



CSBG Tribal Network Quarterly Update Fall Session Summary

The CSBG Tribal Training & Technical Assistance Program and the Office of Community Services (OCS) held our Fall CSBG Tribal Network Quarterly Update Session on October 17, 2018. You can view the [presentation slides](#) and below is a summary of the updates shared in the session:

Federal Updates:

- [New Assistant Secretary for Administration for Children & Families \(ACF\)](#)
On August 28th, the Administration for Children & Families (ACF) swore in the new ACF Assistant Secretary, Lynn Johnson. Ms. Johnson served as the executive director of Jefferson County Human Services in Colorado, overseeing the county's Head Start program, as well as programs on the workforce, career and family services, child welfare, justice services, and community assistance.

Prior to her current position, Ms. Johnson headed a consulting firm, which dealt with mental health, high-risk youth, developmental disabilities, child welfare, and early childhood education. She served as the chief of staff to Colorado Lt. Gov. Jane E. Norton in 2003, and from 1999 to 2002 was a policy advisor to Colorado Governor Bill Owens. Before joining the Owens administration, Ms. Johnson served as a senior specialist with the U.S. Courts as a probation and parole officer. She was responsible for the direct supervision of offenders with mental health issues and those convicted of sex offenses.

- [Native American Heritage Month](#)
November is National Native American Heritage month. This marks a time to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, histories, and contributions of Native people. It is also an opportune time to raise awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced historically and, in the present, but it also highlights the ways in which Tribes have worked to overcome these challenges.

We would love to hear how you are honoring National Heritage Month in your community. Feel free to share your events, resources, and stories by contacting the CSBG Tribal Training & TA Program at tribalta@luxcg.com.

- [ANA 2018 Grantee Meeting](#)
The ANA 2018 Grantee Meeting will be held November 28-29, 2018 at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel in Crystal City, VA. The grantee meeting provides an opportunity for ACF grantees and Federal staff who are working with Native communities to exchange ideas, provide feedback to one another, learn about how to manage grant awards more efficiently as well as resources such as technical assistance, toolkits, and other resources that can be accessed with or without funding. The plenary sessions and workshops will cover areas including data and evaluation and program administration, topic-specific sessions on Native languages, youth, and social and economic development. [Registration is now open.](#)
- [SAMHSA Opioid Crisis Resources for Tribal Populations](#)
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) has several resources for Tribal populations focusing on the opioid crisis and other substance abuse and mental health-related issues. You can access fact sheets on available funding opportunities, TA assistance, and more like the “Opioid Crisis Resources for Tribal Populations” factsheet. To learn more about these resources, please visit [SAMHSA’s Behavioral Health Equity Resources on American Indian and Alaska Native: Tribal Affairs page.](#)
- [Lifeline Program](#)
Lifeline is a federal program that lowers the monthly cost of phone and internet. The program offers a monthly benefit to reduce or eliminate the cost on connectivity services for qualified users. The program is only available to those who can document their income qualifications. Only one person per household can apply. Those living on qualified Tribal lands may receive a monthly discount on telephone or internet services.

OCS News:

- [Acting Director for Office of Community Services \(OCS\)](#)
Mr. Clarence H. Carter is the recently appointed Acting OCS Director. Any CSBG applications and plans that were previously directed to Ms. J. Janelle George should now be directed to Mr. Carter.

FY19 CSBG Tribal Applications & Funding:

- [FY19 CSBG Tribal Application Submissions](#)
The CSBG FY19 applications and plans, along with the FY18 Annual Reports, were due on September 1st. All grantees should have successfully submitted their materials by now. If you still have any outstanding documents, please contact the CSBG Tribal T&TA

team (tribalta@luxcg.com) or OCS (CSBGTribes@acf.hhs.gov) immediately for assistance in completing and submitting your plan and Annual Report.

As a reminder, the FY18 Annual Report for Tribes is part of the total FY19 application and plan documents. Tribes that have submitted a two-year plan (FY18 - FY19) should have submitted an Annual Report and an updated SF-424M form. Please do not confuse the "March 31, 2019", Annual Report due date for States with the Tribal Annual Report due date of September 1, 2018.

As of October 17, the Division of Community Assistance (DCA) received 63 Tribal CSBG Applications for FY19. The applications included both one and two-year plans, as well as, one 477 three-year plan.

Nine applications are currently under review by OCS. The OCS Team is continuing to review Tribal applications and plans and is in the process of providing review comments by email. If you have received a non-acceptance email letter indicating that additional information/documentation is needed, please contact the CSBG Tribal T&TA team (tribalta@luxcg.com) for assistance in responding by the reply date.

- CSBG Award Allocation Letters

The FY19 CSBG award allocation letters have not yet been released. OCS anticipates the release of the allocation letters no later than the end of October for those Tribal applications that have been reviewed and accepted. Other letters will be released on a rotating basis as applications and plans are viewed and accepted.

As a reminder, the award allocation letters are sent to the Tribe's authorized official. The letters are then forwarded to the CSBG Tribal grantee's point of contact. Please make sure all contact information is up to date.

- FY19 CSBG Award Funding

The CSBG program has an appropriated FY 2019 budget which includes an increase. However, with the 2% that has been reserved by the Secretary, the available budget equals about the same amount that was allocated this past fiscal year. Once applications are reviewed, and the funding formula has been completed, award letters will be made prepared for release. The exact funding amount for each Tribe is not known at this time.

- Deadlines for Obligating & Expending CSBG Funds

CSBG funds are distributed annually, based on the federal fiscal year which begins October 1 of each year. Even if the CSBG Plan has been approved for two-years, funds are determined and distributed on an annual basis.

The distributed funds must be obligated by September 30th of the succeeding fiscal year. The deadline for expending or liquidating funds is 90 days after the end of the

succeeding funding period. The funding period ends on September 30th, making the deadline to expend or liquidate funds on December 30. Funds that are not expended by the December 30th date must be returned to the U.S. Treasury. Funds cannot be carried over beyond that two-year period.

Dates to Remember:

- Federal Fiscal Year Begins: October 1st of every year
- Federal Fiscal Year Ends: September 30th of every year
- Federal Fiscal Year 2018: October 1 - September 30, 2018
- Deadline for Obligating FY18 Funds: September 30, 2019
- Deadline for Expending/Liquidating FY18 Funds: December 30, 2019

CSBG Tribal Resources & Upcoming Events:

- FY19 CSBG Plan & Application PDF Tools - Feedback
The CSBG Tribal Training & TA program worked with OCS this past year to create [three new tools](#) for returning and prospective Tribal Grantees to use for their FY19 CSBG application and FY18 Annual Report. We are pleased that so many grantees made use of the tools!

The CSBG Tribal T&TA team would love to learn more about your experience. Our goal continues to be, to create a simplified and less time-consuming application process that works best for returning and prospective Tribal grantees. We plan to use your feedback to tweak and update the tools for an even smoother application process in FY20.

We will be sending out a feedback form to everyone soon. In the meantime, feel free to email us at tribalta@luxcg.com or call at 301-244-3557 with any feedback or questions.
- CSBG Tribal Network Newsletter Subscribe Today!
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- CSBG Tribal Network Quarterly Update Session
Thank you so much to everyone for participating in the Tribal Network Update Sessions. The CSBG Tribal T& TA team are gearing up for the next set of update sessions for 2019. Please keep a look out in your email for our Winter Update Session, which will be held in January 2019.

- CSBG Tribal Grantee Support Anytime

The Lux CSBG Tribal T&TA Team is here to assist you with any questions, resources, training, or connections that you may need.

- Nicole Oxendine, Director, Nicole.Oxendine@luxcg.com
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In addition, the OCS Tribal Specialists are available to work with Tribal grantees.

- Sara Lee, CSBG Tribal Program Specialist, sara.lee@acf.hhs.gov
- Jane Golden, CSBG Tribal Liaison within OCS, jane.golden@acf.hhs.gov
- Niki Frazier, the DCA Senior Record Specialist, nikita.frazier@acf.hhs.gov

CSBG Tribal Grantee Spotlight:

- A special thank you to Leslie Jonas, Darlene Scott and the team at Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Food Pantry for their wonderful CSBG Tribal Grantee Spotlight presentation! You can access the Mashpee Wampanoag's [presentation slides here](#).
- A special thank you to Spirit Lake Nation, Black Feet and Pueblo of Zuni for participating as previous Grantee Spotlights this year. We have learned so much from all of you. To learn more about these grantees and view their spotlight presentations, please visit the CSBG Tribal Online Resource Center's [Grantee Spotlight page](#).
- For our 2019 Update Sessions, we will continue to highlight the great work of our Tribal grantees. We will be contacting CSBG Tribal grantees to volunteer to make presentations about their CSBG Program. If you would like to volunteer to share your program, please contact Lizette Rivera, CSBG Tribal Training & TA Program Coordinator at Lizette.rivera@luxcg.com.

For questions or more information, please contact:

[CSBG Tribal Training & TA Team](#) at tribalta@luxcg.com or call directly at 301-244-3557