's Annual Report, Module 1, Table E.2.

Year One	90.00%	Year Two	90.00%
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Planned CSBG 90 Percent Funds

CSBG Eligible Entity	Year One Funding Amount \$	Delete
Bear River Association of Governments	\$289,886	
Community Action Services & Food Bank, Inc.	\$730,141	
Family Connection Center	\$265,805	
Five County Association of Governments	\$356,882	
Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership Inc.	\$305,014	
Salt Lake Community Action Program	\$1,167,617	
Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments	\$134,902	
Uintah Basin Association of Governments	\$126,258	
R6 Regional Council	\$160,836	
Total	\$3,537,341	

CSBG Eligible Entity Year Two

CSBG Eligible Entity	Year Two Funding Amount \$	Delete
Bear River Association of Governments	\$289,886	
Community Action Services & Food Bank, Inc.	\$730,141	
Family Connection Center	\$265,805	
Five County Association of Governments	\$356,882	
Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership Inc.	\$305,014	
Salt Lake Community Action Program	\$1,167,617	
Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments	\$134,902	
Uintah Basin Association of Governments	\$126,258	
R6 Regional Council	\$160,836	

Total	\$3,537,341
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7.3. Distribution Process:
Describe the specific steps in the state's process for distributing 90 percent funds to the eligible entities and include the number of days each step is expected to take; include information about state legislative approval or other types of administrative approval (such as approval by a board or commission).

Utahs distribution process has not changed from what was described in the FY23-FY24 state plan. CSBG funds are made available to the eligible entities after the State receives the Notice of Award from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF). Contracts are created with the initial award and amended with the receipt of additional awards. The contract process starts with the eligible entity's application for funds, usually in August. Applications include a projected budget based on the final award of the prior fiscal year; however, contracts are created and then amended per receipt of award letter. SCSO works to have contracts in place by October 1. (Application period--3 weeks; Contracting (time for process is improving) 4-5 weeks; Amendment process 4 weeks). With an executed contract in place, an eligible entity may access funds through submission of a claim for reimbursement. Using SCSO's online system, eligible entities submit a claim, upload appropriate supporting documentation, and receive same day notification of the claims submission. Claims are reviewed by SCSO staff generally within 3 business days. If there are questions on the claim or any of its documentation, the claim is put in correcting status and the agency contacted so that correction can be made. When the claim has been reviewed and approved, it is forwarded to the finance department for final review (up to 5 days) and for payment, most often made by direct deposit (1 business day). Eligible entities receive their payment through immediate EFT transfer. SCSO has focused on streamlining the contracting process and reducing timeline to better meet the 30-day performance measure.

7.3a Distribution Method: Select the option below that best describes the distribution method the state uses to issue CSBG funds to eligible entities:

- Reimbursement
- Advance
- Hybrid
- Other

7.4. Distribution Timeframe:

Does the state plan to make funds available to eligible entities no later than 30 calendar days after OCS distributes the federal award? Yes
 No

7.4a. Distribution Consistency: If no, describe state procedures to ensure funds are made available to eligible entities consistently and without interruption.

Note: Item 7.4 is associated with State Accountability Measure 2Sa and may prepopulate the state's annual report form.

7.5. Distribution of Funds Performance Management Adjustment:
Describe the state's strategy for improving grant and/or contract administration procedures under this State Plan as compared to past plans. Any improvements should be based on analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the state is not making any improvements, provide further detail.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 2Sb and may prepopulate the state's annual report form.

New contracting processes were introduced to SCSO's division in 2021. SCSO and its division have been working on streamlining the process over the last 3 years. Contract dedicated email accounts, Adobe E-sign, and other efficiencies (including notifying CAA managers when to alert their contract signers) have been introduced to reduce the contracting timeline. SCSO maintains good communication with the CAAs throughout the process and continues to look for additional efficiencies and to invite CAA feedback and suggestions.

Administrative Funds [Section 675C(b)(2) of the CSBG Act]

Note: This information pre-populates the state's Annual Report, Module 1, Table E.4.

7.6. Allocated Funds: Specify the percentage of your CSBG planned allocation for administrative activities for the FFY(s) covered by this State plan.

Year One (0.00%)	5.00	Year Two (0.00%)	5.00
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7.7. State Staff: Provide the number of state staff positions to be funded in whole or in part with CSBG funds for the FFY(s) covered by this State Plan

Year One	13.00	Year Two	13.00
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7.8. State FTEs: Provide the number of state Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) to be funded with CSBG funds for the FFY(s) covered by this State Plan

Year One	1.57	Year Two	1.57
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7.9. Remainder/Discretionary Funds Use: Does the state have remainder/discretionary funds, as described in Section 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act? Yes No

If yes, provide the allocated percentage and describe the use of the remainder/discretionary funds in the table below.

Year One (0.00%)	5.00%	Year Two (0.00%)	5.00%
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Use of Remainder/Discretionary Funds(See Section 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act)

Note: This response will link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.2.

If a funded activity fits under more than one category in the table, allocate the funds among the categories. For

example, if the state provides funds under a contract with the State Community Action association to provide training and technical assistance to eligible entities and to create a statewide data system, the funds for that contract should be allocated appropriately between Items 7.9a. - 7.9c. If allocation is not possible, the state may allocate the funds to the main category with which the activity is associated.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 3Sa and pre-populates the annual report Module 1, Table E.7.

Remainder/Discretionary Fund Uses	Year One Planned \$	Brief description of services/activities and/or activities
7.9a. Training/technical assistance to eligible entities	\$92,518.00	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Item 8.1.
7.9b. Coordination of state-operated programs and/or local programs	\$0.00	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Section 9, state Linkages and Communication.
7.9c. Statewide coordination and communication among eligible entities	\$7,000.00	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Section 9, state Linkages and Communication.
7.9d. Analysis of distribution of CSBG funds to determine if targeting greatest need	\$0.00	Funded by admin
7.9e. Asset-building programs	\$0.00	not funded by discretionary
7.9f. Innovative programs/activities by eligible entities or other neighborhood groups	\$2,000.00	Peer to Peer mentoring
7.9g. State charity tax credits	\$0.00	not funded by discretionary
7.9h. Other activities, specify in column 3	\$95,000.00	Support of ROMA training activities, data support for the network, advocacy, Emergency Food Network Capacity Building and other network identified priorities, including frontline staff training and activities that support greater understanding and connection to larger network
Total	\$196,518.00	

Remainder/Discretionary Fund Uses	Year Two Planned \$	Brief description of services/activities
7.9a. Training/technical assistance to eligible entities	\$92,518.00	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Item 8.1.
7.9b. Coordination of state-operated programs and/or local programs	\$0.00	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Section 9, state Linkages and Communication.
7.9c. Statewide coordination and communication among eligible entities	\$7,000.00	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Section 9, state Linkages and Communication.
7.9d. Analysis of distribution of CSBG funds to determine if targeting greatest need	\$0.00	Funded by admin
7.9e. Asset-building programs	0	Not funded by discetionary
7.9f. Innovative programs/activities by eligible entities or other neighborhood groups	\$2,000.00	Peer to Peer Mentoring
7.9g. State charity tax credits	\$0.00	Not funded by discetionary
7.9h. Other activities, specify in column 3	\$95,000.00	Support of ROMA training activities, data support for the network, advocacy, Emergency Food Network Capacity Building and other network identified priorities, including frontline staff training and activities that support greater understanding and connection to larger network
Total	\$196,518.00	

7.10. Remainder/Discretionary Funs Partnerships: Select the types of organizations, if any, the State Plans to work with (by grant or contract using remainder/discretionary funds) to carry out some or all of the activities in table 7.9.

[Check all that apply and narrative where applicable]

- The state directly carries out all activities (No Partnerships)
- The state partially carries out some activities
- CSBG eligible entities (*if checked, include the expected number of CSBG eligible entities to receive funds*)
- Other community-based organizations
- State Community Action association
- Regional CSBG technical assistance provider(s)
- National technical assistance provider(s)
- Individual consultant(s)
- Tribes and Tribal Organizations

Other

Note: *This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.2.*

7.11. Use of Remainder/Discretionary Funds Performance Management Adjustment:

Describe any adjustments the state will make to the use of remainder/discretionary funds under this State Plan as compared to past plans. Any adjustment should be based on the state's analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the state is not making any adjustments, provide further detail.

Note: *This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 3Sb, and may pre-populate the State's annual report form.*

The State Association held its FY25-FY26 CSBG State Plan round table discussion with all 9 of Utahs eligible entities on March 18, 2024. From that discussion and from feedback sent by the eligible entities directly to SCSO between January and April 2024, the priorities for discretionary spending and for teaching and technical assistance were identified. Some activities listed in the plan template as discretionary activities are conducted by SCSO and funded by admin dollars and are so noted. SCSO also provides some of the T/TA and that work is also funded by admin. The network expressed its appreciation for direct input in prioritizing discretionary and T/TA activities.

Section 8: State Training and Technical Assistance

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SECTION 8 State Training and Technical Assistance

8.1. Training and Technical Assistance Plan: Describe the State's plan for delivering CSBG-funded training and technical assistance to eligible entities under this State Plan by completing the table below. The T/TA plan should include all planned CSBG T/TA activities funded through the administrative or remainder/discretionary funds of this CSBG award (as reported in Section 7). The CSBG T/TA plan should include training and technical assistance conducted directly by the state or through partnerships (as specified in 8.3). Add a row for each activity: indicate the timeframe; whether it is training, technical assistance, or both; and the topic.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 3Scand pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Table F.1.

Training and Technical Assistance - Year One

	Planned Timeframe	Training, Technical Assistance, or Both	Topic	Brief Description of "Other"
1	FY1-Q1	Training	Monitoring	
2	FY1-Q1	Training	Reporting	
3	FY1-Q1	Training	Other	Data Culture/Performance Mgmt
4	FY1-Q2	Both	Other	Data Analysis--Using data to tell your story
5	FY1-Q2	Training	Other	CSBG 101
6	FY1-Q2	Training	Strategic Planning	
7	FY1-Q3	Training	Governance/Tripartite Boards	
8	FY1-Q3	Training	Other	Risk Assessment
9	FY1-Q3	Training	Other	Discretionary
10	FY1-Q3	Training	Other	Poverty Conference
11	FY1-Q4	Training	Other	Community Level Work
12	FY1-Q4	Training	Other	Advocacy and Impact
13	FY1-Q4	Training	Other	Application and Planning
14	FY1-Q4	Training	Fiscal	
15	FY1-Q4	Technical Assistance	Reporting	
16	Ongoing / Multiple Quarters	Both	ROMA	
17	Ongoing / Multiple Quarters	Both	Other	Case Management
18	Ongoing / Multiple Quarters	Both	Community Assessment	

Training and Technical Assistance - Year Two

	Planned Timeframe	Training, Technical Assistance, or Both	Topic	Brief Description of "Other"
1	FY2-Q1	Training	Monitoring	
2	FY2-Q1	Training	Reporting	
3	FY2-Q1	Training	Other	Data Culture/Performance Management
4	FY2-Q2	Both	Other	Data AnalysisUsing data to tell your story
5	FY2-Q2	Training	Strategic Planning	
6	FY2-Q2	Training	Other	CSBG 101
7	FY2-Q3	Training	Governance/Tripartite Boards	
8	FY2-Q3	Training	Other	Discretionary
9	FY2-Q4	Training	Other	Community Level Work
10	FY2-Q4	Training	Other	Advocacy and Impact
11	FY2-Q4	Training	Fiscal	
12	Ongoing / Multiple Quarters	Technical Assistance	Reporting	

13	Ongoing / Multiple Quarters	Both	ROMA	
14	Ongoing / Multiple Quarters	Both	Other	Case Management

8.1a. Training and Technical Assistance Budget: The planned budget for the training and technical assistance plan (as indicated in the Remainder/Discretionary Funds table in item 7.9):

Year One	\$92,518	Year Two	\$92,518
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8.1b. Training and Technical Assistance Collaboration: Describe how the state will collaborate with the state association and other stakeholders in the planning and delivery of training and technical assistance.

In preparing the T/TA section of the state plan, SCSO collected input from the eligible entities (including prioritized T/TA topics sent by the CAAs to the state association) as well as input from the state association and from SCSOs direct observation (October 2023-April 2024). With the prioritized list of T/TA, SCSO met with the state association several times (April 2024) to identify best timing, best source for training and best source for technical support. Coordination included discussion of what would be included in contract deliverables for the state association and expectations for the state office. It was agreed that some topics (ie. Risk Management) may best be supported by a 3rd party presenter which would be secured by the state association. These discussions and considerations will be reflected in the scope of work for the state association and planning for the state office. Planning also included coordination of T/TA made available through the RPIC.

8.2. Organizational Standards Technical Assistance: Does the state have Technical Assistance Plans (TAPs) in place for all eligible entities with unmet organizational standards, if appropriate? Yes No

Note: 8.2 is associated with State Accountability Measure 6Sb. The state should put a TAP in place to support eligible entities with one or more unmet organizational standards.

8.2a. Address Unmet Organizational Standards: Describe the state's plan to provide T/TA to eligible entities to ensure they address unmet Organizational Standards. During the most recent round of monitoring of all 9 eligible entities (October 2023-March 2024), 3 of the eligible entities had unmet standards but all were addressed with corrective action and technical support. In Utah, a technical assistance plan (TAP) is created if initial corrective action and T/TA is insufficient to address the problem. If challenge persists with the TAP, a Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) may be created.

8.3. Training and Technical Assistance Organizations: Indicate the types of organizations through which the State Plans to provide training and/or technical assistance as described in item 8.1, and briefly describe their involvement. [Check all that apply.]

<input type="checkbox"/>	All T/TA is conducted by the state
<input type="checkbox"/>	CSBG eligible entities (if checked, provide the expected number of CSBG eligible entities to receive funds)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other community-based organizations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State Community Action association
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regional CSBG technical assistance provider(s)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National technical assistance provider(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual consultant(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tribes and Tribal Organizations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other Some T/TA is provided by the State Office

8.4. CSBG-Funded T/TA Performance Management Adjustment: Describe adjustments the state made to the training and technical assistance plan under this State Plan as compared to past plans. Any adjustment should be based on the state's analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the state is not making any adjustments, provide further detail.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 3Sd may pre-populate the state's annual report form

Utahs 9 eligible entities participated in a hybrid round table discussion of the state plan on March 18, 2024. During the meeting (which SCSO attended virtually during the last 45 min to better allow for open discussion), the eligible entities (EEs) endorsed the T/TA provided in our prior plan and requested a few additional topics. The EEs decided to meet with their respective staff and discuss the list of identified and desired T/TA topics with their respective staff and send a prioritized list for T/TA to the state association by 4/10/24. The revised T/TA plan included in this state plan reflects this prioritization as well as state office and state association identified needs and reflection on best timing.

Section 9: State Linkages and Communication

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SECTION 9 State Linkages and Communication

Note: This section describes activities that the state may support with CSBG remainder/discretionary funds, described under Section 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act. The state may indicate planned use of remainder/discretionary funds for linkage/communication activities in Section 7, State Use of Funds, items 7.9(b) and (c).

9.1. State Linkages and Coordination at the State Level:

Describe the linkages and coordination at the state level that the state intends to create or maintain to ensure increased access to CSBG services to low-income people and communities under this State Plan and avoid duplication of services (as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(5)).

Describe additional information as needed.

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.5. In addition, this item is associated with State Accountability Measure 7Sa and pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Item G.1.

- State Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) office
- State Weatherization office
- State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) office
- Head Start State Collaboration offices
- State public health office
- State education department
- State Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) agency
- State budget office
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- State child welfare office
- State housing office
- Other

State Office of Homelessness

9.2. State Linkages and Coordination at the Local Level:

Describe how the state is encouraging partnerships and collaborations at the state level with public and private sector organizations, to assure the effective delivery and coordination of CSBG services to transform low-income communities and avoid duplication of services (as required by assurances under Sections 676(b)(5) - (6))

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurances, items 14.5 and 14.6., and pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Item G.2.

SCSO continues to support linkages in a manner similar to that described in the FY23-FY24 state plan. Linkages and coordination efforts are identified by SCSO, the state association, and by the CAAs. Through the needs assessment and the community action plan, the nine CAAs in Utah identify the gaps in their areas and create the linkages by engaging in service coordination to fill as many gaps as possible. The State asks for specific input from the CAAs through direct invitation and survey (conducted by the state association) on how to facilitate better linkages on the local level. For FY25-FY26, the CAAs specifically requested the addition of UServe Utah, the states Commission on Service and Volunteerism, the Utah Broadband Center, and the Utah Diaper Bank. SCSO will continue to work with the CAAs to support collaborative efforts that may be beyond individual agency capacity. SCSO will support each entity in their efforts to work with other State departments local offices and will analyze the needs assessments and CAPs to identify overlap or opportunities for agencies to collaborate at a local level. If overlap is identified, SCSO will work with the CAAs to collaborate and redirect resources and clients to reduce duplication. SCSO will work to improve linkages and coordination with the TEFAP program. The following is a list of ongoing linkages and coordination throughout the State: Youth and Family programs at local community centers including local Head Start programs; DWS employment programs--WIOA American Job Centers; DWS Office of Homelessness; DWS-TANF; DWS--Vocational Rehabilitation job placement and coaching services; Food Pantries; Utah Food Bank for the distribution of food to other food banks and pantries throughout the State; Local summer food programs to provide lunches and dinners to students while they are out of school; FEMA/EFSP/Food Insecurity; Local grocery stores for the supply of perishable goods for food pantries; The Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-day Saints Employment, Family, and Deseret Industry Services for self-sufficiency; Local Behavioral Health Agencies; Local Economic Development Districts; Local Health Departments for medical, hygiene, and referral services; United Way VITA programs for Tax services; Utah housing and local county housing coalition for development of fair and accessible housing; Volunteer groups from local churches and universities to assist in increase organizational capacity to deliver services; Local homeless shelters to house homeless clients; Rapid Rehousing Programs; Local Domestic Violence Shelters; Local Housing Authorities; USDA Rural Planning Issues; DWS Housing and Community Development Rural Planning; Local Homeless Councils; Utah Homeless Network; HUD Continuum of Care/ESG/HOPWA; Local public schools, applied technology centers, and community colleges; Voices of Utah Children to provide advocacy of childrens needs throughout Utah; Local HEAT, LIHEAP, LIHWAP and Weatherization services; Local Aging Services; Americorps Utah Vista program.

9.3. Eligible Entity Linkages and Coordination

9.3a. State Assurance of Eligible Entity Linkages and Coordination: Describe how the state will assure that eligible entities will partner and collaborate with public and private sector organizations to assure the effective delivery and coordination of CSBG services to low-income people and communities and avoid duplication of services (as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(5)).

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.5. and pre-populates the Annual

Report, Module 1, Item G.3a.

The process for assuring remains similar to what was described in Utah's prior CSBG plan. The State conducts regular programmatic monitoring of the nine CAAs. During these monitoring visits, the State reviews the CAAs for linkages and coordination that the entities identified in the needs assessments and in their application for funds. The SCSO will determine if the entities have created the linkages and coordination with other agencies identified in the CAP. If the State determines that the entities have not met this assurance, the State will work with the entities and provide the needed support to assist the CAAs in fulfilling the assurance.

9.3b State Assurance of Eligible Entity Linkages to Fill Service Gaps:
Describe how the eligible entities will develop linkages to fill identified gaps in the services, through the provision of information, referrals, case management, and follow-up consultations, according to the assurance under Section 676(b)(3)(B) of the CSBG Act.

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.3b., and pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Item G.3b.

Eligible entities identify gaps in services and unmet need as part of their triennial needs assessments. SCSO has encouraged eligible entities to partner with other organizations also engaged in needs assessments, to share results with stakeholders, and to work collaboratively with community partners to identify all available resources to redress gaps. CAAs create community action plans to not only directly address unmet need but also to work with community partners (via referrals) to meet needs for which community resources may be available. Referrals are noted in case management logs, which are reviewed during monitoring conducted by SCSO.

9.4. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Employment and Training Activities:
Does the state intend to include CSBG employment and training activities as part of a WIOA Combined State Plan, as allowed under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(5) of the CSBG Act)? Yes
 No

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.5.

9.4a. WIOA Combined Plan: If the state selected "yes" under item 9.4, provide the CSBG-specific information included in the state's WIOA Combined Plan. This information includes a description of how the state and the eligible entities will coordinate the provision of employment and training activities through statewide and local WIOA workforce development systems. This information may also include examples of innovative employment and training programs and activities conducted by community action agencies or other neighborhood-based organizations as part of a community antipoverty strategy.

9.4b. Employment and Training Activities: If the state selected "no" under item 9.4, describe the coordination of employment and training activities, as defined in Section 3 of WIOA, by the state and by eligible entities providing activities through the WIOA system.

The State of Utah includes CSBG employment and training activities in its WIOA Combined Plan through language that recognizes partnership and coordination with required partners. As the State implements the unified plan, it will work to refine and further develop that coordination and support through State Workforce Development Board committees and expert work groups. CAAs are encouraged (through contract and monitoring) to coordinate with and refer to their local Workforce Services' American Job Centers.

9.5. Emergency Energy Crisis Intervention:
Describe how the state will assure, where appropriate, that emergency energy crisis intervention programs under Title XXVI (relating to Low-Income Home Energy Assistance) are conducted in each community in the state, as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(6) of the CSBG Act.

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.6.

The process for meeting this assurance remains the same as that described in the FY23-FY24 state plan. During the review of the Annual Report, the SCSO reviews the linkages that exist between eligible entities and other antipoverty programs such as low income home energy assistance programs. The State will continue to support coordination through referrals to eligible entities of other programs they qualify to provide. List of CAAs which administer LIHEAP program: 1. Bear River Association of Governments 2. Five County Association of Governments 3. Salt Lake Community Action Program dba Utah Community Action 4. Six County Association of Governments 5. Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments 6. Uintah Basin Association of Governments List of CAAs who collaborate and refer clients to entities with LIHEAP programs: 1. Community Action Services and Food Bank collaborates w/ Mountainland Association of Governments, Provo 2. Family Connection Center dba Open Doors collaborates w/ Futures Through Training, Ogden 3. Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership collaborates w/ Futures Through Training, Ogden.

9.6. Faith-based Organizations, Charitable Groups, Community Organizations:
Describe how the state will assure local eligible entities will coordinate and form partnerships with other organizations, including faith-based organizations, charitable groups, and community organizations, according to the state's assurance under Section 676(b)(9) of the CSBG Act.

Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.9.

The process for meeting this assurance remains the same as that described in the FY23-FY24 state plan. The State of Utah assures that CSBG funds are coordinated with other organizations, including faith-based organizations, charitable groups, and community organizations, primarily through the process of requiring and collecting comprehensive 3-Year Community Needs Assessments, in accordance with CSBG Act, and through monitoring activities, including but not limited to the collection of the annual report each year and monitoring on Organizational Standards. Eligible entities are required to provide to the State of Utah, every three years, a comprehensive community assessment, which includes data specific to poverty and its prevalence related to gender, age, and race/ethnicity in the service area, qualitative and quantitative data on the geographic service area, and key findings on the causes and conditions of poverty and the needs of the communities assessed. The community assessment also includes information gathered from key sectors of the community, including at minimum: community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, private sector, public sector, and educational institutions. The information gathering activities, mandated by the community needs assessment, require eligible entities to engage and communicate with other service providers in the service area. In addition, the assessment requires the eligible entity to analyze internal programmatic activities and resources to determine whether more effective strategies for service delivery or opportunities for partnership or coordination exist. The State of Utah utilizes the process and findings of the community needs assessments to encourage more effective use of funds and coordination and collaboration with related programs and organizations in each respective service area. The State of Utah further assures coordination of programs and partnerships among local entities and other organizations through monitoring activities, including but not limited to the collection of the Annual Report each year and monitoring on Organizational Standards. The Annual Report includes National Performance Indicators (NPIs) that measure the number agencies with which each local eligible entity partners and the number of partnerships the eligible entity engages with respect to CSBG. Further, Organizational Standards require agencies to document or demonstrate partnerships across the community, for specifically identified purposes (Standard 2.1), and to utilize CNA information from key sectors.

9.7. Coordination of Eligible Entity 90 Percent Funds with Public/Private Resources:
Describe how the eligible entities will coordinate CSBG 90 percent funds with other public and private resources, according to the assurance under Section 676(b)(3)(C) of the CSBG Act.

Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.3c.

The State of Utahs process for meeting this assurance remains similar to what was described in the FY23-FY24 state plan. Utahs CSBG state office assures that CSBG funds are coordinated with other public and private resources primarily through monitoring activities, including the collection and

review of Annual Report data and through collection and review of the triennial needs assessment, in accordance with the CSBG Act Section 676 (b)(1). Annual reports include detailed information on the public and private resources of local eligible entities and how resources are used. The eligible entities needs assessments include analysis of their own resources as well as the resources of other stakeholders to meet identified needs. Eligible entity coordination includes participation in larger regional and state-identified initiatives (including affordable housing) which intentionally braid the resources and expertise of the participating entities to achieve the initiatives goals.

9.8. Coordination among Eligible Entities and State Community Action Association:
Describe state activities for supporting coordination among the eligible entities and the state community action association.

Note: This information will pre-populate the Annual Report, Module 1, Item G.5.

The State of Utah's strategy for supporting coordination among the eligible entities and the State Community Action Association (CAP Utah) remains similar to what was described in the FY23-FY24 state plan. SCSO supports the coordination through monthly webinars, and through discretionary funds granted to CAP Utah that support bi-monthly state association meetings. Utah's nine eligible entities all participate on CAP Utah's board and have further opportunity to coordinate during board meetings. CAP Utah also facilitates peer-mentoring among the eligible entities and maintains an electronic library full of best practices and timely updates shared by national partners. Additionally, CAP Utah hosts an annual conference on poverty, a training event that helps increase the skill, knowledge and capacity of eligible entity staff and which serves as a forum for collaboration, continuing education, networking, and peer support. CAP Utah also offers and holds regular consultations with eligible entities which further support coordination.

9.9. Communication with Eligible Entities and the State Community Action Association:
In the table below, detail how the state intends to communicate with eligible entities, the state community action association, and other partners identified under this State Plan on the topics listed below. For any topic that is not applicable, select "Not Applicable" under Expected Frequency.

Communication Plan			
Subject Matter	Expected Frequency	Format	Brief description of "Other"
Upcoming Public and/or Legislative Hearings	Annually	Public Notice	
State Plan Development	Monthly		Webinars, round table, public meeting
Organizational Standards Progress	As needed	Other	Monitoring reports, formal and informal discussions
State Accountability Measures Progress	Annually	Webinar	
Community Needs Assessments/ Community Action Plans	As needed	Email Webinar	
State Monitoring Plans and Policies	Annually	Meetings/Presentation Email Webinar	
Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Plans	Annually	Meetings/Presentation Webinar	
ROMA and Performance Management	Semi-Annually	Email Webinar	
State Interagency Coordination	Quarterly	Webinar	
CSBG Legislative/Programmatic Updates	As needed	Email Webinar	
Tripartite Board Requirements	Annually	Email Webinar	

9.10. Feedback to Eligible Entities and State Community Action Association:
Describe how the state will provide information to local entities and state community action associations regarding performance on state accountability measures.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 5S(iii), and will pre-populate the Annual Report, Module 1, Item G.6

The planned process has not changed from what was described in the FY23 -FY24 CSBG state plan. The State of Utah has not received ACSI scores since 2021 and expects the next ACSI to be administered by the close of FY24. When new scores are received, SCSO will forward copy of the report to the eligible entities within 30 days of receipt of the report. The report is also shared via webinar and input is invited regarding plan for improvements via direct solicitation during the webinar and via email request. SCSO drafts its plan for improvement within 30 days of the deadline provided for feedback and input following review and analysis of what has been shared. SCSO shares its plan with the eligible entities and state association via webinar, in-person meeting, and/or email.

9.11. Communication Plan Performance Management Adjustment:
Describe any adjustments the state made to the Communication Plan in this State Plan as compared to past plans. Any adjustment should be based on the state's analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the state is not making any adjustments, provide further detail.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 7Sb; this response may pre-populate the state's annual report form.

The communication plan was revised to include more frequent discussions and invitations for input into state plan development. This will be particularly important during Year 2 of this plan as the next plan is developed and percentages used in the funding formula will be (again) updated, per policy. The eligible entities have expressed appreciation for the increase in opportunities to contribute to development of the plan and the adjustments reflect SCSO's commitment to that collaboration.

Section 10: Monitoring, Corrective Action, and Fiscal Controls

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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**SECTION 10
Monitoring, Corrective Action, and Fiscal Controls**

**Monitoring, Corrective Action and Fiscal Controls
(Section 678B(a) of the Act)**

10.1. Specify the proposed schedule for planned monitoring visits - including full on-site reviews; on-site reviews of newly designated entities; follow-up reviews - including return visits to entities that failed to meet State goals, standards, and requirements; and other reviews as appropriate.

This is an estimated schedule to assist states in planning. States may indicate "no review" for entities the state does not plan to monitor in the performance period.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sa(i); this response pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Table H.1.

	CSBG Eligible Entity	Monitoring Type	Review Type	Target Quarter	Start Date of Last Full Onsite Review	End Date of Last Full Onsite Review	Brief Description of "Other"
1	Bear River Association of Governments	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q1	10/19/2023	10/19/2023	
2	Community Action Services & Food Bank, Inc.	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q2	01/04/2024	01/04/2024	
3	Family Connection Center	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q1	10/24/2023	10/24/2023	
4	Five County Association of Governments	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q2	01/23/2024	01/23/2024	
5	Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership Inc.	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q1	10/30/2023	10/30/2023	
6	Salt Lake Community Action Program	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q2	02/09/2024	02/09/2024	
7	Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q1	12/05/2023	12/05/2023	
8	Uintah Basin Association of Governments	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q1	11/30/2023	11/30/2023	
9	R6 Regional Council	Newly Designated	Onsite Review	FY1 Q1			

	CSBG Eligible Entity	Monitoring Type	Review Type	Target Quarter	Start Date of Last Full Onsite Review	End Date of Last Full Onsite Review	Brief Description of "Other"
1	Bear River Association of Governments	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q1	10/19/2023	10/19/2023	
2	Community Action Services & Food Bank, Inc.	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q2	01/04/2024	01/04/2024	
3	Family Connection Center	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q1	10/24/2023	10/24/2023	
4	Five County Association of Governments	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q2	01/23/2024	01/23/2024	
5	Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership Inc.	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q1	10/30/2023	10/30/2023	
6	Salt Lake Community Action Program	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q2	02/09/2024	02/09/2024	
7	Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q1	12/05/2023	12/05/2023	
8	Uintah Basin Association of Governments	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q1	11/30/2023	11/30/2023	
9	R6 Regional Council	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q1			

10.2. Monitoring Policies:

Provide a copy of state monitoring policies and procedures by attaching and/or providing a hyperlink.

See attached.

10.3. Initial Monitoring Reports:

According to the state's procedures, by how many calendar days must the State disseminate initial monitoring reports to local entities?

Note: This item is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sa(ii) and may pre-populate the state's annual report form.

**Corrective Action, Termination and Reduction of Funding and Assurance Requirements
(Section 678C of the Act)**

10.4. Closing Findings:

Are state procedures for addressing eligible entity findings/deficiencies and documenting the closure of findings, included in the State monitoring protocols attached above? Yes No

10.4a. Closing Findings Procedures: If no describe state procedures for addressing eligible entity findings/deficiencies, and documenting the closure of findings.

10.5. Quality Improvement Plans (QIPs):

Provide the number of eligible entities currently on QIPs, if applicable.

Note: The QIP information is associated with State Accountability Measures 4Sc.

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10.6. Reporting of QIPs:

Describe the state's process for reporting eligible entities on QIPs to the Office of Community Services within 30 calendar days of the State approving a QIP

Note: This item is associated with State Accountability Measures 4Sa(iii).

SCSOs process for reporting QIPs to OCS remains the same as that described in the FY23-FY24 state plan. At the discretion of SCSO (taking in to account the seriousness of the deficiency and the time reasonably required to correct the deficiency), SCSO identifies a deficiency as requiring a Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) and works with the eligible entity to develop and implement the QIP within 60 days of notification of the necessity of a QIP. SCSO will review the QIP within 30 days of receipt and if the QIP is not accepted, SCSO will provide specific reasons and will work with the eligible entity to develop an appropriate plan that follows a reasonable timeframe. SCSO will report to OCS any QIP within 30 days of the QIP being approved by SCSO. The report will include the name of the agency implementing the QIP, the deficiency addressed by the QIP, the rationale for the QIP, as well as copy of the QIP.

10.7. Assurance on Funding Reduction or Termination:

The state assures, "that any eligible entity that received CSBG funding the previous fiscal year will not have its funding terminated or reduced below the proportional share of funding the entity received in the previous fiscal year unless, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing on the record, the State determines that cause exists for such termination or such reduction, subject to review by the Secretary as provided in Section 678C(b)" per Section 676(b)(8). Yes No

Note: This response will link with the corresponding assurance under item 14.8.

Policies on Eligible Entity Designation, De-designation, and Re-designation

10.8. Eligible Entity Designation: Do the State CSBG statute and/or regulations provide for the designation of new eligible entities? Yes No

10.8a. New Designation Citation: If yes, provide the citation(s) of the law and/or regulation.

10.8b. New Designation Procedures: If no, describe state procedures for the designation of new eligible entities and how the procedures were made available to eligible entities and the public

New Eligible Entity Designation: Short Term: When an area is unserved due to an existing eligible entity relinquishing funds, de-designation, or other circumstance, SCSO will seek to ensure the area receives services as soon as possible through an existing eligible entity, preferably one that is contiguous, though not necessarily. Long Term: SCSO may release a solicitation to designate a new eligible entity for an unserved area. Qualified entities (a private nonprofit or public governmental agency with a tripartite board that is in compliance with --and having a mission that aligns with --the CSBG Act) may compete for designation by completing the application process which may include a Community Needs Assessment, Community Action Plan, and SCSO application. SCSO will adhere to the requirements in Section 676A of the CSBG Act and to the federal guidance provided in the Office of Community Services, CSBG Information Memorandum, Transmittal No. 42 to designate new eligible entities. Applications will be reviewed and scored, and a new eligible entity identified. (CSBG Policies and Procedures, p. 31)

10.9. Eligible Entity Termination: Do State CSBG statute and/or regulations provide for termination of eligible entities Yes No

10.9a. Termination Citation: If yes, provide the citation(s) of the law and/or regulation.

10.9b. Termination Procedures: If no, describe state procedures for termination of new eligible entities and how the procedures were made available to eligible entities and the public

De-Designation: De-designation results from a CAA voluntarily relinquishing its CSBG funds and jurisdictional role as an areas community action agency, from termination (as detailed in monitoring policies), or from another circumstance which prevents the CAA from serving as the jurisdictions community action agency. With de-designation, SCSO no longer recognizes the former CAA as eligible to receive CSBG funding. Suspension and Withholding of Financial Support: SCSO may suspend payment of CSBG funds to a CAA when it determines the eligible entity voluntarily relinquishes CSBG funds for any reason or "after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing on the record, the State determines that cause exists for such termination or such reduction, subject to review by the Secretary as provided in section 678C(b) 3. The withholding of funds will be determined on an individual basis based on the seriousness of the circumstances after adequate training and technical assistance has been provided. The eligible entitys executive director/signatory authority and chair of the tripartite board/advisory committee will be notified in writing of SCSOs intent to suspend payment of CSBG funds. The notification will include an identification of the grounds for the suspension and may define the quality improvement that is necessary to resolve the suspension. If the eligible entity wishes to appeal the action, it must submit a written request, signed by the signatory authority and chair of the tripartite board/advisory committee, to the CSBG Program Manager seeking to remove the suspension and addressing the reasons for the suspension through an identification of quality improvement that has been or will be taken. This request must be received by SCSO via email no later than the close of business, ten (10) business days after the issuance of the suspension notice. If SCSO removes the suspension, the eligible entity will be notified in writing. The notice will include any stipulations for such removal, if applicable Termination of an Eligible Entity: SCSO may pursue termination of the designation of an eligible entity when it determines that one or more of the following applies: • Discontinued eligible programming, or no longer providing services to income eligible populations • The eligible entity is engaged in fraudulent or illegal activity related to CSBG program management • Eligible entity inaction pursuant to a formal suspension of payment of CSBG funds • Severe and/or persistent deficiencies in management of the CSBG program Non-voluntary termination of the designation of an eligible entity is pursued only when all attempts to resolve the issues through corrective action, training and technical assistance plans, and quality improvement plans have been exhausted in accordance with CSBG statute under 42 USC

§9915 as well as the federal guidance provided by the Office of Community Services, CSBG Information Memorandum, Transmittal No. 116 to terminate the designation of eligible entities. (CSBG Policies and Procedures, pp. 31-32)

10.10. Does the State CSBG statute and/or regulations specify a process the State CSBG agency must follow to re-designate an existing eligible entity? Yes No

10.10a. If Yes, provide the citation(s) of the law and/or regulation.

10.10b. If No, describe State procedures for re-designation of existing eligible entities.

Re-Designation: Re-designation of an agency as an eligible entity may occur if a formerly designated agency applies to serve an unserved area, has addressed any challenges that led to de-designation, and is successful in the application process to be identified as the CAA to serve the unserved area. SCSO will consider re-designation in a manner that is consistent with the federal guidance provided by the Office of Community Services, CSBG Information Memorandum, Transmittal No. 116 as well as with the policies and processes of the competitive bid process identified above with the designation process. (CSBG Policies and Procedures, p. 33)

Fiscal Controls and Audits and Cooperation Assurance

10.11. Fiscal Controls and Accounting:

Describe how the state's fiscal controls and accounting procedures will a) permit preparation of the SF-425 Federal fiscal reports (FFR) and b) permit the tracing of expenditures adequate to ensure funds have been used appropriately under the block grant, as required by Block Grant regulations applicable to CSBG at 45 CFR 96.30(a).

The primary financial accounting system for the State of Utah is FINET. Data from this system is used to compile the annual SF-425 Federal fiscal reports (FFR). This report is reviewed by the Department of Finance Director and submitted annually based on the September 30 Federal fiscal year end. The SCSO, within the Housing and Community Development Division (HCDD) of the Utah Department of Workforce Services (DWS), has primary responsibility for administering the CSBG program. SCSO utilizes WebGrants, a web-based grants management system, for tracking expenditures under the CSBG program. Financial data from the WebGrants system is reconciled to the FINET system monthly. Eligible entities are required to submit an annual application which includes a community action plan (CAP) and CSBG program budget. The applications are submitted online; funding is appropriated; and the grant agreements are generated from the WebGrants system. The CSBG sub-awards are managed on a cost reimbursement basis. Throughout the grant period, the sub-recipients create and submit a request for reimbursement online using WebGrants. Costs are summarized and reported by CSBG budget category. Supporting documentation includes a minimum of transaction level detail report(s) generated from the eligible entity's financial management system and which is attached to each request for funds (RFF). The RFF is reviewed by the program specialist to determine if the reported costs are appropriate and, if approved, forwarded to DWS Finance for further processing. Finance reviews each claim and, upon approval, forwards authorization for payment. All nine eligible entities requested and have been approved for Direct Deposit. Discretionary funds are managed similarly to those of the eligible entities. Administrative costs include the salaries and benefits for various staff assigned to the CSBG program. Time is recorded in an online database and the detail is maintained in FINET. The State uses direct billing for all employee expenses, including travel. Summary amounts for administrative costs incurred are posted in the WebGrants system to assist the Program Manager in monitoring budgeted versus actual expenditures.

10.12. Single Audit Management Decisions:

Describe state procedures for issuing management decisions for eligible entity single audits, as required by Block Grant regulations applicable to CSBG at 45 CFR 75.521.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sd.

The state's procedure remains the same as that described in the FY23-FY24 state plan. Single audit reports are reviewed by the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) single audit Compliance Officer and a Financial Analyst within DWS. SCSO is notified in writing of any findings that may affect CSBG or other programs administered by SCSO. The DWS auditor reviews the independent auditors' findings and the CAAs' responses. The DWS auditor notifies the CSBG program manager of any findings related to programmatic issues. SCSO staff may request specific documentation or conduct an on-site review to determine the extent to which CSBG program funds or program requirements may be affected. Once the evaluation has been completed, DWS issues a management decision letter to the CAA. DWS issues the management decision letter within six months of the date the single audit is accepted by the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. The letter states whether or not the audit finding is sustained, the reasons for the decision, and the expected CAA action to repay disallowed costs, make financial adjustments, or other action. For findings involving questioned costs, the management decision letter includes a statement that: 1. The corrective action taken by the CAA is considered adequate to resolve the finding and no further action is required; or 2. Additional information needs to be provided by the CAA as to the status of the planned corrective action; or 3. Based on the information made available through the date of the Management Decision Letter, the CAA is required to reimburse DWS an amount for questioned costs, or provide additional documentation justifying the allowability of questioned costs by a specified date. The CAA is provided information regarding any appeal process available and notified of the consequences for failure to honor such request for repayment or additional documentation. For administrative findings, the Management Decision Letter includes a statement that: DWS is satisfied that the CAA has taken corrective action to resolve the finding(s), and no further action is required; or The CAA needs to address the uncorrected issues by developing and implementing the necessary corrective actions. The CAA may be required to submit quarterly progress reports, with the due date of the initial report and dates for subsequent quarterly reports specified. Any uncorrected administrative findings will be tracked until effective corrective action is implemented, or other resolution occurs that meets the approval of DWS.

10.13. Assurance on Federal Investigations:

The state will "permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with Section 678D" of the CSBG Act, as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(7) of the CSBG Act. Yes No

Note: This response will link with the corresponding assurance, Item 14.7.

10.13a. Federal Investigations Policies: Are state procedures for permitting and cooperating with federal investigations included in the state monitoring policies attached under 10.2? Yes No

10.13b. Closing Findings Procedures: If no, describe state procedures for permitting and cooperating with federal investigations.

10.14. Monitoring Procedures Performance Management Adjustment:

Describe any adjustments the state made to monitoring procedures in this State Plan as compared to past plans? Any adjustment should be based on the state's analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the state is not making any adjustments, provide further detail.

Note: This item is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sb and may pre-populate the state's annual report form.

To comply with department-wide policies, SCSO adjusted sample size for monitoring. Sample size of client files is 10%, with a minimum of 10 files and a maximum of 60 files. The updates made to monitoring policy also clarified timeframes for receiving monitoring notifications and preliminary reports. -

Section 11: Eligible Entity Tripartite Board

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Administration for Children and Families Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	Form Approved OMB No: 0970-0382 Expires:09/30/2025
SECTION 11 Eligible Entity Tripartite Board	
11.1. Tripartite Board Verification: Verify which of the following measures are taken to ensure that the state verifies CSBG Eligible Entities are meeting Tripartite Board requirements under Section 676B(a)(2) of the CSBG Act <i>[Check all that applies and narrative where applicable]</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attend Board meetings	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organizational Standards Assessment	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monitoring	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review copies of Board meeting minutes	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Track Board vacancies/composition	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
11.2. Tripartite Board Updates: Provide how often the state require eligible entities (which are not on TAPs or QIPs) to provide updates regarding their Tripartite Boards. This includes but is not limited to copies of meeting minutes, vacancy alerts, changes to bylaws, low-income member selection process, etc., <i>[Select one and narrative where applicable]</i>	
<input type="radio"/> Annually	
<input type="radio"/> Semiannually	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Quarterly	
<input type="radio"/> Monthly	
<input type="radio"/> As it Occurs	
<input type="radio"/> Other	
11.3. Tripartite Board Representation Assurance: Describe how the state will verify that eligible entities have policies and procedures by which individuals or organizations can petition for adequate representation on an eligible entity's Tripartite Board as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(10) of the CSBG Act	
<i>Note: This response will link with the corresponding assurance, item 14.10.</i>	
The verification process remains the same as the process that was described in the FY23-FY24 state plan. The SCSO will review, as part of the monitoring process each fiscal year, the bylaws of the eligible entities and determine if there is a procedure describing how a qualified individual or organization can petition for representation on the board. This review occurs before the SCSO Program Specialist arrives at the organizations site. If the Program Specialist determines that the procedure is not in the bylaws then the SCSO will provide the agencies with the appropriate language and procedure, and require that the agency incorporate the procedures into their bylaws by the next agency board meeting (the agency will be permitted to use language that is appropriate for their agency). The agency is required to submit the updated and approved bylaws to the appropriate SCSO staff for review and verification. SCSO will ensure that all eligible entities have a petitioning procedure in their bylaws. If, after being supplied with the appropriate language and procedure, the agency does not include such a procedure in its bylaws by the next board meeting, the SCSO will pursue corrective action or training and technical assistance to ensure that the agency included the proper petitioning procedures.	
11.4. Tripartite Board Alternative Representation: Does the state permit public eligible entities to use, as an alternative to a Tripartite Board, "another mechanism specified by the state to assure decision-making and participating by low income individuals in the development, planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs" as allowed under Section 676B(b)(2) of the CSBG Act. <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
11.4a. Tripartite Board Alternative Mechanism: If yes, describe the mechanism used by public eligible entities as an alternative to a Tripartite Board.	

Section 12: Individual and Community Eligibility Requirements

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Administration for Children and Families Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	Form Approved OMB No: 0970-0382 Expires:09/30/2025
SECTION 12 Individual and Community Income Eligibility Requirements	
12.1. Required Income Eligibility: Provide the income eligibility threshold for services in the state. <i>[Check one item below.]</i>	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 125% of the HHS poverty line <input type="radio"/> X% of the HHS poverty line (fill in the threshold) <input type="radio"/> Varies by eligible entity	
0%	% <i>[Response Option: numeric field]</i>
12.1a. Income Eligibility Policy and Procedures: Describe any state policy and/or procedures for income eligibility, such as treatment of income and family/household composition.	
Utah expanded eligibility to 200% FPL for as long as it has been federally permitted (since 2020). If expansion is federally permitted for FY25 and FY26, Utah will continue to support the expanded eligibility to 200% FPL. If federal permission does not extend to FY25 and FY26, then Utah will return to the 125% FPL eligibility for CSBG. CSBG Income Verification Procedures remain the same as those described in the FY23-FY24 state plan: All clients receiving services or participating in programs that use CSBG funding must be able to demonstrate that they are eligible for the CSBG program and that the household gross income, of those 18 years or older, is 125% or less than the federal poverty guidelines (Note: unless eligibility has been expanded to 200% FPL as noted above). According to Community Action Program Legal Services (CAPLAW), the income of all members of each individual family unit must be included in determining the income eligibility. A family unit is either (1) related individuals, or (2) an unrelated individual excluding house mates (renters or leasers). If a household includes more than one family unit, the poverty guidelines shall be applied separately to each family unit, and not to the household as a whole. If a person lives with a family, then income of all family members 18 and over is summed. (Non-relatives such as housemates [renters, leasers] are not included) A list of allowable and unallowable income verification types and sources is included in CSBG policy. Eligibility determinations are based on gross household income for the 30 days prior to application for assistance/services. In order to continue to qualify for services, each Agency will require recipients of CSBG funded services to submit approved income documentation at a minimum of once every 12 months. In order to accurately demonstrate client eligibility, the following items must be included in each client file: Current poverty guidelines; Gross income for all household members over 18 (as determined from the above sources); Source documentation for determining income and income types and amounts. Limited in-take procedures	
12.2. Income Eligibility for General/Short-Term Services: Describe how the state ensures eligible entities generally verify income eligibility for those services with limited in-take procedures (where individual income verification is not possible or practical). An example of these services is emergency food assistance.	
In situations where individual income verification is not possible or practical, or the client claims zero income, eligible entities are required verify income in one of the following ways: a) Using third party documentation, such as other government funded program applications (e.g. SNAP and TANF, etc.). b) In the situation that income documentation does not exist, or the participant has tried to retrieve documentation of proof of income and has been unsuccessful, the participant is required to complete and sign a self-declaration of no income.	
12.3. Community-targeted Services: Describe how the state ensures eligible entities' services target and benefit low-income communities for services that provide a community-wide benefit (e.g., development of community assets/facilities, building partnerships with other organizations).	
SCSOs primary tool for ensuring that eligible entities services target low-income communities when those services provide a community-wide benefit is review of where the services were provided (or asset created) and comparison with documented areas and populations in need as identified in the eligible entities needs assessments.	

Section 13: Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) System

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SECTION 13 Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) System	
13.1. Performance Measurement System: Identify the performance measurement system that the state and all eligible entities use, as required by Section 678E(a) of the CSBG Act and the assurance under Section 676(b)(12) of the CSBG Act.	
<i>Note: This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.12. and will pre-populate the Annual Report, Module I, Item I.1.</i>	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> The Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) System	
<input type="radio"/> Another performance management system that meets the requirements by Section 678E(b) of the CSBG Act	
<input type="radio"/> An alternative system for measuring performance and results	
13.1a. ROMA Description: If ROMA was chosen in Item 13.1, describe the state's written policies, procedures, or guidance documents on ROMA.	
SCSO continues to require adherence to the organizational standards in its CSBG contract with the eligible entities and the practice of ROMA is also included and detailed in SCSOs CSBG policies and procedures. SCSO supports ROMA training and implementation through discretionary activities which include regular and as-needed training as well as consultations on ROMA principles and implementation provided by ROMA certified trainers.	
13.1b. Alternative System Description: If an alternative system was chosen in Item 13.1, describe the system the state will use for performance measurement.	
(Empty response area)	
13.2. Outcome Measures: Indicate and describe the outcome measures the state will use to measure eligible entity performance in promoting self-sufficiency, family stability, and community revitalization, as required under Section 676(b)(12) of the CSBG Act.	
<i>Note: This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.12.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> CSBG National Performance Indicators (NPIs)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPIs and others	
<input type="checkbox"/> Others	
Other tools include self-sufficiency matrices.	
13.3. Eligible Entity Support: Describe how the state supports the eligible entities in using the ROMA or alternative performance measurement system.	
<i>Note: The activities described under Item 13.3 may include activities... listed in "Section 8: State Training and Technical Assistance." If so, mention briefly, and/or cross-reference as needed. This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.12.</i>	
The eligible entities are offered ROMA training for staff as well as board members. The state association has developed a series of targeted, mini-ROMA trainings to strategically build ROMA understanding and capacity and strengthen implementation. SCSOs CSBG contracts with the eligible entities now include the requirement to prove change in condition, generally captured by the eligible entities through self-sufficiency matrices. This state plan includes support of a robust data culture as an expansion to the goals. Through the expectations, goals, requirements, and supports, SCSO is strengthening the implementation and understanding of ROMA by the eligible entities.	
13.4. Eligible Entity Use of Data: Describe how is the state plan to validate the eligible entities that are using data to improve service delivery?	
<i>Note: This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.12.</i>	
The CSBG Organizational Standards require that agencies analyze their outcomes and share annually those outcomes as well as any needed strategic adjustments to programs or plans with the tripartite boards. These presentations and discussions are captured in minutes and board packets which are reviewed by SCSO as a part of monitoring. Many of the agencies include performance discussions (based on dashboards) at every regular meeting. SCSO views these dashboards directly in addition to reviewing board minutes. Additionally, SCSO reviews contract performance vs targets identified in the scope of work.	
Community Action Plans and Needs Assessments	
13.5. Community Action Plan: Describe how the state will secure a Community Action Plan from each eligible entity, as a condition of receipt of CSBG funding by each entity, as required by Section 676(b)(11) of the CSBG Act.	
<i>Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.11.</i>	
SCSO requires all nine eligible entities (EEs) to submit a community needs assessment (CNA) every 3 years. EEs submitted their most recent CNA in August 2022. EEs must submit a completed template provided by SCSO which includes a template for the Community Action Plan (CAP). The CAP is a 3-year plan and the EEs include the one-year implementation of that plan(work plan) in their annual application for CSBG funds.	
13.6. Community Needs Assessment: Describe how the State will assure that each eligible entity includes a community needs assessment for the community served (which may be coordinated with community needs assessments conducted by other programs) in each entity's Community Action Plan, as required by Section 676(b)(11) of the CSBG Act.	
<i>Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.11.</i>	

SCSO continues to require the eligible entities to submit a needs assessment every 3 years and provides templates for the needs assessment, including a template for the Community Action Plan (CAP). The most recent assessment and CAP were submitted in August 2022. If an agency does not submit a needs assessment or CAP, SCSO will make sure T/TA is provided to ensure an assessment is conducted and a CAP created.

Section 14: CSBG Programmatic Assurances and Information Narrative

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SECTION 14 CSBG Programmatic Assurance and Information Narrative (Section 676(b) of the CSBG Act)

14.1 Use of Funds Supporting Local Activities

CSBG Services

14.1a. 676(b)(1)(A): Describe how the state will assure "that funds made available through grant or allotment will be used -

(A) to support activities that are designed to assist low-income families and individuals, including families and individuals receiving assistance under title IV of the Social Security Act, homeless families and individuals, migrant or seasonal farm workers, and elderly low-income individuals and families, and a description of how such activities will enable the families and individuals--

- (i) to remove obstacles and solve problems that block the achievement of self sufficiency (particularly for families and individuals who are attempting to transition off a State program carried out under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act);
- (ii) to secure and retain meaningful employment;
- (iii) to attain an adequate education with particular attention toward improving literacy skills of the low-income families in the community, which may include family literacy initiatives;
- (iv) to make better use of available income;
- (v) to obtain and maintain adequate housing and a suitable living environment;
- (vi) to obtain emergency assistance through loans, grants, or other means to meet immediate and urgent individual and family needs;
- (vii) to achieve greater participation in the affairs of the communities involved, including the development of public and private grassroots partnerships with local law enforcement agencies, local housing authorities, private foundations, and other public and private partners to -
 - (I) document best practices based on successful grassroots intervention in urban areas, to develop methodologies for widespread replication; and
 - (II) strengthen and improve relationships with local law enforcement agencies, which may include participation in activities such as neighborhood or community policing efforts;

SCSOs process for meeting this assurance is the same as that described in the FY23-FY24 state plan. CSBG funds are used to support the homeless, elderly, low-income individuals and their families, and families receiving TANF that are income eligible for CSBG. The SCSO will collect, through the needs assessment and the CAP, data that is analyzed and used to determine the different programs and services that will be offered in each program area. Each entity tailors program offerings to meet the needs of its jurisdiction. The SCSO will verify that the services and programs are being provided through the information collected in the annual report. Through yearly programmatic monitoring, the SCSO will follow up with the entities to determine if they are spending money in the programmatic areas as planned as part of contract performance review. The annual monitoring also includes review of local partnerships, linkages, and referrals to assure that clients emergency needs are met, literacy, financial, and employment skills are promoted, housing needs are addressed, and grass roots participation is fostered.

Needs of Youth

14.1b. 676(b)(1)(B) Describe how the state will assure "that funds made available through grant or allotment will be used -

(B) to address the needs of youth in low-income communities through youth development programs that support the primary role of the family, give priority to the prevention of youth problems and crime, and promote increased community coordination and collaboration in meeting the needs of youth, and support development and expansion of innovative community-based youth development programs that have demonstrated success in preventing or reducing youth crime, such as--

- (i) programs for the establishment of violence-free zones that would involve youth development and intervention models (such as models involving youth mediation, youth mentoring, life skills training, job creation, and entrepreneurship programs); and
- (ii) after-school child care programs;

The SCSO continues to assure through review of triennial needs assessments that funds will be used to address the needs of youth in low-income communities. The needs assessments identify youth needs and the attached community action plans detail strategies and programs to redress identified need. Some of the programs supported that address youth need include: child nutrition, mental health supports, education and employment supports.

Coordination of Other Programs

14.1c. 676(b)(1)(C) Describe how the state will assure "that funds made available through grant or allotment will be used -

(C) to make more effective use of, and to coordinate with, other programs related to the purposes of this subtitle (including state welfare reform efforts)

SCSO continues to meet this assurance in the manner described in the FY23-FY24 state plan. SCSO assures that funds are used to make more effective use of, and coordinate with, other programs related to the purposes of CSBG through several mechanisms, including holding regular meetings with CAAs to which state managers of other programs are invited. The State also requires submission of comprehensive 3-Year Community Needs

Assessments (CNA), in accordance with CSBG Act Section 676(b)(11). CNAs include data specific to poverty and its prevalence related to gender, age, and race/ethnicity in the service area, qualitative and quantitative data on the geographic service area, and key findings on the causes and conditions of poverty and the needs of the communities assessed. The analysis and strategic planning activities mandated by the CNA require eligible entities to examine internal programmatic activities and resources to determine whether more efficient or effective strategies for service delivery exist within the agency. The SCSO will utilize the process and findings of the CNAs to encourage more effective use of funds and coordination with other funding sources and related programs in each respective service area. Furthermore, the eligible entity community action plans will be used to inform the CSBG contract making process with each eligible entity. The SCSO further assures coordination of programs and effective use of funds through monitoring activities, including but not limited to the collection of Annual Reports each year, which include detailed information on the resources of local eligible entities and National Performance Indicators (NPIs) that measure eligible entities capacity to achieve results. The SCSO also encourages coordination through support of Continua of Care and encouragement of CAA participation in local homeless councils. With homeless funds, LIHEAP, LIHWAP, Weatherization, and TANF funds administered by DWS, program coordination is a natural result.

State Use of Discretionary Funds

14.2 676(b)(2) Describe "how the state intends to use discretionary funds made available from the remainder of the grant or allotment described in section 675C(b) in accordance with this subtitle, including a description of how the state will support innovative community and neighborhood-based initiatives related to the purposes of this subtitle."

Note: The State describes this assurance under "State Use of Funds: Remainder/Discretionary," items 7.9 and 7.10

Eligible Entity Service Delivery, Coordination, and Innovation

14.3. 676(b)(3) "Based on information provided by eligible entities in the state, a description of..."

14.3a. 676(b)(3)(A) Describe "the service delivery system, for services provided or coordinated with funds made available through grants made under 675C(a), targeted to low-income individuals and families in communities within the state;

While the description of Utahs CSBG-funded service delivery system remains similar to that provided in the FY23-FY24 plan, the extent of coordination and linkages with community partners and other stakeholders continues to increase. Utahs CSBG network consists of nine community action agencies, five of which are public, and four of which are private. CSBG grantees meet the requirements of the CSBG Act through a variety of programs and activities. The service delivery systems vary among agencies, but all coordinate with local resources, including the WIOA American Job Centers. Changing local needs and the availability of resources are reflected in the annual application. Some agencies emphasize case management and family development programs, with others emphasizing emergency services, housing and nutrition. The community action plan identifies the problem area and outlines the objective, activities, and projected outcomes. The quarterly reporting shows accomplishments and includes data on client management goals that fulfill its mission, State requirements, and the mandates of Federal legislation. Program administration includes planning and coordination, monitoring and oversight.

Eligible Entity Linkages - Approach to Filling Service Gaps

14.3b. 676(b)(3)(B) Describe "how linkages will be developed to fill identified gaps in the services, through the provision of information, referrals, case management, and followup consultations."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the state linkages and communication section, item 9.3b.

Eligible entities identify gaps in services and unmet need as part of their triennial needs assessments. SCSO has encouraged eligible entities to partner with other organizations also engaged in needs assessments, to share results with stakeholders, and to work collaboratively with community partners to identify all available resources to redress gaps. CAAs create community action plans to not only directly address unmet need but also to work with community partners (via referrals) to meet needs for which community resources may be available. Referrals are noted in case management logs, which are reviewed during monitoring conducted by SCSO.

Coordination of Eligible Entity Allocation 90 Percent Funds with Public/Private Resources

14.3c. 676(b)(3)(C) Describe how funds made available through grants made under 675C(a) will be coordinated with other public and private resources."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the state linkages and communication section, item 9.7.

The State of Utahs process for meeting this assurance remains similar to what was described in the FY23-FY24 state plan. Utahs CSBG state office assures that CSBG funds are coordinated with other public and private resources primarily through monitoring activities, including the collection and review of Annual Report data and through collection and review of the triennial needs assessment, in accordance with the CSBG Act Section 676 (b)(11). Annual reports include detailed information on the public and private resources of local eligible entities and how resources are used. The eligible entities needs assessments include analysis of their own resources as well as the resources of other stakeholders to meet identified needs. Eligible entity coordination includes participation in larger regional and state-identified initiatives (including affordable housing) which intentionally braids the resources and expertise of the participating entities to achieve the initiatives goals.

Eligible Entity Innovative Community and Neighborhood Initiatives, Including Fatherhood/Parental Responsibility

14.3d. 676(b)(3)(D) Describe "how the local entity will use the funds [made available under Section 675C(a)] to support innovative community and neighborhood-based initiatives related to the purposes of this subtitle, which may include fatherhood initiatives and other initiatives with the goal of strengthening families and encouraging parenting."

Note: The description above is about eligible entity use of 90 percent funds to support these initiatives. States may also support these types of activities at the local level using State remainder/discretionary funds, allowable under Section 675C(b)(1)(F). In this State Plan, the State indicates funds allocated for these activities under item 7.9(f).

Eligible entities use CSBG funds to meet family and community needs pertaining to poverty in their service regions, in accordance with the CSBG Act and as identified in their local needs assessment. Fatherhood initiatives may be included as supported strategies to address needs identified in the assessment and detailed in the Community Action Plan. Eligible entities may also partner with other service providers, whose activities include initiatives relating to fatherhood, parenting, and strengthening families. The SCSO encourages and supports eligible entities in utilizing CSBG as base funds to

leverage resources from other federal programs, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), which directly supports initiatives pertaining to fatherhood, parenting, and strengthening families, in addition to other state, local, and private resources.

Eligible Entity Emergency Food and Nutrition Services

14.4. 676(b)(4) Describe how the state will assure "that eligible entities in the state will provide, on an emergency basis, for the provision of such supplies and services, nutritious foods, and related services, as may be necessary to counteract conditions of starvation and malnutrition among low-income individuals."

The way SCSO will meet this assurance is similar to that described in the FY23-FY24 state plan. Each of the nine CAAs will determine, in conjunction with the needs assessment, what food services and nutrition programs are needed and that they will offer. If the agency does not provide food services, the agency provides SCSO, through its needs assessment, the community partners that will address that need. The SCSO will use the needs that are identified per agency and monitor each entity according to the strategy and program detailed in the contract to address the need. The SCSO will also use the annual report to verify that agencies are offering appropriate services in line with the identified needs in their area. Community Action Agencies provide a variety of food programs aimed at counteracting hunger and malnutrition for a diverse population of low-income individuals within their jurisdictions.

State and Eligible Entity Coordination/linkages and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Employment and Training Activities

14.5. 676(b)(5) Describe how the state will assure "that the state and eligible entities in the state will coordinate, and establish linkages between, governmental and other social services programs to assure the effective delivery of such services, and [describe] how the State and the eligible entities will coordinate the provision of employment and training activities, as defined in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, in the state and in communities with entities providing activities through statewide and local workforce development systems under such Act."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the state linkages and communication section, items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3a, 9.4, 9.4a, and 9.4b.

State Coordination/Linkages and Low-income Home Energy Assistance

14.6. 676(b)(6) Provide "an assurance that the state will ensure coordination between antipoverty programs in each community in the state, and ensure, where appropriate, that emergency energy crisis intervention programs under title XXVI (relating to low income home energy assistance) are conducted in such community."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the state linkages and communication section, items 9.2 and 9.5.

Federal Investigations

14.7. 676(b)(7) Provide "an assurance that the state will permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with section 678D." Yes

Note: The state addresses this assurance in the Fiscal Controls and Monitoring section, item 10.13.

Funding Reduction or Termination

14.8. 676(b)(8) Provide "an assurance that any eligible entity in the state that received funding in the previous fiscal year through a community services block grant made under this subtitle will not have its funding terminated under this subtitle, or reduced below the proportional share of funding the entity received in the previous fiscal year unless, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing on the record, the state determines that cause exists for such termination or such reduction, subject to review by the Secretary as provided in section 678C(b)." Yes

Note: The state addresses this assurance in the Fiscal Controls and Monitoring section, item 10.7.

Coordination with Faith-based Organizations, Charitable Groups, Community Organizations

14.9. 676(b)(9) Describe how the state will assure "that the state and eligible entities in the state will, to the maximum extent possible, coordinate programs with and form partnerships with other organizations serving low-income residents of the communities and members of the groups served by the state, including religious organizations, charitable groups, and community organizations."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the state Linkages and Communication section, item 9.6.

Eligible Entity Tripartite Board Representation

14.10. 676(b)(10) Describe how "the state will require each eligible entity in the state to establish procedures under which a low-income individual, community organization, or religious organization, or representative of low-income individuals that considers its organization, or low-income individuals, to be inadequately represented on the board (or other mechanism) of the eligible entity to petition for adequate representation."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the Eligible Entity Tripartite Board section, 11.3.

The verification process remains the same as the process that was described in the FY23-FY24 state plan. The SCSO will review, as part of the monitoring process each fiscal year, the bylaws of the eligible entities and determine if there is a procedure describing how a qualified individual or organization can petition for representation on the board. This review occurs before the SCSO Program Specialist arrives at the organizations site. If the Program Specialist determines that the procedure is not in the bylaws then the SCSO will provide the agencies with the appropriate language and procedure, and require that the agency incorporate the procedures into their bylaws by the next agency board meeting (the agency will be permitted to use language that is appropriate for their agency). The agency is required to submit the updated and approved bylaws to the appropriate SCSO staff for review and verification. SCSO will ensure that all eligible entities have a petitioning procedure in their bylaws. If, after being supplied with the appropriate language and procedure, the agency does not include such a procedure in its bylaws by the next board meeting, the SCSO will pursue corrective action or training and technical assistance to ensure that the agency included the proper petitioning procedures.

Eligible Entity Community Action Plans and Community Needs Assessments

14.11. 676(b)(11) Provide "an assurance that the state will secure from each eligible entity in the services block grant made under this subtitle for a program, a community action plan (which shall be submitted to the Secretary, at the request of the Secretary, with the State plan) that includes a community-needs assessment for the community served, which may be coordinated with community-needs assessments conducted for other programs."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the ROMA section, items 13.5 and 13.6.

State and Eligible Entity Performance Measurement: ROMA or Alternate system

14.12. 676(b)(12) Provide "an assurance that the state and all eligible entities in the State will, not later than fiscal year 2001, participate in the Results Oriented Management and Accountability System, another performance measure system for which the Secretary facilitated development pursuant to 678E(b), or an alternative system for measuring performance and results that meets the requirements of that section, and [describe] outcome measures to be used to measure eligible entity performance in promoting self-sufficiency, family stability, and community revitalization."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the ROMA section, items 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, and 13.4.

Validation for CSBG Eligible Entity Programmatic Narrative Sections

14.13. 676(b)(13) Provide "information describing how the state will carry out the assurances described in this section."

Note: The state provides information for each of the assurances directly in section 14 or in corresponding items throughout the State Plan, which are included as hyperlinks in section 14.



By checking this box, the state CSBG authorized official is certifying the assurances set out above.

Section 15: Federal Certifications

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SECTION 15
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15.1. CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The box after each certification must be checked by the state CSBG authorized official.

15.1. Lobbying

After assurance select a check box:



By checking this box, the state CSBG authorized official is providing the certification set out above.

15.2. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988: 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart, F. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.645 (a)(1) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central point is: Division of Grants Management and Oversight, Office of Management and Acquisition, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 517-D, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201.

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Instructions for Certification)

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.

2. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.

3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.

4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.

5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need to be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.

6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or state highway department while in operation, state employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).

7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).

8. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

Controlled substance means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);.

Conviction means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the federal or state criminal drug statutes;

Criminal drug statute means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

Employee means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All direct charge employees; (ii) All indirect charge employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and, (iii) Temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant

and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about--

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will - -

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted - -

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

(a)The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;

(b)If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

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15.2. Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

After assurance select a check box:



By checking this box, the state CSBG authorized official is providing the certification set out above.

15.3. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - - Primary Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly

enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusive-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - - Primary Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the

statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - -
Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other

3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph five of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from

participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - - Lower Tier Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

15.3. Debarment

After assurance select a check box:



By checking this box, the state CSBG authorized official is providing the certification set out above.

15.4. CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

Public Law 103227, Part C Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro Children Act of 1994, requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor routinely owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through state or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity by signing and submitting this application the applicant/grantee certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Act.

The applicant/grantee further agrees that it will require the language of this certification be included in any subawards which contain provisions for the children's services and that all subgrantees shall certify accordingly.

15.4. Environmental Tobacco Smoke

After assurance select a check box:



By checking this box, the state CSBG authorized official is providing the certification set out above.

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