



Iowa HHS Federal Block Grant Appropriations

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Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) Block Grant

The SUPTRS Block Grant is used to plan, implement, and evaluate activities that prevent and treat substance use and promote public health.

Funding Set-aside Requirements

- 20% Minimum for Prevention
- Approximately \$1.3 million in expenditures for enhanced/ancillary services for pregnant women and women with dependent children

Main Funding Uses

- SUD Treatment services
- Certified Prevention Specialist wages
- Substance Misuse Prevention activities
- Recovery Support Services
- Access Funding for providers (Network Support)
- Non-direct Services & System Development

Provider Types

- Licensed Substance Use Disorder Treatment agencies
- Agencies with Certified Prevention Specialists
- Recovery Community Centers & other Peer-Run organizations

Annual Award: \$14,116,120

Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)

The MHBG is a federal block grant allocated to all states through a federally-defined formula and managed by HHS-Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

MHBG funds are required to be used for the following activities:

- Providing community mental health services for adults with a serious mental illness and children with a serious emotional disturbance
- Carrying out the state behavioral health plan submitted by the state to SAMHSA biannually
- Evaluating programs and services carried out under the plan
- Planning, administration, and educational activities related to providing services under the plan

Federal Award - \$7,754,083

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (Title V)

Enacted in 1935 as a part of the Social Security Act, the MCH Block Grant is the nation's oldest Federal-State partnership. For more than 80 years, the MCH Block Grant has provided a foundation for ensuring the health of mothers, children and families.

Iowa HHS is required to submit a comprehensive needs assessment every 5 years to identify needs and priorities for inclusion in the MCH State Plan. Title V is rooted in a set of national and state performance measures.

The state plan covers 5 population domains:

1. Women/maternal
2. Perinatal/infant
3. Children
4. Adolescents
5. Children with Special Health Care Needs

Annual Award: \$6,775,530

Preventive Health and Health Services Appropriations (PHHS) Block Grant

The PHHS Block Grant provides states with flexibility and control to address their priority health needs including responding rapidly to emerging health issues and filling funding gaps in programs that address the leading causes of death and disability.

Funding Uses

- Reduce cancer incidence, Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID), child mortality, unintentional injuries, and youth sexual abuse in Iowa
- Enhance access to prenatal care and increase breastfeeding rates among Iowans
- Implement health focused workforce development for HHS staff

Annual Award: \$1,955,591

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

The purpose of the CSBG is to provide funding to states and local agencies 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. Iowa's CSBG Program is funded by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Division of Community Action Agencies distributes the CSBG funds to Iowa's 16 community action agencies, which create, coordinate, and deliver many programs and services to low-income Iowans. The agencies use their CSBG funds to mobilize additional public and private resources to combat the central causes of poverty in their communities, and the empowerment of low-income families and individuals in rural and urban areas to become fully self-sufficient.

Iowa's community action agencies use CSBG to support their efforts in helping low-income Iowans:

- Secure and retain meaningful employment;
- Attain an adequate education;
- Make better use of available income;
- Obtain emergency assistance to meet the immediate and urgent family needs;
- Achieve greater participation in the affairs of communities; and
- Address the needs of youth in low-income communities.

Federal Award: \$8,350,107

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) Block Grant

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is a federal block grant allocated to all states through a federally-defined formula and managed by HHS-Administration for Children & Family, Office Community Services. This program provides financial assistance to low- and fixed-income individuals for fuel and utility bills.

The program has two components:

- LIHEAP regular assistance – one time per year proactive payment to utility vendor
- Energy Crisis Intervention Payment (ECIP) assistance – to address an energy crisis

Iowa HHS distributes the LIHEAP funds to Iowa's 16 community action agencies to administer the program.

Federal Award - \$58,058,248

Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)

SSBG funded programs assist individuals or families to become less dependent on others for financial support or personal care; protect vulnerable children and/or adults; preserve or reunite families; support transition to independence; and avoid unnecessary or premature institutionalization. More than 40,000 Iowans benefit from SSBG funding each year.

Funding Uses

- Case Management
- Foster Care Services – Adults
- Home-Based Services
- Independent/Transitional Living Services
- Protective Services – Adults
- Volunteer Services

Annual Award: \$15,264,832

Child Care Development Block Grant

The purpose of the Child Care Development Block Grant is to support low-income families to work or attend education/training and improve the overall quality of childcare services in the state.

- ▶ Federal Expense Requirements:
 - 70%: child care services for families
 - 30%: includes quality and program activities
- ▶ Outcomes:
 - In SFY 24 over 30,000 children served

Annual Award: \$109,630,285

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant

TANF Block Grant provides states with a flexible funding source to use in helping needy families achieve self-sufficiency. This flexibility allows funding to be adapted to meet the unique needs of the multiple programs it funds.

Funding Uses

- In any manner that the State was authorized to use amounts received under part A or F of the Social Security Act, as such parts were in effect on September 30, 1995, or (at the option of the State) August 21, 1996 [previously authorized – meaning included in the corresponding IV-A State Plan effective on the date specified].
- To meet any of the four purposes specified in section 401(a) of the Social Security Act.
- Transferred to the state's Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) and/or Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) – total transfer limited to 30% of the state's annual TANF award with no more than 10% going to SSBG. Transferred funds are subject to CCDBG/SSBG program requirements.

Annual Award: \$ 130,980,383