

**Request for Approval under the clearance of the “Generic for ACF Program
Office Monitoring Activities” Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
Control Number: 0970-0558**

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
Training and Technical Assistance Tracking Form

PURPOSE: The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is a federal block grant administered through the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Office of Community Services (OCS). The CSBG Act (49 U.S.C. § 9901 et. seq.) was created, “To provide assistance to states and local communities, working through a network of community action agencies and other neighborhood-based organizations, for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, and the empowerment of low-income families and individuals in rural and urban areas to become fully self-sufficient...” Additional information regarding the CSBG Act can be found online on the [Community Services Block Grant \(CSBG\) website](#).

OCS distributes CSBG funds to states and local communities. Funds provide services and strategies to low-income individuals and families to address the causes and conditions of poverty and improve the communities in which they live. Services and strategies support education, employment, housing, health, nutrition, income management, and incorporate case management, self-sufficiency, and re-entry programs.

The CSBG Network consists of several types of organizations that administer and/or support services designed to eliminate the causes and conditions of poverty in the United States. This includes national CSBG partners and other award recipients that provide training and technical assistance (TTA) in a variety of areas.

In an effort guide the development, meaningful delivery, and assessment of TTA for the CSBG Network, ACF proposes to collect information from CSBG award recipients related to targeted TTA using the CSBG TTA Tracking Form. The information collected via the form will be collected on a quarterly basis and is directly aligned with the fiscal year 2022 CSBG Training and Technical Needs Assessment. The information collected will allow OCS to assess the effectiveness of CSBG TTA service offerings and will be used for continued improvements to TTA planning for CSBG-funded award recipients.

Targeted TTA encompasses a range of custom activities provided by CSBG TTA providers, designed to enhance knowledge, build capacity, advance equity, and elevate the CSBG Network beyond its current state. Targeted TTA addresses the diverse needs and challenges faced by the CSBG Network, ensuring resources lead to improved outcomes. It can be specialized in areas such as performance management alignment, legal practices, financial oversight, monitoring preparation, organizational capacity, and administrative operations - all geared towards achieving specific goals and objectives outlined in cooperative agreements. These activities may include consultations, webinars, podcasts, and presentations on a data-driven topics during a state or regional conference. Targeted TTA should be considered to be sufficient in quantity (or dose) to lead to the enactment of longstanding improved outcomes. Singular instances of telephone calls, ad hoc discussions, etc. that do not correlate to a measurable improved outcome are not considered to be targeted TTA.

This information collection aligns with the overarching generic for monitoring activities, which specifically states that ACF will collect the information for:

- monitoring of compliance with federal practice, guidelines and requirements,
- quick understanding of and remediation to national, regional, and/or site-specific issues,
- provision of support as needed,
- accurate assessment of the efficiency and efficacy of recipient activities
- documentation of promising practice, innovative services, and program strengths
- flexible and responsive oversight of federal funds

The proposed uses of the data also align with the overarching generic, which specifies that program offices will use information collected under this generic clearance to monitor the efficiency and efficacy of funding recipient activities and to provide support or take appropriate action, as needed. Some examples of how OCS will use the information follow:

- Oversight and evaluation of grantee performance: technical/programmatic, financial, and business management.
- Assessment of progress towards meeting the objectives outlined in cooperative agreement and contract objectives.
- Confirmation of compliance with grant requirements: determining whether federal awards are being used for the purposes for which they are made and taking appropriate actions for non-compliance and enforcement.
- Verification that programs/projects initiated by award recipients are carried out in a manner consistent with the award recipient's approved project goals and objectives, and in a manner consistent with ACF's expectations.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:

Within CSBG, there are 20 discretionary recipients. The Authorizing Official/Project Director is responsible for completing and submitting the TTA Tracking Form.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is in compliance with U.S. Health and Human Services regulations.
2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
4. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions.

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To assist OMB review of your request, please provide answers to the following question:

PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION:

1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected? [☐] Yes [☒] No
2. If Yes, will any information that is collected be included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974? [☐] Yes [☒] No
3. If Yes, has an up-to-date System of Records Notice been published? [☐] Yes [☒] No

BURDEN HOURS

Category of Respondent	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent per year	Burden Hours per Response	Annual Burden Hours
CSBG Award Recipients <ul style="list-style-type: none">State, local, or tribal governmentPrivate Sector (Statewide or local organizations or associations)	20	4 (quarterly)	.75 (45 mins)	60

FEDERAL COST: The estimated annual cost to the federal government is \$3,044.64.

Activity	Estimated Cost
Development of CSBG TTA Tracking Form: 4 hours X \$63.43 x 4 ACF Project Officers (<i>GS14, step 1 hourly wage rate</i>)	\$1,014.88
Review/analyzation of completed CSBG TTA Tracking Form and recurring reviews with award recipients: 14 hours X \$63.43 x 3 ACF Project Officers (<i>GS14, step 1 hourly wage rate</i>)	\$2,664.06
Estimated Total:	\$3,678.94

TYPE OF COLLECTION:

How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)

- ☒ [X] Web-based
- ☒ [X] E-mail
- ☐ [] Paper mail
- ☐ [] Other, Explain

OCS will distribute the CSBG TTA Tracking Form (in Microsoft Word format) to each CSBG recipient by email at the start of an award. Recipients will provide a completed CSBG TTA Tracking Form on a quarterly basis to their assigned ACF Project Officer via GrantSolutions (web-based system) or via email.

Please make sure to submit all instruments, instructions, and scripts with the request.