

Florida Department of Community Affairs

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Community Services Block Grant Program, working through a network of local governments and non-profit agencies, helps low-income Floridians improve their lives. This is a federally funded program administered by the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Development.

GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

- Low-income residents become more self-sufficient.
- Low-income residents, especially those in vulnerable populations, achieve their potential through stronger family and other supportive services.
- The conditions in which low-income residents live are improved.
- Low-income residents own a stake in their communities.
- Partnerships are achieved among supporters and providers of services to low-income residents.
- Agencies increase their capacity to achieve results.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

For the Community Services Block Grant program, the household's income may not be more than 125 percent above the federal poverty level. If the household's income is greater than this amount, the applicant may still be eligible since some types of income are not counted. Applicants must apply for assistance with the local Community Services Block Grant provider in the county in which they live, and must provide proof of household income.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE

The program provides a wide variety of services designed at the local level to meet specific community needs. These include:

- Assistance to help low-income residents attain the skills, knowledge and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency.
- Immediate life necessities such as food, shelter, medicine, etc.

2007-2008 STATE WIDE PERSPECTIVE

- 162,000 households assisted.
- 80 percent of households receiving services reported incomes below the federal poverty level

2007-2008 FEDERAL FUNDING

\$18.9 million received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

WHERE TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE

To receive assistance, you must apply to the Community Services Block Grant agency servicing the county in which you live. A list of the agencies is on the Department of Community Affairs' website at:

www.FloridaCommunityDevelopment.org/csbg

You may also call the Department of Community Affairs at 850-488-7541

2009-2010 Household Income Guidelines	
Number of People in Household	Maximum Annual Household Income
1	\$13,538
2	\$18,213
3	\$22,888
4	\$27,563
5	\$32,238
6	\$36,913
7	\$41,588
8	\$46,263
For each additional member of the household add \$4,675	



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