

**Analysis and Summary of Governor's
FFY 25 Community Services Block Grant
Allocation Plan**

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INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to CGS Section 4-28b, the Governor has submitted for consideration the proposed block grant allocation plan for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). The allocation plan is effective beginning October 1, 2024.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

CSBG funding provides grants to help address the causes of poverty, coordinate governmental and non-governmental programs, and provide emergency services to low-income individuals and families. The Department of Social Services (DSS) administers the program with the assistance of the Community Action Agencies (CAAs). Funding is allocated based on federal requirements and a state agreement with CAAs and Limited Purpose Agencies (LPAs). The allocation formula, revised in the FFY 24 plan, uses a combination of a fixed amount per CAA, the low-income population of the CAA catchment area, and the overall population of the CAA catchment area.¹

FFY 25 ALLOCATION PLAN

The proposed plan assumes level federal block grant funding of \$9.1 million. Carry forward funding results in total available funds of \$16.7 million in FFY 25. Expenditures are anticipated at \$10.3 million (0.4% above FFY 24) and include the use of \$1.1 million in carry forward funds to support a one-time funding increase as well the FFY 22 - FFY 24 COLAs, applied to all entities. The table below outlines the proposed FFY 25 budget compared to FFY 24 estimated.

Table 1. Community Services Block Grant FFY 25 Allocation Plan

Program Category	FFY 2023 Actual Expenditures \$	FFY 2024 Estimated Expenditures \$	FFY 2025 Proposed Expenditures \$	\$ Change 25 v. 24	% Change 25 v. 24
Grants to Eligible Entities					
Alliance for Community Empowerment (ACE)	964,880	1,321,562	1,325,148	3,586	0.3%
ACCESS Agency, Inc.	493,351	739,885	757,498	17,613	2.4%
Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc. (CAANH)	1,182,958	1,309,413	1,227,619	(81,794)	-6.2%
Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut, Inc. (CAAWC)	558,775	949,809	972,419	22,610	2.4%
Community Renewal Team of Greater Hartford, Inc. (CRT)	972,406	2,169,553	2,181,785	12,232	0.6%
Connecticut Association for Community Action (CAFCA)	186,277	-	-	-	-
Human Resource Agency of New Britain, Inc. (HRANB)	557,201	648,352	663,786	15,434	2.4%
New Opportunities, Inc. (NOI)	1,094,540	1,303,480	1,334,509	31,029	2.4%
TEAM, Inc.	201,907	290,566	297,483	6,917	2.4%
Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. (TVCCA)	365,811	642,679	657,978	15,299	2.4%
Formula Allocations - Total	6,578,106	9,375,299	9,418,225	42,926	0.5%
Discretionary Programs	447,890	457,172	457,172	-	0.0%
State Agency Administration	441,286	457,173	457,172	(1)	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,467,282	10,289,644	10,332,569	42,925	0.4%
SOURCE OF FUNDS					
Block Grant	9,235,789	9,143,431	9,143,431	-	0.0%
Balance Forward From Previous	6,924,562	8,693,069	7,546,856	(1,146,213)	-13.2%
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	16,160,351	17,836,500	16,690,287	(1,146,213)	-6.4%

¹ For background, the historical formula was largely based on 1996 poverty and population data.

PROPOSED CHANGES

The FFY 25 plan does not include the one-time transition funding provided in FFY 24 to assist the three entities negatively impacted by the change in the base allocation methodology established that year.² While the absence of this transition funding primarily impacts the Community Action Agency of New Haven (CAANH), this is partially offset by COLA and one-time FFY 25 funding.

The table below details the components of the FFY 25 proposed grants to entities.

Table 2. FFY 25 CSBG Allocation Details

Grants to Eligible Entities	FFY 24 Base Allocation	FFY22 - FFY24 COLAs	FFY 25 One-Time Funding¹	FFY 25 Total Allocation
Alliance for Community Empowerment (ACE)	1,157,836	137,132	30,180	1,325,148
ACCESS Agency, Inc.	661,857	78,389	17,252	757,498
Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc. (CAANH)	1,072,621	127,039	27,959	1,227,619
Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut, Inc. (CAAWC)	849,642	100,630	22,147	972,419
Community Renewal Team of Greater Hartford, Inc. (CRT)	1,906,315	225,780	49,690	2,181,785
Human Resource Agency of New Britain, Inc. (HRANB)	579,977	68,691	15,118	663,786
New Opportunities, Inc. (NOI)	1,166,015	138,101	30,393	1,334,509
TEAM, Inc.	259,923	30,785	6,775	297,483
Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. (TVCCA)	574,902	68,090	14,985	657,978
Total	8,229,088	974,638	214,499	9,418,225

¹ One-time funding support for private providers aligns with the one-time supplemental funding added under ARPA for private providers in FY 25.

FEDERAL BUDGET ACTION

Final Congressional action has yet to be taken on FFY 25 appropriations for this grant. The allocation plan assumes level funding.

CONTINGENCY PLAN

If funding is more or less than the amount assumed in each proposal, program funding and services may be adjusted. Per CGS Section 4-28b, any proposed transfer over \$50,000 to or from any specific allocation or any transfer amount that is 10% of any specific allocation (whichever is less), must be submitted to the speaker and president pro tempore to be approved, modified or rejected by relevant committees.

² Alliance for Community Empowerment (ACE), Community Action Agency of New Haven (CAANH), and Community Renewal Team of Greater Hartford (CRT) received a total of approximately \$176,060 less under the formula established in FFY 24, compared to previous years.