

# Introduction to the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

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# Agenda

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- CSBG Mission & Core Services
- Direct Funding for Tribes & Tribal Organizations
- CSBG Planning & Program Development
- CSBG Application for Funding
- CSBG Tribal Training & Technical Assistance Program





# CSBG Mission & Core Services

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# CSBG Mission

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The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program provides Native American and Alaska Native Tribes and Tribal Organizations with flexible funds to address the causes and conditions of poverty in their communities.





# Core CSBG Services

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- Self-sufficiency
- Employment
- Education
- Income Management
- Housing
- Emergency Assistance
- Partnerships & Community Engagement
- Youth Development
- Linkages & Coordination
- Health & Nutrition



# Self-Sufficiency

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Services to assist individuals and families in becoming more financially independent, including assessing needs and resources, developing a plan of support, and linking and identifying resources.





# Employment

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Support job placement, vocational and skills training, job development, and eliminating barriers to work.



# Education

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Adult education, literacy programs, scholarships, Head Start enhancement, child development programs, and anti-drug education.





# Income Management

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Services include assistance with budgeting, tax preparation, tax credit information, and medical and other benefit claims assistance.



# Housing

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Homeownership counseling and loan assistance, counseling/advocacy in landlord/tenant relations and fair housing concerns, housing assistance, shelters and services for the homeless, and home repair and rehabilitation.





# Emergency Assistance

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Temporary housing, rent or mortgage assistance, cash assistance/short-term loans, energy or utility assistance, emergency food, clothing and medical services, and disaster response.



# Partnerships & Community Engagement

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Activities designed to help low-income families and individuals achieve greater participation in the affairs of their communities, including: partnerships with local law enforcement agencies, housing authorities, private foundations, and other public and private partners.

CSBG funding also supports inter-agency partnerships and Tribal/State partnerships as well.





# Youth Development

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Activities that address the needs of youth in low-income communities.

Establishment of violence-free zones, youth intervention programs, youth mediation, youth mentoring, life skills training, job creation, entrepreneurship programs, and after-school child care programs.



# Linkages & Coordination

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Ensure coordination between antipoverty programs

Service linkages and coordination to make more effective use of related programs, including other public and private sources.

Fill identified gaps in the services, through the provision of information, referrals, eligibility coordination, case management, and follow-up consultations.





# Health & Nutrition

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Food banks and meal programs, counseling and public education regarding nutrition and food preparation, community gardening, water and food production programs, diabetes and other health education, emergency medical services, and transportation to medical services.



# Direct-Funding for Tribes & Tribal Organizations

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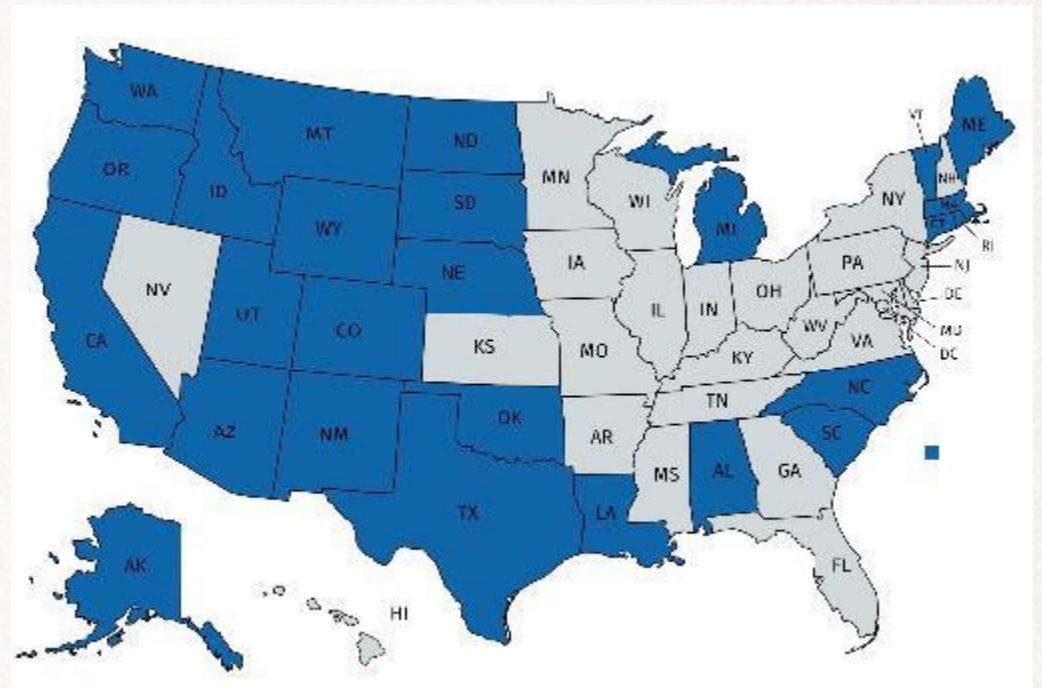




# CSBG Direct Funding to Tribes FY 2019

65 State and Federally-recognized Tribes and Tribal Organizations received CSBG direct funding.

CSBG funding served Tribes across 26 States.



# Eligibility for CSBG Direct Funding

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To apply, interested Tribes and Tribal Organizations must:

1. Submit a Tribal-State population agreement;
2. Develop a CSBG Tribal Plan; and
3. Submit their CSBG Tribal Plan and all completed and signed application materials to the Office of Community Services by September 1 of each year.





# How Tribal Direct CSBG Funding Is Determined

## Example: Tribal CSBG Allocation Determination

A	B	C	D	E
Tribal Population	Incidence of Tribal Poverty in the State	Estimate of Eligible Tribal Individuals (A X B)	State Poverty Population Numbers	State Tribal Eligible Population (C / D)
3000	46.70%	1401	980,000	0.001430

Allocation for Tribe is taken from the State's CSBG allocation and provided directly to the Tribal government.

**State Allocation = \$14,560,000**

**Multiplied by .001430 = \$20,815 Allocation for Tribal Government**



# Special Note for Prospective/New Grantees

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Before developing a CSBG Tribal Plan and application:

- Email the Office Community Services at [csbgtribes@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:csbgtribes@acf.hhs.gov).
- Confirm Tribal population and poverty data for the proposed service area.
- Contact the State CSBG administrator to coordinate a signed letter of concurrence on the Tribal-State population data.





# CSBG Planning & Program Development

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# The CSBG Program Cycle

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# Assessment of Needs & Resources

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The assessment of needs & resources helps the Tribe/Tribal Organization identify and prioritize the needs that can be addressed through CSBG funding for a new fiscal year(s).

Information from the program and community evaluation processes

Based on what the evaluation information shows from your community, what does that tell you about what is needed in the coming fiscal year?



# CSBG Tribal Plan & Application

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- Mission, Goals, & Objectives
- Public Hearing
- Use of CSBG Funds
- Income Eligibility Requirements
- CSBG Assurances
- Implementation of Assurances





# Service Delivery & Grant Management

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- Service delivery is provided according to the implementation plan and assurances outlined in the CSBG Tribal Plan & application.
- Systems in place to track progress on the goals and objectives stated in the CSBG Tribal Plan.
- Grant management includes ensuring that ALL CSBG requirements are met & CSBG funds are successful drawn down, obligated, and spent in alignment with required use of funds and fiscal controls.



# Evaluation & Reporting

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- Use the systems put in place to track progress on the goals and objectives stated in the CSBG Tribal Plan, to evaluate success and challenges throughout the year.
- Every grantee must submit a CSBG Annual Report every year by December 30, 2019. (To help reduce the application burden, the CSBG Annual Report will now be due on **December 30 of each year.**)





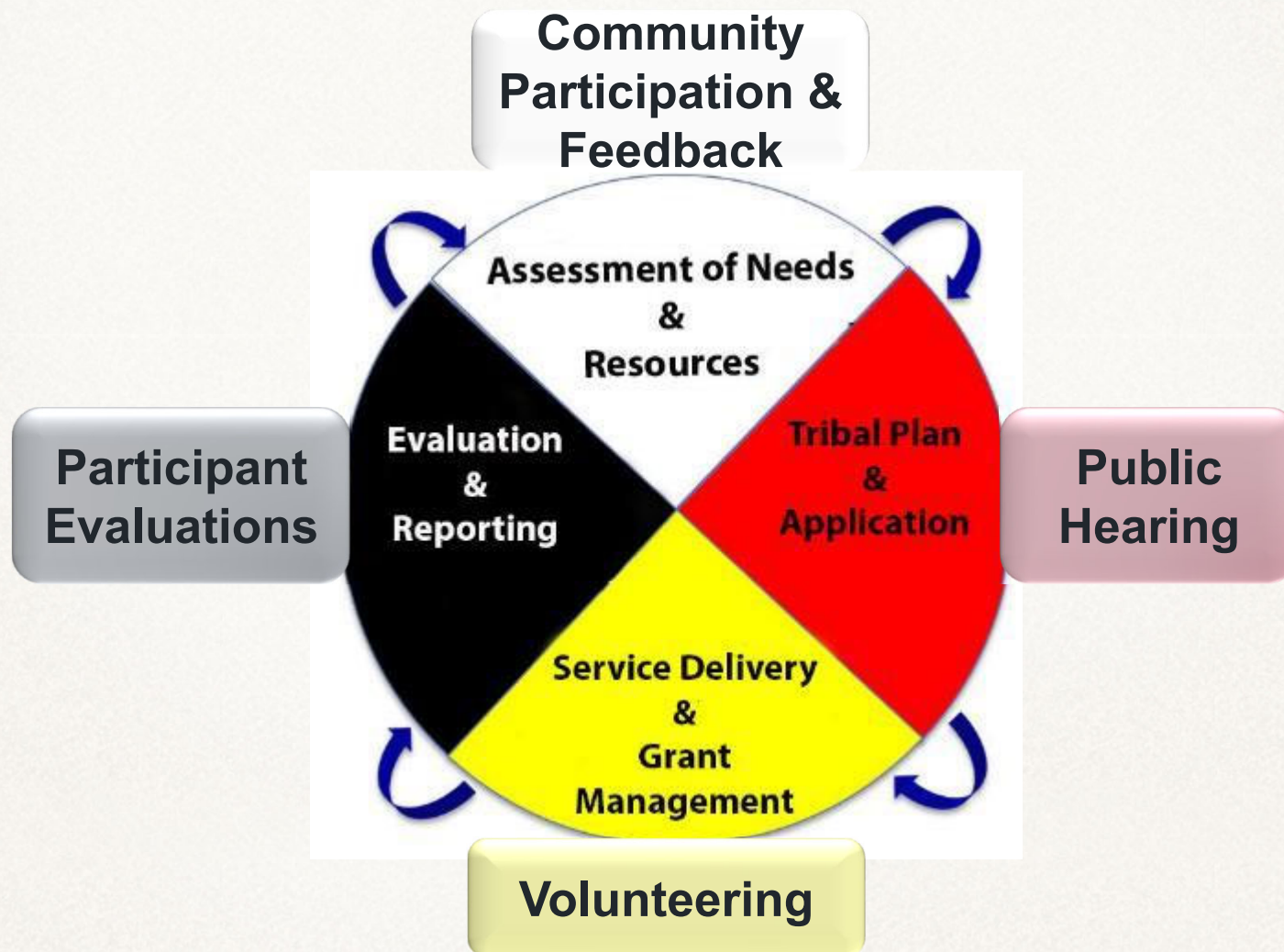
# Maximum Feasible Community Participation

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- Section 3A of the Model Tribal Plan requires Community engagement feedback on the CSBG Tribal Plan.
- Participation in Public Hearings.
- Tribal Plan adjustments based on feedback, as necessary.



# Community Participation & The CSBG Program Cycle





# CSBG Application for Funding

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# CSBG Action Transmittal and Application Instructions for FY 2020

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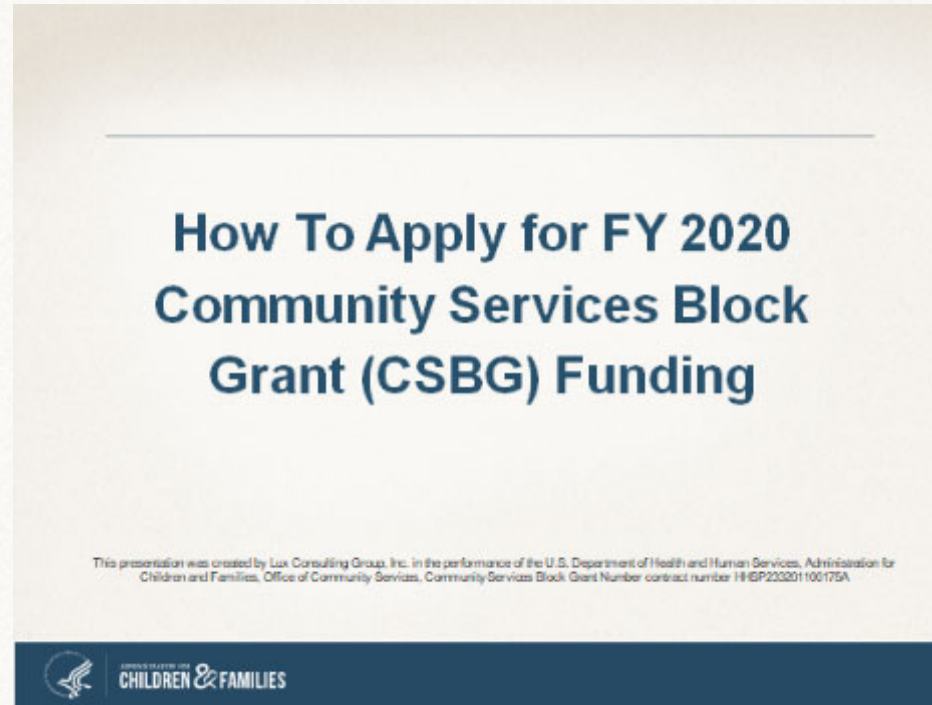
- *CSBG Action Transmittal 2019-03 Application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Based on the Availability of CSBG Funds* was released on June 13, 2019.
- Changes have been made to improve the CSBG application process.
- An updated Fillable-PDF Tool and Tool Guide are available to complete the CSBG Tribal Plan and application information.





# How To Apply Webinar

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To view the *How To Apply Webinar*  
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# CSBG Tribal Training & Technical Assistance Program

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# Help Is Available!

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Under contract with the HHS/ACF Office of Community Services, the CSBG Tribal Training & Technical Assistance Program connects CSBG Tribal grantees and provides information and assistance through webinars, conferences, and direct phone support to maximize the impact of CSBG funding





# CSBG Tribal Online Resource Center

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**What is the CSBG Tribal Training & TA Program?**  
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[LEARN MORE](#)

**CSBG Application Tools**  
View a variety of available tools, fact sheets, and templates to support your Tribes & Tribal Organizations with a successful application and annual report.

**CSBG Tribal Grantee Spotlight**  
Meet the newest CSBG Tribal Grantee Spotlight of 2018: Blackfeet Nation

**Tribal Network Newsletter**  
Read the latest edition of our free monthly newsletter covering the latest CSBG Tribal resources, events, funding opportunities, & more.

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# CSBG Tribal Network Subscribe Today!



## CSBG Tribal Network Newsletter September 2018

Dear CSBG Tribal Network,

Congratulations to all of the Tribes and Tribal Organizations who were able to submit their FY19 CSBG applications by the September 1st deadline!

We've heard from OCS that nearly all grantees have submitted their FY19 CSBG application materials. It is critical that any Tribes or Tribal Organizations that have not yet submitted their complete FY19 CSBG Tribal Plan, updated SF-424M, and narrative FY18 Annual Report submit all application materials immediately. If you have missed the September 1st deadline, please review the [special instructions](#) below. Lizette and I are happy to provide any assistance needed.



As always, if you have any program updates or recommendations for future newsletters, please feel free to let us know. We are always happy to hear from you!

## Subscribe to the CSBG Tribal Network Newsletter

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# Ask Us...

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We are happy to hear from you and available to:

- Answer any questions.
- Provide resources to assist with all elements of the CSBG Program Cycle.
- Assist with the development of a CSBG Tribal Plan.
- Review CSBG Tribal Plan and application materials before submission.
- Connect grantees to CSBG Tribal Team for OLDC assistance.



# CSBG Tribal Team

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