

Community Service Block Grant (CSBG)

CSBG Program Update – April 2025

CSBG Staff Changes

- Brandy Boulos has transitioned from OHCS to a new role as Research Analyst at NASCSP. We're fortunate that she will continue contributing to the CSBG Annual Report on a national level—she'll be incredible in this new position.
- Marilyn Merritt will be stepping in to support CSBG activities. If you receive an email from her, please know that she is working closely with me.

CSBG Funding Update

- CSBG FFY24 funds must be fully expended by June 30, 2025. Once the funds have been spent, the final FSR must be completed.
- The Appropriations Act for CSBG FY25 was passed by Congress on March 14, 2025, and the 200% FPL eligibility threshold may be applied to the CSBG FY25 funds. Once OHCS receives the official award letter, allocations will be processed promptly. A notice will be sent through the Gatekeeper to inform the network when the funds are available.

CSBG FY24 Annual Report

- The CSBG FY24 Annual Report has been successfully submitted!
 - A big thank you to all the staff and CAPO for your collaboration and support in ensuring it was submitted on time.
- OHCS is currently developing an Impact Report using your submitted data, which will be shared with each agency by May 31, 2025.
 - We'd love your input on last year's Impact Reports—are there any changes or additions you'd like to see this year? Please send your feedback to Leeann Marx at Leeann.marx@hcs.oregon.gov



Organizational Standards/Board Management Module	• The CSBG 25 Organizational Standard Assessment will be made available as soon as possible. A memo will be sent through the Gatekeeper once it's ready. • If you have any questions, need a new user account, or require training and technical assistance, please contact Leeann Marx at Leeann.marx@hcs.oregon.gov • OHCS is in the process of developing a user manual and policies for the Board Management Module. ◦ Marilyn Merritt is leading the creation of the manual, with valuable support from Brianna Rogers of Lane County. A big thank you to Brianna for her help!
CSBG MGA	• The CSBG IR/Funding Application will have a new format this year—it will be completed using an Excel spreadsheet. • A memo will be sent out once the MGA IR/Funding Application is released, along with detailed instructions for completing it.
American Consumer Survey Index (ACSI)	• The survey results are in: Oregon's Customer Satisfaction Index is 76, exceeding the CSBG National Index of 73. • The 2024 ACSI Federal Government benchmark is 70, and Oregon has shown a 6-point improvement since 2021. • I'll be reviewing the responses and developing an internal action plan to further enhance CSBG activities. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey—your feedback is incredibly valuable.
Upcoming Training/Conferences	• CAPO Annual Conference is being held in Newport, OR again this year, May 20-23, 2025. I look forward to seeing folks there.

Resources	OHCS Training and Technical Assistance Resource - https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=8a215621578a4f76ae98113d719d5e64 NCAP - https://communityactionpartnership.com/ CAPLAW - https://www.capl原因.org/ NASCSP - https://nascsp.org/ ROMA - https://www.roma-nptp.org/module_home_page.html
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