

CSBG State Plan

Program Name: Community Services Block Grant

Grantee Name: Alabama

Report Name: CSBG State Plan

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COVER PAGE					
* 1.a. Type of Submission: <input type="radio"/> Application <input type="radio"/> Plan <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other (2 Year)	* 1.b. Frequency: <input type="radio"/> Annual <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other (2 Year)	* 1.c. Consolidated Application/ Plan/Funding Request? Explanation:	* 1.d. Version: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Initial <input type="radio"/> Resubmission <input type="radio"/> Revision <input type="radio"/> Update		
		2. Date Received:	State Use Only:		
		3. Applicant Identifier:			
		4a. Federal Entity Identifier:	5. Date Received By State:		
		4b. Federal Award Identifier:	6. State Application Identifier:		
7. APPLICANT INFORMATION					
* a. Legal Name: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs					
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 636000619			* c. Organizational DUNS: 062620604		
* d. Address:					
* Street 1:	401 Adams Avenue, Suite 580	Street 2:	PO Box 5690		
* City:	Montgomery	County:	Montgomery		
* State:	AL	Province:			
* Country:	United States	* Zip / Postal Code:	36103 - 5690		
e. Organizational Unit:					
Department Name: LIHEAP/CSBG Unit			Division Name: Energy Division		
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:					
Prefix:	* First Name: Rhoda	Middle Name:	* Last Name: Talley		
Suffix:	Title: CSBG Program Mgr.	Organizational Affiliation: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs			
* Telephone Number: (334) 242-5412	Fax Number: (334) 242-0552	* Email: rhoda.talley@adeca.alabama.gov			
* 8a. TYPE OF APPLICANT: A: State Government					
b. Additional Description:					
* 9. Name of Federal Agency:					
		Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:	CFDA Title:		
10. CFDA Numbers and Titles		93569	Community Services Block Grant		
11. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project Administration of Alabama's CSBG Program					
12. Areas Affected by Funding: All of Alabama's 67 counties are covered by the state's 20 community action agencies					
13. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:					
* a. Applicant 02			b. Program/Project: Statewide - Districts 1-7		
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.					
14. FUNDING PERIOD:			15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:		
a. Start Date:	b. End Date:	* a. Federal (\$): \$0		b. Match (\$): \$0	

* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
a. This submission was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372	
Process for Review on :	
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by State for review.	
c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?	
<input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
Explanation:	
18. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) **I Agree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
18a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official	18c. Telephone (area code, number and extension)
	18d. Email Address
18b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official	18e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year)
	11/18/2020
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.	

Section 1: CSBG Lead Agency, CSBG Authorized Official, CSBG Point of Contact, and Official State Designation Letter

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1.1. Identify whether this is a One-Year or a Two-Year Plan	<input type="radio"/> one-year <input checked="" type="radio"/> two-year
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1.1a. Provide the federal fiscal years this plan covers:	Year One	Year Two
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1.2. Lead Agency: Update the following information in relation to the lead agency designated to administer CSBG in the state, as required by Section 676(a) of the CSBG Act.

Information should reflect the responses provided in the Application for Federal Assistance, SF-424M.

Has information in regards to the state lead agency has changed since the last submission of the state plan? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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If yes, provide the date of change and select the fields that have been updated 10/01/2019

<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Department Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Department Name
<input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Official	<input type="checkbox"/> Street Address	<input type="checkbox"/> City
<input type="checkbox"/> Zip Code	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Number	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fax Number
<input type="checkbox"/> Email Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Website	

1.2a. Lead agency	
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1.2b. Cabinet or administrative department of this lead agency <i>[Select one option and narrative where applicable]</i>
<input type="radio"/> Community Services Department
<input type="radio"/> Human Services Department
<input type="radio"/> Social Services Department
<input type="radio"/> Governor's Office
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Community Affairs Department
<input type="radio"/> Health Department
<input type="radio"/> Housing Department
<input type="radio"/> Other, describe

1.2c. Cabinet or Administrative Department Name: Provide the name of the cabinet or administrative department of the CSBG authorized official	Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
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1.2d. Authorized official of the lead agency	
Name: Kenneth W. Boswell	Title: Agency Director

1.2e. Street Address	
1.2f. City	1.2g. State
1.2h. Zip	

1.2i. Telephone number and extension - ext.	1.2j. Fax number 334 242 - 5099
1.2k. Email address kenneth.boswell@adeca.alabama.gov	1.2l. Lead agency website www.adeca.alabama.gov

1.3. Designation Letter:

Attach the state's official CSBG designation letter. A new designation letter is required if the chief executive officer of the state and/or the

designated agency has changed.			
1.4. CSBG Point of Contact: provide the following information in relation to the designated state CSBG point of contact. The state CSBG point of contact should be the person that will be the main point of contact for CSBG within the state.			
Has Information in regards to the state point of contact has changed since the last submission of the state plan? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No			
If yes, provide the date of change and select the fields that have been updated Date picker and check all the apply 10/01/2019			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agency Name	<input type="checkbox"/>	Point of Contact
<input type="checkbox"/>	City	<input type="checkbox"/>	Zip Code
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fax Number	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email Address
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Street Address
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Office Number
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Website
1.4a. Agency Name			
1.4b Point of Contact Name			
Name: Rhoda Talley		Title: CSBG Program Manager	
1.4c. Street Address		401 Adams Avenue	
1.4d. City		Montgomery	1.4e. State AL
1.4g. Telephone Number 334 242 - 5412 ext.		1.4h. Fax Number 334 242 - 0552	
1.4i. Email Address rhoda.talley@adeca.alabama.gov		1.4j. Agency Website www.adeca.alabama.gov	
1.5. Provide the following information in relation to the State Community Action Association.			
There is currently a state Community Action Association within the state. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
Has Information in regards to the state Community Action Association has changed since the last submission of the state plan? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
If yes, provide the date of change and select the fields that have been updated Date picker and check all the apply 10/01/2019			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agency Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Executive Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	City	<input type="checkbox"/>	State
<input type="checkbox"/>	Office Number	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax Number
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Email Address
<input type="checkbox"/>	Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	RPIC Lead
1.5a. Agency Name Community Action Agencies Association of Alabama			
1.5b. Executive Director or Point of Contact			
Name: Kris Rowe		Title: Executive Director	
1.5c. Street Address		201 Beacon Parkway West, Suite 204	
1.5d. City		Birmingham	1.5e. State AL
1.5g. Telephone number 205 227 - 7688 ext.		1.5h. Fax number 205 227 - 7923	
1.5i. Email Address krowe@caaalabama.org		1.5j. State Association Website http://www.caaalabama.org	
1.5k. State Association currently serves as the Regional Performance Innovation Consortia (RPIC) lead <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No			

Section 2: State Legislation and Regulation

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SECTION 2 State Legislation and Regulation

2.1. CSBG State Legislation:

State has a statute authorizing CSBG Yes No

2.2. CSBG State Regulation:

State has regulations for CSBG Yes No

2.3. Legislation/Regulation Document: Attach the legislation and/or regulations or provide a hyperlink(s) to the documents indicated under Item 2.1. and/or Item 2.2.

2.4. State Authority:

Select a response for each of the following items about the state statute and/or regulations authorizing CSBG:

2.4a. Authorizing Legislation: State legislature enacts authorizing legislation or amendments to an existing authorizing statute, last federal fiscal year Yes No

2.4b. Regulation Amendments: State established or amended regulations for CSBG last federal fiscal year Yes No

2.4c. Designation: State statutory or regulatory authority designates the bureau, division, or office in the state government that is to be the state administering agency Yes No

Section 3: State Plan Development and Statewide Goals

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SECTION 3 State Plan Development and Statewide Goals

3.1. CSBG Lead Agency Mission and Responsibilities:

Briefly describe the mission and responsibilities of the state agency that serves as the CSBG Lead Agency.

ADECA is responsible for administering a broad range of State and Federal programs that contribute to the department's mission, Building Better Alabama Communities. Each year ADECA distributes millions of dollars to Alabama cities, counties, non-profit organizations, and others. The grants support economic development projects, infrastructure improvements, energy conservation, law enforcement traffic safety, recreation development, and assistance to low-income families. ADECA also works to monitor and protect Alabama's water resources, and distribute State and Federal surplus property to local governments and other qualified organizations. ADECA's programs are as diverse as the people of Alabama and impact every corner of the state. The department works to assist children, the elderly, victims of crime and abuse, the disadvantaged, and the low-income. Businesses, local governments, schools, and non-profit organizations benefit from the hundreds of grants and contracts administered by ADECA.

3.2. State Plan Goals:

Describe the state's CSBG-specific goals for state administration of CSBG under this State Plan.

(Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 1Sa(i) and pre-populates the State's Annual Report, Module 1, Item B.1.)

ADECA's first goal is to distribute CSBG funds in a timely manner to the eligible entities. Another goal is to monitor each eligible entity on the organizational standards on an annual basis. The state does this with a data base that the entities upload supporting documentation for each standard. Another goal is to provide training and technical assistance to all entities requiring assistance.

3.3. State Plan Development:

Indicate the information and input the state accessed to develop this State Plan.

3.3a. Analysis of state-level tools [Check all that apply and narrative where applicable]

State Performance Indicators and/or National Performance Indicators (NPIs)

U.S. Census data

State performance management data (e.g., accountability measures, ACSI survey information, and/or other information from annual reports)

Monitoring Visits/Assessments

Tools not identified above (specify)

3.3b. Analysis of local-level tools [Check all that apply and narrative where applicable]

Eligible entity community needs assessments

Eligible entity community action plans

Public Hearings/Workshops

Tools not identified above (e.g., State required reports)[specify]

3.3c. Consultation with [Check all that applies and narrative where applicable]

Eligible entities (e.g., meetings, conferences, webinars; not including the public hearing)

State Association

National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP)

Community Action Partnership (The Partnership)

Community Action Program Legal Services (CAPLAW)

CSBG Tribal Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) provider

Regional Performance Innovation Consortium (RPIC)

Association for Nationally Certified ROMA Trainers (ANCRT)

Federal CSBG Office

Organizations not identified above [Specify]

3.4. Eligible Entity Involvement

3.4a. Describe the specific steps the State took in developing the State Plan to involve the eligible entities.

(Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 1Sa(ii) and may pre-populate the State's annual report form)

An email was sent out on July 1, 2020 to all executive directors requesting input for the state plan. Only 4 agencies responded to the email. State staff reviewed the 2019 ACSI survey and the comments within the survey. Information from monitoring visits, telephone conversations, and one-on-one conversations at conferences with agency management and staff are also used in the development of the state plan.

3.4b. Performance Management Adjustment: Describe how the state adjusted its State Plan development procedures under this State Plan, as compared to previous plans in order to:

- 1) encourage eligible entity participation and
- 2) ensure the State Plan reflects input from eligible entities?

Any adjustment should be based on the State's analysis of past performance in these areas, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing.

If the State is not making any adjustments, provide further detail.

(Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 1Sb(i) and (ii) and pre-populate the Annual Report, Module 1, Item B.1.)

State staff continually strive to develop the state plan using direct communication with agency management and staff. While not conducting an in-person meeting this year, information gained all year through the agencies' performance, one-on-one meetings, and telephone conversations has been used in the development of the plan.

3.5. Eligible Entity Overall Satisfaction:

Provide the State's target for eligible entity Overall Satisfaction during the performance period:

Year One	Year Two
75	75

Instructional Note: The state's target score will indicate improvement or maintenance of the state's Overall Satisfaction score from the most recent American Customer Survey Index (ACSI) survey of the state's eligible entities.

(Note: Item 3.5 is associated with State Accountability Measure 8S and may pre-populate the State's annual report form)

Section 4: CSBG Hearing Requirements

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4.1. Public Inspection:
 Describe the steps taken by the state to disseminate this State Plan to the public for review and comments prior to the public hearing, as required under Section 676(e)(2) of the Act.

A public hearing was held virtually on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Notice of the public hearing was sent via email to all community action agencies and to the Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM). The executive director of the ALM forwarded the notice to all Alabama mayors. The notice was also posted on ADECA's website and on the State's Secretary of State's website.

4.2. Public Notice/Hearing:
 Describe how the state ensured there was sufficient time and statewide distribution of notice of the public hearing(s) to allow the public to comment on the State Plan, as required under Section 676(a)(2)(B) of the CSBG Act.

Notice of the public hearing was distributed as described above on July 24, 2020. The notice stated that comments concerning the State Plan could be emailed to the CSBG program director until Wednesday, August 26, 2020.

4.3. Public and Legislative Hearings:
 In the table below, specify the date(s) and location(s) of the public and legislative hearing(s) held by the designated lead agency for this State Plan, as required under Section 676(a)(2)(B) and Section 676(a)(3) of the Act.

	Date	Location	Type of Hearing [Select an option]	If a combined hearing was held, confirm that the public was invited
1	08/04/2020	401 Adams Avenue, Montgomery (held virtually)	Public	<input type="checkbox"/>

4.4. Attach supporting documentation or a hyperlink for the public and legislative hearings.

Section 5: CSBG Eligible Entities

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SECTION 5 CSBG Eligible Entities

5.1. CSBG Eligible Entities:

In the table below, indicate whether each eligible entity in the state, is public or private, the type(s) of entity, and the geographical area served by the entity.

Note: Table 5.1 pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Table C.1.

Types of Entities include Community Action Agency, Limited Purpose Agency, Local Government Agency, Migrant or Seasonal Farmworker Organization, Tribe or Tribal Organization, and Other

#	CSBG Eligible Entity	Geographical Area Served by county (Provide all counties)	Public or Nonprofit	Type of Entity [choose all that apply]
1	Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.	Lee County	Non-Profit	Limited Purpose Agency
2	Community Action Agency of South Alabama	Baldwin County, Clarke County, Conecuh County, Escambia County, Marengo County, Monroe County, Wilcox County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
3	Community Action Committee, Inc. of Chambers-Tallapoosa-Coosa	Chambers County, Coosa County, Tallapoosa County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
4	Community Action Partnership of Middle Alabama Inc.	Autauga County, Chilton County, Elmore County, Shelby County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
5	Community Action of Etowah County, Inc.	Etowah County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
6	Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership, Inc.	Barbour County, Coffee County, Geneva County, Henry County, Houston County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
7	Community Action Partnership Huntsville Madison and Limestone Counties, Inc.	Limestone County, Madison County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
8	Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity	Jefferson County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
9	Macon Russell Community Action Agency, Inc.	Macon County, Russell County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
10	Marion-Winston Counties Community Action Committee, Inc.	Marion County, Winston County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
11	Mobile Community Action, Inc.	Mobile County, Washington County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
12	Montgomery Community Action Committee & CDC, Inc.	Montgomery County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
13	Community Action Partnership of North Alabama, Inc.	Cullman County, Lawrence County, Morgan County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
14	Community Action Agency of Northeast Alabama, Incorporated	Blount County, Cherokee County, DeKalb County, Jackson County, Marshall County, St. Clair County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
15	Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc.	Colbert County, Franklin County, Lauderdale County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
16	Organized Community Action Program Inc.	Bullock County, Butler County, Covington County, Crenshaw County, Dale County, Lowndes County, Pike County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
17	Pickens County Community Action Committee, and Community Development Corporation, Inc.	Pickens County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
18	Community Action Agency of TCRCC	Calhoun County, Clay County, Cleburne County, Randolph County, Talladega County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency

19	Walker County Community Action Agency, Inc.	Walker County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency
20	Community Service Programs of West Alabama, Inc.	Bibb County, Choctaw County, Dallas County, Fayette County, Greene County, Hale County, Lamar County, Perry County, Sumter County, Tuscaloosa County	Non-Profit	Community Action Agency

5.2. Total number of CSBG eligible entities 20

5.3. Changes to Eligible Entities List:

Within the tables below, describe any changes that have occurred to the Eligible Entities within the state since the last federal fiscal Year (FFY), as applicable.

One or more of the following changes were made to the eligible entity list: [Check all that apply].

- Designation and/or Re-Designation
- De-designations and/or Voluntary Relinquishments
- Mergers
- No Changes to Eligible Entities List

5.3a. Designation and Re-Designation: Identify any new entities that have beendesignated as eligible entities, as defined under Section 676A of the Act, since the last federal fiscal year.Include any eligible entities designated to serve an area previously not served by CSBG as well as any entities designated to replace another eligible entity that was terminated (de-designated) or that voluntarily relinquished its status as a CSBG eligible entity.

CSBG Eligible Entity	Type	Start Date	Geographical Area Served	Delete

5.3b. Designation and Voluntary Relinquishments: Identify any entities that are no longer receiving CSBG funding. Include any eligible entities that have been terminated (de-designated) as defined under Section 676(c) and Section 676C of the Act, or voluntarily relinquished their CSBG eligible entity status since the last Federal Fiscal Year (FFY). Include any eligible entities designated to serve an area previously not served by CSBG as well as any entities designated to replace another eligible entity that was terminated (de-designated)

CSBG Eligible Entity	Reason	Delete

5.3c. Mergers: In the table below, provide information about any mergers or other combinations of two or more eligible entities that were each listed in the prior year State Plan.

Original CSBG Eligible Entities	Surviving CSBG Eligible Entity	New Name (as applicable)	DUNS No.	Delete

Section 6: Organizational Standards for Eligible Entities

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<h3 style="margin: 0;">SECTION 6</h3> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Organizational Standards for Eligible Entities</h2>	
Note: Reference IM 138, <i>State Establishment of Organizational Standards for CSBG Eligible Entities</i> , for more information on Organizational Standards. Click HERE for IM 138.	
6.1. Choice of Standards: Confirm whether the state will implement the CSBG Organizational Standards Center of Excellence (COE) organizational standards (as described in IM 138) or an alternative set during the federal fiscal year(s) of this planning period	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> COE CSBG Organizational Standards <input type="radio"/> Modified version of COE CSBG Organizational Standards <input type="radio"/> Alternative set of Organizational Standards	
6.1a. Modified Organizational Standards: In the case that the state is requesting to use modified COE-developed organizational standards, provide the proposed modification for the FFY of this planning period including the rationale.	
6.1b. Alternative Organizational Standards: If using an alternative set of organizational standards, attach the complete list of alternative organizational standards.	
6.1c. Alternative Organizational Standards Changes: If using an alternative set of organizational standards:	
1) provide any changes from the last set provided during the previous State Plan submission; 2) describe the reasons for using alternative standards; and 3) describe how they are at least as rigorous as the COE- developed standards	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> There were no changes from the previous State Plan submission	
Provide reason for using alternative standards	
Describe rigor compared to COE-developed Standards	
6.2. Implementation: Check the box that best describes how the state officially adopt(ed) organizational standards for eligible entities in the state in a manner consistent with the state's administrative procedures act. If "Other" is selected, provide a timeline and additional information, as necessary. <i>[Check all that apply and narrative where applicable]</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regulation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Policy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts with eligible entities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, describe:	
6.3. Organizational Standards Assessment: Describe how the state assess eligible entities against organizational standards this federal fiscal year(s). <i>[Check all that apply.]</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Peer-to-peer review (<i>with validation by the State or state-authorized third party</i>)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Self-assessment (<i>with validation by the State or state-authorized third party</i>)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Self-assessment/peer review with state risk analysis	
<input type="checkbox"/> State-authorized third party validation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular, on-site CSBG monitoring	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Agencies use the statewide data system to upload supporting documentation for the organizational standards.	
6.3a. Assessment Process: Describe the planned assessment process.	
Agencies will continue to use the statewide data system to upload supporting documentation for the organizational standards. State staff review the documentation submitted as part of the monthly desk review.	
6.4. Eligible Entity Exemptions: Will the state make exceptions in applying the organizational standards for certain eligible entities due to special circumstances or organizational characteristics (as described in IM 138)? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
6.4a. Provide the specific eligible entities the state will exempt from meeting organizational standards, and provide a description and a	

justification for each exemption		
Total Number of Exempt Entities: 0		
CSBG Eligible Entity	Description / Justification	Delete
6.5. Performance Target: Provide the percentage of eligible entities that the state expects to meet all the state-adopted organizational standards for FFY(S) for this planning period		
Year One	80%	Year Two 85%
<i>Note: Item 6.5 is associated with State Accountability Measures 6Sa and prepopulate the Annual report, Module 1, Table D.2.</i>		

Section 7: State Use of Funds

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SECTION 7 State Use of Funds

Eligible Entity Allocation (90 Percent Funds) [Section 675C(a) of the CSBG Act]

7.1. Formula:

Select the method (formula) that best describes the current practice for allocating CSBG funds to eligible entities.

- Historic
- Base + Formula
- Formula Alone
- Formula with Variables
- Hold Harmless + Formula
- Other

7.1a. Formula Description: Describe the current practice for allocating CSBG funds to eligible entities.

Funds are allocated in proportion to the size of the poverty population served by the agency when compared to the size of the poverty level population and available resources in the state.

7.1b. Statute: Does a state statutory or regulatory authority specify the formula for allocating "not less than 90 percent" funds among eligible entities? Yes No

7.2. Planned Allocation:

Specify the percentage of your CSBG planned allocation that will be funded to eligible entities and "not less than of 90 percent funds" as described under Section 675C(a) of the CSBG Act.

In the table, provide the planned allocation for each eligible entity receiving funds for the fiscal year(s) covered by this plan.

Note: This information pre-populates the state's Annual Report, Module 1, Table E.2.

Year One	95.00%	Year Two	95.00%
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Planned CSBG 90 Percent Funds

CSBG Eligible Entity	Year One Funding Amount \$	Delete
Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.	\$407,395	
Community Action Agency of South Alabama	\$918,164	
Community Action Committee, Inc. of Chambers-Tallapoosa-Coosa	\$259,750	
Community Action Partnership of Middle Alabama Inc.	\$587,090	
Community Action of Etowah County, Inc.	\$280,702	
Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership, Inc.	\$612,250	
Community Action Partnership Huntsville Madison and Limestone Counties, Inc.	\$780,604	
Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity	\$1,624,439	
Macon Russell Community Action Agency, Inc.	\$277,357	
Marion-Winston Counties Community Action Committee, Inc.	\$167,520	
Mobile Community Action, Inc.	\$1,311,296	
Montgomery Community Action Committee & CDC, Inc.	\$674,324	
Community Action Partnership of North Alabama, Inc.	\$573,546	
Community Action Agency of Northeast Alabama, Incorporated	\$1,001,124	
Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc.	\$494,092	
Organized Community Action Program Inc.	\$596,145	
Pickens County Community Action Committee, and Community Development Corporation, Inc.	\$86,764	
Community Action Agency of TCRCC	\$754,689	

Walker County Community Action Agency, Inc.	\$202,457	
Community Service Programs of West Alabama, Inc.	\$1,225,107	
Total		\$12,834,815
CSBG Eligible Entity Year Two		
CSBG Eligible Entity	Year Two Funding Amount \$	Delete
Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.	\$407,395	
Community Action Agency of South Alabama	\$918,164	
Community Action Committee, Inc. of Chambers-Tallapoosa-Coosa	\$259,750	
Community Action Partnership of Middle Alabama Inc.	\$587,090	
Community Action of Etowah County, Inc.	\$280,702	
Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership, Inc.	\$612,250	
Community Action Partnership Huntsville Madison and Limestone Counties, Inc.	\$780,604	
Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity	\$1,624,439	
Macon Russell Community Action Agency, Inc.	\$277,357	
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Community Service Programs of West Alabama, Inc.	\$1,225,107	
Total		\$12,834,815
7.3. Distribution Process:		
Describe the specific steps in the state's process for distributing 90 percent funds to the eligible entities and include the number of days each step is expected to take; include information about state legislative approval or other types of administrative approval (such as approval by a board or commission).		
<p>The state allocates 95% of the State's CSBG funds. Prior to receiving the allocation letter, grant agreements are prepared with all information except the amount. Approximate time - 4-5 days. When the allocation letter is received, the distribution per entity is calculated and the amounts are entered into the grant agreements and a cover letter is developed. Approximate time 3-4 days. A governor's and agency director's letter are developed certifying conditional approval. The letters are forwarded for signatures from the governor and director. Approximate time 7-10 days. Letter of condition approval are developed for the entities requesting budget, Beason-Hammon Certification, E-Verify MOU, Disclosure Statement, Signature Certification, and sam.gov status. Approximate time 1-2 days. Entities are given 10 days to provide documents. During the 10 days the grant agreements are being routed electronically to unit chief, division director, accounting section, audit section, and legal section for compliance. Once completed, the grant agreements are printed for agency director's signature. A summary for state legislatures is prepared and once agency director has signed the grant agreements the Communication and External Affairs Division finalizes summaries, prepare press release, notifies state legislatures of grant awards and assigns release date. Once documents are received from the entities and after the release date, the signed grant agreements are mailed out to the entities for signatures.</p>		
7.4. Distribution Timeframe:		
Does the state plan to make funds available to eligible entities no later than 30 calendar days after OCS distributes the federal award? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
7.4a. Distribution Consistency: If no, describe state procedures to ensure funds are made available to eligible entities consistently and without interruption.		
<i>Note: Item 7.4 is associated with State Accountability Measure 2Sa and may prepopulate the state's annual report form.</i>		
7.5. Performance Management Adjustment:		
Describe the state's strategy for improving grant and/or contract administration procedures under this State Plan as compared to past plans. Any improvements should be based on analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the state is not making any improvements, provide further detail.		
<i>Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 2Sb and may prepopulate the state's annual report form.</i>		
ADECA is able to process contracts within 30 days after award letter is received.		

Administrative Funds [Section 675C(b)(2) of the CSBG Act]

Note: This information pre-populates the state's Annual Report, Module 1, Table E.4.

7.6. Allocated Funds: Specify the percentage of your CSBG planned allocation for administrative activities for the FFY(s) covered by this State plan.

Year One (0.00%)	5.00	Year Two (0.00%)	5.00
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7.7. State Staff: Provide the number of state staff positions to be funded in whole or in part with CSBG funds for the FFY(s) covered by this State Plan

Year One	7.00	Year Two	7.00
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7.8. State FTEs: Provide the number of state Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) to be funded with CSBG funds for the FFY(s) covered by this State Plan

Year One	4.50	Year Two	4.50
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7.9. Remainder/Discretionary Funds Use: Does the state have remainder/discretionary funds, as described in Section 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act? Yes No

If yes, provide the allocated percentage and describe the use of the remainder/discretionary funds in the table below.

Year One (0.00%)	0.00%	Year Two (0.00%)	0.00%
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Use of Remainder/Discretionary Funds(See Section 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act)

Note: This response will link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.2.

If a funded activity fits under more than one category in the table, allocate the funds among the categories. For example, if the state provides funds under a contract with the State Community Action association to provide training and technical assistance to eligible entities and to create a statewide data system, the funds for that contract should be allocated appropriately between Items 7.9a. - 7.9c. If allocation is not possible, the state may allocate the funds to the main category with which the activity is associated.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 3Sa and pre-populates the annual report Module 1, Table E.7.

Remainder/Discretionary Fund Uses	Year One Planned \$	Brief description of services/activities and/or activities
7.9a. Training/technical assistance to eligible entities	\$0.00	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Item 8.1.
7.9b. Coordination of state-operated programs and/or local programs	\$0.00	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Section 9, state Linkages and Communication.
7.9c. Statewide coordination and communication among eligible entities	\$0.00	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Section 9, state Linkages and Communication.
7.9d. Analysis of distribution of CSBG funds to determine if targeting greatest need	\$0.00	
7.9e. Asset-building programs	\$0.00	
7.9f. Innovative programs/activities by eligible entities or other neighborhood groups	\$0.00	
7.9g. State charity tax credits	\$0.00	
7.9h. Other activities, specify in column 3	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	

Remainder/Discretionary Fund Uses	Year Two Planned \$	Brief description of services/activities
7.9a. Training/technical assistance to eligible entities	\$0.00	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Item 8.1.
7.9b. Coordination of state-operated programs and/or local programs	\$0.00	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Section 9, state Linkages and Communication.
7.9c. Statewide coordination and communication among eligible entities	\$0.00	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Section 9, state Linkages and Communication.
7.9d. Analysis of distribution of CSBG funds to determine if targeting greatest need	\$0.00	

7.9e. Asset-building programs	0	
7.9f. Innovative programs/activities by eligible entities or other neighborhood groups	\$0.00	
7.9g. State charity tax credits	\$0.00	
7.9h. Other activities, specify in column 3	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	

7.10. Remainder/Discretionary Funds Partnerships: Select the types of organizations, if any, the State Plans to work with (by grant or contract using remainder/discretionary funds) to carry out some or all of the activities in table 7.9.

[Check all that apply and narrative where applicable]

- The state directly carries out all activities (No Partnerships)
- The state partially carries out some activities
- CSBG eligible entities (*if checked, include the expected number of CSBG eligible entities to receive funds*)
- Other community-based organizations
- State Community Action association
- Regional CSBG technical assistance provider(s)
- National technical assistance provider(s)
- Individual consultant(s)
- Tribes and Tribal Organizations
- Other

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.2.

7.11. Performance Management Adjustment:

Describe any adjustments the state will make to the use of remainder/discretionary funds under this State Plan as compared to past plans. Any adjustment should be based on the state's analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the state is not making any adjustments, provide further detail.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 3Sb, and may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

n/a

Section 8: State Training and Technical Assistance

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SECTION 8 State Use of Funds

8.1. Describe the State's plan for delivering CSBG-funded training and technical assistance to eligible entities under this State Plan by completing the table below.

(CSBG funding used for this activity is referenced under item 7.9(a), Remainder/Discretionary Funds. States should also describe training and technical assistance activities performed directly by state staff, regardless of whether these activities are funded with remainder/discretionary funds.)

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 3Scand pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Table F.1.

Training and Technical Assistance - Year One

	Planned Timeframe	Training, Technical Assistance, or Both	Topic	Brief Description of "Other"
1	Ongoing / Multiple Quarters	Both	Organizational Standards for eligible entities with unmet TAPs and QIPs	
2	Ongoing / Multiple Quarters	Both	Reporting	

Training and Technical Assistance - Year Two

	Planned Timeframe	Training, Technical Assistance, or Both	Topic	Brief Description of "Other"
1	Ongoing / Multiple Quarters	Both	Organizational Standards for eligible entities with unmet TAPs and QIPs	
2	Ongoing / Multiple Quarters	Both	Reporting	

8.1a. Training and Technical Assistance Budget: The planned budget for the training and technical assistance plan *(as indicated in the Remainder/Discretionary Funds table in item 7.9)*:

8.1b. Training and Technical Assistance Collaboration: Describe how the state will collaborate with the state association and other stakeholders in the planning and delivery of training and technical assistance.

8.2. TAPs and QIPs: Does the state have Technical Assistance Plans (TAPs) or Quality Improvement Plans (QIPs) in place for all eligible entities with unmet organizational standards, if appropriate? Yes No

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 6Sb. QIPs are described in Section 678C(a)(4) of the CSBG Act. If the State, according to their corrective action procedures, does not plan to put a QIP in place for an eligible entity with one or more unmet organizational standards, the State should put a TAP in place to support the entity in meeting the standard(s).

8.2a. Address Unmet Organizational Standards: Describe the state's plan to provide T/TA to eligible entities to ensure they address unmet Organizational Standards. The state will provide technical assistance to agencies with unmet standards within 90 days of monitoring visit. In addition, the State Association will also provide technical assistance to its members to the same agencies. The state will develop a training and technical assistance plan jointly with the State Association once a template is developed. The state currently participates in the State Association's annual conference and annual board retreat by providing workshops on various topics. The state CSBG staff and State Association staff will meet quarterly to determine training and technical assistance needed by the agencies.

8.3. Training and Technical Assistance Organizations: Indicate the types of organizations through which the State Plans to provide training and/or technical assistance as described in item 8.1, and briefly describe their involvement. *[Check all that apply.]*

- CSBG eligible entities *(if checked, provide the expected number of CSBG eligible entities to receive funds)*
- Other community-based organizations
- State Community Action association
- Regional CSBG technical assistance provider(s)
- National technical assistance provider(s)
- Individual consultant(s)
- Tribes and Tribal Organizations

Other

8.4. Performance Management Adjustment: Describe adjustments the state made to the training and technical assistance plan under this State Plan as compared to past plans. Any adjustment should be based on the state's analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the state is not making any adjustments, provide further detail.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 3Sd may pre-populate the state's annual report form

The state will provide training and technical assistance as needed based on review of organizational standards and monitoring visits.

Section 9: State Linkages and Communication

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SECTION 9 State Linkages and Communication

Note: This section describes activities that the state may support with CSBG remainder/discretionary funds, described under Section 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act. The state may indicate planned use of remainder/discretionary funds for linkage/communication activities in Section 7, State Use of Funds, items 7.9(b) and (c).

9.1. State Linkages and Coordination at the state Level:

Describe the linkages and coordination at the state level that the State plans to create or maintain to ensure increased access to CSBG services to low-income people and communities under this State Plan and avoid duplication of services (as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(5)).

Describe or attach additional information as needed. [Check all that apply and narrative where applicable]

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.5. In addition, this item is associated with State Accountability Measure 7Sa and may pre-populate the State's Annual Report, Module 1, Item G.1.

State Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) office

State Weatherization office

State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) office

State Head Start office

State public health office

State education department

State Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) agency

State budget office

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

State child welfare office

State housing office

Other

9.2. State Linkages and Coordination at the Local Level:

Describe the linkages and coordination at the local level that the state to create or maintain with governmental and other social services, especially antipoverty programs, to assure the effective delivery of and coordination of CSBG services to low-income people and communities and avoid duplication of services, (and as required by assurances under SectionsSections 676(b)(5) - (6))

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurances, items 14.5 and 14.6., and pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Item G.2.

Many of the states local agencies partner with United Way in their communities in preparing the community assessments. Agencies coordinate activities with financial institutions to provide financial literacy classes/workshops to participants. Agencies partner with 2-year colleges to provide training for low-income citizens. The state communicates funding opportunities that are available to the local agencies so that services can be expanded in the local service areas.

9.3. Eligible Entity Linkages and Coordination

9.3a. State Assurance of Eligible Entity Linkages and Coordination:

Describe how the state will assure that the eligible entities will coordinate and establish linkages to assure the effective delivery of and coordination of CSBG services to low-income people and communities and avoid duplication of services (as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(5)).

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.5.

The state and eligible entities in the state will, to the maximum extent possible, coordinate programs with and form partnerships with other organizations serving low-income residents of the communities and members of the groups served by the state, including faith-based organizations, other non-profit organizations and community organizations. Below is a list of activities coordinated with other entities: Disaster assistance Emergency assistance Employment supports Health Fairs Housing Counseling Child Care Job Fairs Parenting Classes

9.3b State Assurance of Eligible Entity Linkages to Fill Service Gaps:

Describe how the eligible entities will develop linkages to fill identified gaps in the services, through the provision of information, referrals, case

management, and follow-up consultations, according to the assurance under Section 676(b)(3)(B) of the CSBG Act.

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.3b., and pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Item G.3b.

In developing the community assessments for the agency's service area, focus groups are held within the communities. These focus groups include representatives from other nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, educational institutes, public and private sector. During the meetings services that are currently offered are discussed.

9.4. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Employment and Training Activities:

Does the state intend to include CSBG employment and training activities as part of a WIOA Combined State Plan, as allowed under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(5) of the CSBG Act)? Yes

No

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.5.

9.4a. WIOA Combined Plan: If the state selected "yes" under item 9.4, provide the CSBG-specific information included in the state's WIOA Combined Plan. This information includes a description of how the state and the eligible entities will coordinate the provision of employment and training activities through statewide and local WIOA workforce development systems. This information may also include examples of innovative employment and training programs and activities conducted by community action agencies or other neighborhood-based organizations as part of a community antipoverty strategy.

In accordance with the Community Services Block Grant Act, Alabamas twenty Community Action Agencies assist in meeting the needs of whole family structures as well as addressing the needs of an individual. Services to individuals and families that are WIOA related include: -Customer/client evaluations and assessments; -Information and referral based on client needs for education, employment or other assistance services (some services and assistance provided in house); -Job readiness and skills counseling; -Limited skill development, computers, day care and others (not all agencies); -Job placement and development with local employers; -Employability skills orientation and classes; -Limited on-the-job training (not all agencies); - Programs for youth and family development; -Day Care and Head Start services (not all agencies); -After school and summer programs for youth; - Transportation (not all agencies); -Emergency and special needs; and -Client/customer case management, follow-up/tracking and results management.

9.4b. Employment and Training Activities: If the state selected "no" under item 9.4, describe the coordination of employment and training activities, as defined in Section 3 of WIOA, by the state and by eligible entities providing activities through the WIOA system.

9.5. Emergency Energy Crisis Intervention:

Describe how the state will assure, where appropriate, that emergency energy crisis intervention programs under Title XXVI (relating to Low-Income Home Energy Assistance) are conducted in each community in the state, as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(6) of the CSBG Act).

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.6.

All eligible entities in the state administer LIHEAP and have in place provisions for emergency energy assistance. The state LIHEAP office, also part of ADECA's Energy Division, monitors the entities for compliance.

9.6. Faith-based Organizations, Charitable Groups, Community Organizations:

Describe how the state will assure local eligible entities will coordinate and form partnerships with other organizations, including faith-based organizations, charitable groups, and community organizations, according to the state's assurance under Section 676(b)(9) of the CSBG Act.

Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.9.

In developing the community assessments for the agency's service area, focus groups are held within the communities. These focus groups include representatives from other nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, educational institutes, public, and private sector. During the meetings services that are currently offered are discussed.

9.7. Coordination of Eligible Entity 90 Percent Funds with Public/Private Resources:

Describe how the eligible entities will coordinate CSBG 90 percent funds with other public and private resources, according to the assurance under Section 676(b)(3)(C) of the CSBG Act.

Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.3c.

The agencies use CSBG funds to enhance or supplement the activities of programs from other public and private sources. The agencies use CSBG funds for planning, coordination, and capacity-building to improve the effectiveness of other programs.

9.8. Coordination among Eligible Entities and State Community Action Association:

Describe state activities for supporting coordination among the eligible entities and the state community action association.

Note: This information will pre-populate the Annual Report, Module 1, Item G.5.

The state CSBG staff will continue to coordinate with State Community Action Association and eligible entities to support training opportunities and compliance.

9.9. Communication with Eligible Entities and the State Community Action Association:

In the table below, detail how the state intends to communicate with eligible entities, the state community action association, and other partners identified under this State Plan on the topics listed below. For any topic that is not applicable, select "Not Applicable" under Expected Frequency.

Communication Plan

Subject Matter	Expected Frequency	Format	Brief description of "Other"
Upcoming Public and/or Legislative Hearings	Biannual	Other	Public notice, website, email
State Plan Development			email, meetings

	Annually	Other	
Organizational Standards Progress	Monthly	Other	email, webinar
State Accountability Measures Progress	Annually	Other	email, meetings
Community Needs Assessments/ Community Action Plans	Quarterly	Other	email, meetings
State Monitoring Plans and Policies	As needed	Other	email, meetings
Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Plans	Annually	Other	email, presentation
ROMA and Performance Management	As needed	Other	meetings
State Interagency Coordination	As needed	Other	meetings, email
CSBG Legislative/Programmatic Updates	As needed	Other	email, meetings
Tripartite Board Requirements	As needed	Other	meetings, webinars

	Topic	Expected Frequency	Format	Brief Description of "Other"
1	n/a	Not Applicable		

9.10. Feedback to Eligible Entities and State Community Action Association:
Describe how the state will provide information to local entities and state community action associations regarding performance on state accountability measures.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 5S(iii), and will pre-populate the Annual Report, Module 1, Item G.6

The state will prepare a report on an annual basis on the status of the State Accountability Measures. The report will be issued within 60 days of OCS acceptance of the CSBG annual report.

9.11. Performance Management Adjustment:

Describe any adjustments the state made to the Communication Plan in this State Plan as compared to past plans. Any adjustment should be based on the state's analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the state is not making any adjustments, provide further detail.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 7Sb; this response may pre-populate the state's annual report form.

No changes were made.

Section 10: Monitoring, Corrective Action, and Fiscal Controls

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SECTION 10 State Use of Funds

Monitoring, Corrective Action and Fiscal Controls (Section 678B(a) of the Act)

10.1. Specify the proposed schedule for planned monitoring visits - including full on-site reviews; on-site reviews of newly designated entities; follow-up reviews - including return visits to entities that failed to meet State goals, standards, and requirements; and other reviews as appropriate.

This is an estimated schedule to assist states in planning. States may indicate "no review" for entities the state does not plan to monitor in the performance period.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sa(i); this response pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Table H.1.

	CSBG Eligible Entity	Monitoring Type	Review Type	Target Quarter	Start Date of Last Full Onsite Review	End Date of Last Full Onsite Review	Brief Description of "Other"
1	Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q2	03/13/2018	03/27/2018	
2	Community Action Agency of South Alabama	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q3	06/26/2018	06/27/2018	
3	Community Action Committee, Inc. of Chambers-Tallapoosa-Coosa	No review					
4	Community Action Partnership of Middle Alabama Inc.	No review					
5	Community Action of Etowah County, Inc.	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q4	04/10/2018	04/12/2018	
6	Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership, Inc.	No review					
7	Community Action Partnership Huntsville Madison and Limestone Counties, Inc.	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q3	10/23/2018	10/24/2018	
8	Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q1	10/09/2018	10/10/2018	
9	Macon Russell Community Action Agency, Inc.	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q2	08/21/2018	08/24/2018	
10	Marion-Winston Counties Community Action Committee, Inc.	No review					
11	Mobile Community Action, Inc.	No review					
12	Montgomery Community Action Committee & CDC, Inc.	No review					
13	Community Action Partnership of North Alabama, Inc.	No review					
14	Community Action Agency of Northeast Alabama, Incorporated	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q1	11/13/2018	11/14/2018	
15	Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc.	No review					
16	Organized Community Action Program Inc.	No review					
17	Pickens County Community Action Committee, and Community Development Corporation, Inc.	No review					
18	Community Action Agency of TCRCC	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY1 Q1	05/29/2018	05/31/2018	
19	Walker County Community Action Agency, Inc.	No review					

20	Community Service Programs of West Alabama, Inc.	No review					
	CSBG Eligible Entity	Monitoring Type	Review Type	Target Quarter	Start Date of Last Full Onsite Review	End Date of Last Full Onsite Review	Brief Description of "Other"
1	Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.	No review					
2	Community Action Agency of South Alabama	No review					
3	Community Action Committee, Inc. of Chambers-Tallapoosa-Coosa	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q2	02/26/2019	02/27/2019	
4	Community Action Partnership of Middle Alabama Inc.	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q2	01/15/2019	01/17/2019	
5	Community Action of Etowah County, Inc.	No review					
6	Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership, Inc.	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q1	09/17/2019	09/19/2019	
7	Community Action Partnership Huntsville Madison and Limestone Counties, Inc.	No review					
8	Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity	No review					
9	Macon Russell Community Action Agency, Inc.	No review					
10	Marion-Winston Counties Community Action Committee, Inc.	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q4	08/13/2019	08/15/2019	
11	Mobile Community Action, Inc.	No review					
12	Montgomery Community Action Committee & CDC, Inc.	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q3	06/25/2019	06/27/2019	
13	Community Action Partnership of North Alabama, Inc.	No review					
14	Community Action Agency of Northeast Alabama, Incorporated	No review					
15	Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc.	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q2	06/11/2019	06/12/2019	
16	Organized Community Action Program Inc.	No review					
17	Pickens County Community Action Committee, and Community Development Corporation, Inc.	No review					
18	Community Action Agency of TCRCC	No review					
19	Walker County Community Action Agency, Inc.	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q1	11/19/2019	11/20/2019	
20	Community Service Programs of West Alabama, Inc.	Full On-site	Onsite Review	FY2 Q1	12/10/2019	12/10/2019	

10.2. Monitoring Policies:

Provide a copy of state monitoring policies and procedures by attaching and/or providing a hyperlink.

<https://adeca.alabama.gov/Divisions/energy/liap/csbg/Pages/default.aspx#OrgStandards>

10.3. Initial Monitoring Reports:

According to the state's procedures, by how many calendar days must the State disseminate initial monitoring reports to local entities?

Note: This item is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sa(ii) and may pre-populate the state's annual report form.

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**Corrective Action, Termination and Reduction of Funding and Assurance Requirements
(Section 678C of the Act)**

10.4. Closing Findings:

Are state procedures for addressing eligible entity findings/deficiencies and documenting the closure of findings, included in the State monitoring protocols attached above? Yes No

10.4a. Closing Findings Procedures: If no describe state procedures for addressing eligible entity findings/deficiencies, and documenting the closure of findings.

10.5. Quality Improvement Plans (QIPs):
Provide the number of eligible entities currently on QIPs, if applicable.

Note: The QIP information is associated with State Accountability Measures 4Sc.

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10.6. Reporting of QIPs:
Describe the state's process for reporting eligible entities on QIPs to the Office of Community Services within 30 calendar days of the State approving a QIP

Note: This item is associated with State Accountability Measures 4Sa(iii).

Once state CSBG staff determines that an agency should be placed on QIP, the state notifies OCS via email the name of the agency, reasons for placement on QIP, and a copy of the QIP.

10.7. Assurance on Funding Reduction or Termination:
The state assures, "that any eligible entity that received CSBG funding the previous fiscal year will not have its funding terminated or reduced below the proportional share of funding the entity received in the previous fiscal year unless, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing on the record, the State determines that cause exists for such termination or such reduction, subject to review by the Secretary as provided in Section 678C(b)" per Section 676(b)(8). Yes No

Note: This response will link with the corresponding assurance under item 14.8.

Policies on Eligible Entity Designation, De-designation, and Re-designation

10.8. Eligible Entity Designation: Do the State CSBG statute and/or regulations provide for the designation of new eligible entities? Yes No

10.8a. New Designation Citation: If yes, provide the citation(s) of the law and/or regulation.

10.8b. New Designation Procedures: If no, describe state procedures for the designation of new eligible entities and how the procedures were made available to eligible entities and the public

New designation is subject to the procurement process in compliance with Section 676A of the CSBG Act.

10.9. Eligible Entity Termination: Do State CSBG statute and/or regulations provide for termination of eligible entities Yes No

10.9a. Termination Citation: If yes, provide the citation(s) of the law and/or regulation.

10.9b. Termination Procedures: If no, describe state procedures for termination of new eligible entities and how the procedures were made available to eligible entities and the public
The state follows guidance issued in CSBG IM No. 116 Corrective Action, Termination, or Reduction of Funding.

10.10. Does the State CSBG statute and/or regulations specify a process the State CSBG agency must follow to re-designate an existing eligible entity? Yes No

10.10a. If Yes, provide the citation(s) of the law and/or regulation.

10.10b. If No, describe State procedures for re-designation of existing eligible entities.
Re-designation is subject to the procurement process in compliance with Section 676A of the CSBG Act.

Fiscal Controls and Audits and Cooperation Assurance

10.11. Fiscal Controls and Accounting:
Describe how the state's fiscal controls and accounting procedures will a) permit preparation of the SF-425 Federal fiscal reports (FFR) and b) permit the tracing of expenditures adequate to ensure funds have been used appropriately under the block grant, as required by Block Grant regulations applicable to CSBG at 45 CFR 96.30(a).

Grant awards and sub-grant agreements (contracts) are entered into the ADECA accounting system when received with required approvals. Budgets are specifically recorded to federal budgeted line items and fund sources in a unique cost objective (cost center). Each contract is associated to the applicable cost center based on program purpose. As payments are processed to the contract and cost centers, budget balances are adjusted accordingly. Expenditures as well as budget to actual comparisons are reported monthly and cumulatively for management and financial reporting. These reports are used to prepare the SF-425 Federal fiscal reports (FFR).

10.12. Single Audit Management Decisions:
Describe state procedures for issuing management decisions for eligible entity single audits, as required by Block Grant regulations applicable to CSBG at 45 CFR 75.521.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sd.

In accordance with the ADECA Policies and Procedures Manual, the ADECA Audit Section is responsible for coordinating required corrective actions to resolve audit or audit related findings resulting from on-site audits, single audit report submissions. Single Audits are thoroughly reviewed for compliance with applicable regulations and standards. Notification of acceptance of each single audit report is sent to the applicable Division Chief. Any correspondence required related to corrective actions for findings/questioned costs are prepared by the ADECA Audit Section. Management decisions are coordinated with the applicable Division for concurrence and/or comments. All payment plans are to be approved by the Director and the Financial Services Section must be notified.

10.13. Assurance on Federal Investigations:

The state will "permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with Section 678D" of the CSBG Act, as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(7) of the CSBG Act. Yes No

Note: This response will link with the corresponding assurance, Item 14.7.

10.14. Performance Management Adjustment:

Describe any adjustments the state made to monitoring procedures in this State Plan as compared to past plans. Any adjustment should be based on the state's analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the state is not making any adjustments, provide further detail.

Note: This item is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sb and may pre-populate the state's annual report form.

No adjustments were made to the monitoring process. State staff reviewed responses from the ACIS survey and determined adjustments were not needed.

Section 11: Eligible Entity Tripartite Board

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SECTION 11 State Use of Funds	
11.1. Tripartite Board Verification: Verify which of the following measures are taken to ensure that the state verifies CSBG Eligible Entities are meeting Tripartite Board requirements under Section 676B(a)(2) of the CSBG Act <i>[Check all that applies and narrative where applicable]</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attend Board meetings	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organizational Standards Assessment	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review copies of Board meeting minutes	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Track Board vacancies/composition	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
11.2. Tripartite Board Updates: Provide how often the state require eligible entities (which are not on TAPs or QIPs) to provide updates regarding their Tripartite Boards. This includes but is not limited to copies of meeting minutes, vacancy alerts, changes to bylaws, low-income member selection process, etc., <i>[Select one and narrative where applicable]</i>	
<input type="radio"/> Annually	
<input type="radio"/> Semiannually	
<input type="radio"/> Quarterly	
<input type="radio"/> Monthly	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> As it Occurs	
<input type="radio"/> Other	
11.3. Tripartite Board Representation Assurance: Describe how the state will verify that eligible entities have policies and procedures by which individuals or organizations can petition for adequate representation on an eligible entity's Tripartite Board as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(10) of the CSBG Act	
<i>Note: This response will link with the corresponding assurance, item 14.10.</i>	
The states CSBG Policy and Procedures Manual require that all eligible entities address petition for adequate representation is covered in the entity's bylaws.	
11.4. Tripartite Board Alternative Representation: Does the state permit public eligible entities to use, as an alternative to a Tripartite Board, "another mechanism specified by the state to assure decision-making and participating by low income individuals in the development, planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs" as allowed under Section 676B(b)(2) of the CSBG Act. <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
11.4a. Tripartite Board Alternative Mechanism: If yes, describe the mechanism used by public eligible entities as an alternative to a Tripartite Board.	

Section 12: Individual and Community Eligibility Requirements

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SECTION 12 Individual and Community Income Eligibility Requirements	
12.1. Required Income Eligibility: Provide the income eligibility threshold for services in the state. <i>[Check one item below.]</i>	
<input type="radio"/> 125% of the HHS poverty line <input checked="" type="radio"/> X% of the HHS poverty line (fill in the threshold) <input type="radio"/> Varies by eligible entity	
200%	% <i>[Response Option: numeric field]</i>
12.1a. Income Eligibility Policy and Procedures: Describe any state policy and/or procedures for income eligibility, such as treatment of income and family/household composition.	
See page 16 of the State CSBG Policies and Procedures Manual	
12.2. Income Eligibility for General/Short-Term Services: Describe how the state ensures eligible entities generally verify income eligibility for those services with limited in-take procedures (where individual income verification is not possible or practical),An example of these services is emergency food assistance.	
See page 16 of the State CSBG Policies and Procedures Manual	
12.3. Community-targeted Services: Describe how the state ensures eligible entities' services target and benefit low-income communities for services that provide a community-wide benefit (e.g., development of community assets/facilities, building partnerships with other organizations).	
Currently, the state has no provision in place for this.	

Section 13: Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) System

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SECTION 13 Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) System	
13.1. Performance Measurement System: Identify the performance measurement system that the state and all eligible entities use, as required by Section 678E(a) of the CSBG Act and the assurance under Section 676(b)(12) of the CSBG Act.	
<i>Note: This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.12. and will pre-populate the Annual Report, Module 1, Item I.1.</i>	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> The Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) System	
<input type="radio"/> Another performance management system that meets the requirements by Section 678E(b) of the CSBG Act	
<input type="radio"/> An alternative system for measuring performance and results	
13.1a. ROMA Description: If ROMA was chosen in Item 13.1, describe the state's written policies, procedures, or guidance documents on ROMA.	
See page 31 of the State CSBG Policy and Procedures Manual	
13.1b. Alternative System Description: If an alternative system was chosen in Item 13.1, describe the system the state will use for performance measurement.	
(Empty response area)	
13.2. Outcome Measures: Indicate and describe the outcome measures the state will use to measure eligible entity performance in promoting self-sufficiency, family stability, and community revitalization, as required under Section 676(b)(12) of the CSBG Act.	
<i>Note: This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.12.</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CSBG National Performance Indicators (NPIs)	
<input type="checkbox"/> NPIs and others	
<input type="checkbox"/> Others	
The state uses the CSBG National Performance Indicators	
13.3. Eligible Entity Support: Describe how the state supports the eligible entities in using the ROMA or alternative performance measurement system.	
<i>Note: The activities described under Item 13.3 may include activities... listed in "Section 8: State Training and Technical Assistance." If so, mention briefly, and/or cross-reference as needed. This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.12.</i>	
The state has a certified ROMA implementer on staff with one additional staff who is in the process of obtaining certification. Eighteen of the states twenty agencies now have either a NCRT or NCRI on staff or have staff in the process of becoming certified. The State Association also has a NCRT on staff. The agencies can request training and technical assistance at any time.	
13.4. Eligible Entity Use of Data: Describe how is the state plan to validate the eligible entities that are using data to improve service delivery?	
<i>Note: This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.12.</i>	
As part of the application that the agencies submit, goals are set at the beginning of each program year. On a quarterly basis the agencies submit a report from the on-line data system. The report identifies the status of the set goals. CSBG staff review the reports and communicate with agency staff on the status of the goals Community Action Plans and Needs Assessments.	
Community Action Plans and Needs Assessments	
13.5. Community Action Plan: Describe how the state will secure a Community Action Plan from each eligible entity, as a condition of receipt of CSBG funding by each entity, as required by Section 676(b)(11) of the CSBG Act.	
<i>Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.11.</i>	
The state develops Community Action Plan (CAP) requirements and meets with agency management and staff to communicate the requirements. The agencies submit their CAP to the state where CSBG staff review the CAP and provide technical assistance as needed.	
13.6. Community Needs Assessment: Describe how the State will assure that each eligible entity includes a community needs assessment for the community served (which may be coordinated with community needs assessments conducted by other programs) in each entity's Community Action Plan, as required by Section 676(b)(11) of the CSBG Act.	
<i>Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.11.</i>	

Agencies are required to submit their community needs assessment every three years. During annual CAP review and during annual review of the organizational standards CSBG staff review the community needs assessment.

Section 14: CSBG Programmatic Assurances and Information Narrative

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SECTION 14 State Use of Funds

14.1 Use of Funds Supporting Local Activities

CSBG Services

14.1a. 676(b)(1)(A): Describe how the state will assure "that funds made available through grant or allotment will be used -

(A) to support activities that are designed to assist low-income families and individuals, including families and individuals receiving assistance under title IV of the Social Security Act, homeless families and individuals, migrant or seasonal farm workers, and elderly low-income individuals and families, and a description of how such activities will enable the families and individuals--

- (i) to remove obstacles and solve problems that block the achievement of self sufficiency (particularly for families and individuals who are attempting to transition off a State program carried out under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act);
- (ii) to secure and retain meaningful employment;
- (iii) to attain an adequate education with particular attention toward improving literacy skills of the low-income families in the community, which may include family literacy initiatives;
- (iv) to make better use of available income;
- (v) to obtain and maintain adequate housing and a suitable living environment;
- (vi) to obtain emergency assistance through loans, grants, or other means to meet immediate and urgent individual and family needs;
- (vii) to achieve greater participation in the affairs of the communities involved, including the development of public and private grassroots partnerships with local law enforcement agencies, local housing authorities, private foundations, and other public and private partners to -
 - (I) document best practices based on successful grassroots intervention in urban areas, to develop methodologies for widespread replication; and
 - (II) strengthen and improve relationships with local law enforcement agencies, which may include participation in activities such as neighborhood or community policing efforts;

The state requires CSBG eligible entities to submit an annual CAP. The CAP includes a Program Activity Sheet which outlines their proposed activities. CSBG staff review the CAPs and ensures that the activities supported are eligible uses of CSBG funds and meet the noted assurances.

Needs of Youth

14.1b. 676(b)(1)(B) Describe how the state will assure "that funds made available through grant or allotment will be used -

(B) to address the needs of youth in low-income communities through youth development programs that support the primary role of the family, give priority to the prevention of youth problems and crime, and promote increased community coordination and collaboration in meeting the needs of youth, and support development and expansion of innovative community-based youth development programs that have demonstrated success in preventing or reducing youth crime, such as--

- (i) programs for the establishment of violence-free zones that would involve youth development and intervention models (such as models involving youth mediation, youth mentoring, life skills training, job creation, and entrepreneurship programs); and
- (ii) after-school child care programs;

The state requires CSBG eligible entities to submit an annual Community Action Plan (CAP). The CAP includes a Program Activity Sheet which outlines their proposed activities. Staff reviews the CAP Plan and ensures that the activities supported are eligible uses of CSBG funds. Particularly, the state requires a referral to the Department of Human Resources (DHR) for families for whom child support might be a needed resource.

Coordination of Other Programs

14.1c. 676(b)(1)(C) Describe how the state will assure "that funds made available through grant or allotment will be used -

(C) to make more effective use of, and to coordinate with, other programs related to the purposes of this subtitle (including state welfare reform efforts)

The state requires CSBG eligible entities to submit an annual Community Action Plan (CAP). The CAP includes a Program Activity Sheet which outlines their proposed activities. The CAP also includes sections that address funding coordination and coordination with WIOA programs. CSBG staff

review the CAPs to ensure that the activities are eligible uses of CSBG funds. The on-line data system prompts agency staff to refer clients to DHR for child support if the family is not currently receiving it.

State Use of Discretionary Funds

14.2 676(b)(2) Describe "how the state intends to use discretionary funds made available from the remainder of the grant or allotment described in section 675C(b) in accordance with this subtitle, including a description of how the state will support innovative community and neighborhood-based initiatives related to the purposes of this subtitle."

Note: The State describes this assurance under "State Use of Funds: Remainder/Discretionary," items 7.9 and 7.10

Eligible Entity Service Delivery, Coordination, and Innovation

14.3. 676(b)(3) "Based on information provided by eligible entities in the state, a description of..."

14.3a. 676(b)(3)(A) Describe "the service delivery system, for services provided or coordinated with funds made available through grants made under 675C(a), targeted to low-income individuals and families in communities within the state;

The state requires CSBG eligible entities to submit an annual Community Action Plan (CAP). The CAP includes a description of the service delivery system, the counties served, the facilities where services are available, and information regarding how the eligible entity conducts outreach and delivers services. The CAP also describes how the eligible entity coordinates funds with other organizations.

Eligible Entity Linkages - Approach to Filling Service Gaps

14.3b. 676(b)(3)(B) Describe "how linkages will be developed to fill identified gaps in the services, through the provision of information, referrals, case management, and followup consultations."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the state linkages and communication section, item 9.3b.

In developing the community assessments for the agency's service area, focus groups are held within the communities. These focus groups include representatives from other nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, educational institutes, public and private sector. During the meetings services that are currently offered are discussed.

Coordination of Eligible Entity Allocation 90 Percent Funds with Public/Private Resources

14.3c. 676(b)(3)(C) Describe how funds made available through grants made under 675C(a) will be coordinated with other public and private resources."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the state linkages and communication section, item 9.7.

The agencies use CSBG funds to enhance or supplement the activities of programs from other public and private sources. The agencies use CSBG funds for planning, coordination, and capacity-building to improve the effectiveness of other programs.

Eligible Entity Innovative Community and Neighborhood Initiatives, Including Fatherhood/Parental Responsibility

14.3d. 676(b)(3)(D) Describe "how the local entity will use the funds [made available under Section 675C(a)] to support innovative community and neighborhood-based initiatives related to the purposes of this subtitle, which may include fatherhood initiatives and other initiatives with the goal of strengthening families and encouraging parenting."

Note: The description above is about eligible entity use of 90 percent funds to support these initiatives. States may also support these types of activities at the local level using State remainder/discretionary funds, allowable under Section 675C(b)(1)(F). In this State Plan, the State indicates funds allocated for these activities under item 7.9(f).

The state requires CSBG eligible entities to submit an annual Community Action Plan (CAP). As part of the CAP, eligible entities must complete a document which provides information regarding any innovative community and neighborhood-based initiatives related to the purpose of CSBG, which may include fatherhood initiatives and other initiatives which strengthen families and encourage effective parenting. A limited number of CSBG eligible entities have reported these types of initiatives. The state will continue to work with CSBG eligible entities to promote these initiatives if such gaps are identified in their CAP. As the state identifies information on webinars or funding opportunities related to this area, the State shares this information with CSBG eligible entities.

Eligible Entity Emergency Food and Nutrition Services

14.4. 676(b)(4) Describe how the state will assure "that eligible entities in the state will provide, on an emergency basis, for the provision of such supplies and services, nutritious foods, and related services, as may be necessary to counteract conditions of starvation and malnutrition among low-income individuals."

The State requires eligible entities to submit an annual Community Action Plan (CAP). As part of the CAP, subrecipients must submit information related to how the eligible entity will provide, on an emergency basis, for the provision of such supplies and services, nutritious foods, and related services, as may be necessary to counteract conditions of starvation and malnutrition among low-income individuals. Most CSBG eligible entities work with either a local food pantry or the food bank to provide food in these circumstances. If there are no other resources available, then CSBG funds are

utilized to provide nutritional support.

State and Eligible Entity Coordination/linkages and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Employment and Training Activities

14.5. 676(b)(5) Describe how the state will assure "that the state and eligible entities in the state will coordinate, and establish linkages between, governmental and other social services programs to assure the effective delivery of such services, and [describe] how the State and the eligible entities will coordinate the provision of employment and training activities, as defined in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, in the state and in communities with entities providing activities through statewide and local workforce development systems under such Act."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the state linkages and communication section, items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3a, 9.4, 9.4a, and 9.4b.

State Coordination/Linkages and Low-income Home Energy Assistance

14.6. 676(b)(6) Provide "an assurance that the state will ensure coordination between antipoverty programs in each community in the state, and ensure, where appropriate, that emergency energy crisis intervention programs under title XXVI (relating to low income home energy assistance) are conducted in such community."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the state linkages and communication section, items 9.2 and 9.5.

Federal Investigations

14.7. 676(b)(7) Provide "an assurance that the state will permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with section 678D." Yes

Note: The state addresses this assurance in the Fiscal Controls and Monitoring section, item 10.13.

Funding Reduction or Termination

14.8. 676(b)(8) Provide "an assurance that any eligible entity in the state that received funding in the previous fiscal year through a community services block grant made under this subtitle will not have its funding terminated under this subtitle, or reduced below the proportional share of funding the entity received in the previous fiscal year unless, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing on the record, the state determines that cause exists for such termination or such reduction, subject to review by the Secretary as provided in section 678C(b)." Yes

Note: The state addresses this assurance in the Fiscal Controls and Monitoring section, item 10.7.

Coordination with Faith-based Organizations, Charitable Groups, Community Organizations

14.9. 676(b)(9) Describe how the state will assure "that the state and eligible entities in the state will, to the maximum extent possible, coordinate programs with and form partnerships with other organizations serving low-income residents of the communities and members of the groups served by the state, including religious organizations, charitable groups, and community organizations."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the state Linkages and Communication section, item 9.6.

Eligible Entity Tripartite Board Representation

14.10. 676(b)(10) Describe how "the state will require each eligible entity in the state to establish procedures under which a low-income individual, community organization, or religious organization, or representative of low-income individuals that considers its organization, or low-income individuals, to be inadequately represented on the board (or other mechanism) of the eligible entity to petition for adequate representation."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the Eligible Entity Tripartite Board section, 11.3.

The states CSBG Policy and Procedures Manual require that all eligible entities address petition for adequate representation is covered in the entity bylaws.

Eligible Entity Community Action Plans and Community Needs Assessments

14.11. 676(b)(11) Provide "an assurance that the state will secure from each eligible entity in the services block grant made under this subtitle for a program, a community action plan (which shall be submitted to the Secretary, at the request of the Secretary, with the State plan) that includes a community-needs assessment for the community served, which may be coordinated with community-needs assessments conducted for other programs."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the ROMA section, items 13.5 and 13.6.

State and Eligible Entity Performance Measurement: ROMA or Alternate system

14.12. 676(b)(12) Provide "an assurance that the state and all eligible entities in the State will, not later than fiscal year 2001, participate in the Results Oriented Management and Accountability System, another performance measure system for which the Secretary facilitated development pursuant to 678E(b), or an alternative system for measuring performance and results that meets the requirements of that section,

and [describe] outcome measures to be used to measure eligible entity performance in promoting self-sufficiency, family stability, and community revitalization."

Note: The state describes this assurance in the ROMA section, items 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, and 13.4.

Validation for CSBG Eligible Entity Programmatic Narrative Sections

14.13. 676(b)(13) Provide "information describing how the state will carry out the assurances described in this section."

Note: The state provides information for each of the assurances directly in section 14 or in corresponding items throughout the State Plan, which are included as hyperlinks in section 14.



By checking this box, the state CSBG authorized official is certifying the assurances set out above.

Section 15: Federal Certifications

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SECTION 15 Federal Certifications

15.1. CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who

fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The box after each certification must be checked by the state CSBG authorized official.

15.1. Lobbying

After assurance select a check box:



By checking this box, the state CSBG authorized official is providing the certification set out above.

15.2. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988: 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart, F. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.645 (a)(1) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central point is: Division of Grants Management and Oversight, Office of Management and Acquisition, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 517-D, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201.

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Instructions for Certification)

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.

2. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.

3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.

4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.

5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need to be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.

6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or state highway department while in operation, state employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).

7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).

8. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification.

Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

Controlled substance means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);.

Conviction means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the federal or state criminal drug statutes;

Criminal drug statute means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

Employee means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All direct charge employees; (ii) All indirect charge employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and, (iii) Temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about--

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will - -

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and (2) Notify the employer in writing

of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted - -

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

(a) The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;

(b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

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15.2. Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

After assurance select a check box:



By checking this box, the state CSBG authorized official is providing the certification set out above.

15.3. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - -

Primary Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusive-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not

required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - -
Primary Covered Transactions**

(1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - -
Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

Instructions for Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below**

- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other**

- 3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.**

- 4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.**

- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.**

- 6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.**

- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.**

- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.**

- 9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph five of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction**

originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - - Lower Tier Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

15.3. Debarment

After assurance select a check box:



By checking this box, the state CSBG authorized official is providing the certification set out above.

15.4. CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

Public Law 103227, Part C Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro Children Act of 1994, requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor routinely owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through state or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity by signing and submitting this application the applicant/grantee certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Act.

The applicant/grantee further agrees that it will require the language of this certification be included in any subawards which contain provisions for the children's services and that all subgrantees shall certify accordingly.

15.4. Environmental Tobacco Smoke

After assurance select a check box:



By checking this box, the state CSBG authorized official is providing the certification set out above.

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