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**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
State Plan**

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Instructions

The CSBG State Plan is currently under review through the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance per the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OCS created this fillable form as a tool for CSBG grantees as they plan for the administration of CSBG for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. CSBG grantees can use this tool for planning purposes including, but not limited to: consultation with stakeholders, and meeting public and legislative hearing requirements (Section 676(a)(2)(B) and Section 676(a)(3) of the CSBG Act).

Once the CSBG State Plan receives clearance through OMB and the CSBG State Plan is available through GrantSolutions.gov, CSBG grantees may copy and paste their answers into the online form.

This form allows for the following types of responses:

Checkbox – Select the box to choose an option.

Choose an item. **Dropdowns** – Select the box, and then click the down arrow that appears to select an available option.

Click or tap to enter a date. **Date Picker:** Select the box, and then click the down arrow that appears to select an available option.

Click or tap here to enter text. **Narrative Text Field (No Characters Limit).** Click the box to start entering text.

Narrative Text Field (Character Limit). Start typing within the gray square to enter text. These fields only allow for a certain character limit as described in the **blue** instructive text.

Tables: Some tables allow you to add additional rows as needed. To add a row within this form: place your cursor within any column of the table, and then select the plus sign (+) at the end of the row.

- For the purposes of this form, tables 5.1, 7.2, and 10.1 allows you to add rows. However, within OLDC, you will be unable to add or delete rows and Column 1 of each table will be read-only.

Please note: There is no requirement for CSBG grantees to use this tool. This tool cannot be submitted in lieu of the CSBG State Plan within GrantSolutions.gov neither can this tool be attached within GrantSolutions.gov as the official submission.

SECTION 1: CSBG Administrative Information

1.1. Identify whether this is a one-year or a two-year plan. **One-Year**

1.1a. Provide the federal fiscal years this plan covers:	Year One	2023
	Year Two	2024

GUIDANCE: If a state indicates “One-Year” under 1.1., they will only have to provide a response for “Year One”.

1.2. Lead Agency and Authorized Official: Update the following information in relation to the lead agency and authorized official 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 regarding the state lead agency and authorized official changed since the last submission of the State Plan? Yes No No

If yes, select the fields that have changed. [\[Check all the apply\]](#)

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <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"/> Office Number | <input type="checkbox"/> Fax Number |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email Address | <input type="checkbox"/> Website | |

1.2a. Lead agency [\[Narrative, 150 Characters\]](#) Arizona Department of Economic Security

GUIDANCE: Please only provide the exact name of the CSBG state lead agency as designated within the designation letter and an acronym (as applicable).

EXAMPLE: Office of Community Services (OCS)

1.2b. Cabinet or administrative department of this lead agency [\[Check one and provide a narrative where applicable\]](#)

- Community Affairs Department
- Community Services Department
- Governor’s Office
- Health Department
- Housing Department
- Human Services Department
- Social Services Department
- Other, describe: [\[Narrative, 100 characters\]](#)

Arizona Department of Economic Security will be referred to as the State CSBG Office.

- 1.2c. **Cabinet or Administrative Department Name:** Provide the name of the cabinet or administrative department of the CSBG authorized official [Narrative, 100 Characters] Division of Community Assistance and Development
- 1.2d. **Authorized Official of the Lead Agency:** The authorized official could be the director, secretary, commissioner etc. as assigned in the designation letter (attached under item 1.3.). The authorized official is the person indicated as the authorized representative on the SF-424M and the official recipient of the Notice of Award per Office of Grant Management requirements. [Narrative, 50 characters each]
 - Name Angie Rodgers
 - Title Director
- 1.2e. **Street Address** [Narrative, 200 characters] 1789 W Jefferson Street
- 1.2f. **City** [Narrative, 50 characters] Phoenix
- 1.2g. **State** [Dropdown] Arizona
- 1.2h. **Zip Code** [Numerical Response, 5 digits] 85007
- 1.2i. **Telephone Number** [Numerical Response, 10-15 digits] (602) 542 -5757
- 1.2j. **Fax Number** [Numerical Response, 10 digits] 6025425339
- 1.2k. **Email Address** [Narrative, 150 characters] director@azdes.gov
- 1.2l. **Lead Agency Website** [Narrative, 200 characters] https://des.az.gov

Note: Item 1.2. pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Item A.1.

- 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 designated agency has changed. [Attach a document.]

GUIDANCE: The designation letter should be updated whenever there is a change to the designee.

INSTRUCTIONAL NOTE: The letter should be from the chief executive officer of the state and include, at minimum, the designated state CSBG lead agency (office, department, or bureau) and title of the authorized official of the lead agency who is to administer the CSBG grant award.

- 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 regarding the state point of contact changed since the last submission of the State Plan? Yes No Yes

If yes, select the fields that have changed. [Check all the apply]

- Agency Name
- Point of Contact
- Street Address
- City

- State
- Zip Code
- Office Number
- Fax Number
- Email Address
- Website

1.4a. Agency Name [Narrative, 150 characters]

1.4b. Point of Contact Name [Narrative, 50 characters each]

Name Christine Shall

Title CSBG Empowerment Program Coordinator

1.4c. Street Address [Narrative, 200 characters] 1789 W Jefferson Street

1.4d. City [Narrative, 50 characters] Phoenix

1.4e. State [Dropdown] Arizona

1.4f. Zip Code [Numerical Response, 5 digits] 85007

1.4g. Telephone Number [Numerical Response, 10 – 15 digits] 480 364-7861

1.4h. Fax Number [Numerical Response, 10 digits]

1.4i. Email Address [Narrative, 150 characters] cshall@azdes.gov

1.4j. Agency Website [Narrative, 200 characters] https://des.az.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.

Yes No Yes

Has information regarding the state Community Action Association changed since the last submission of the State Plan?

Yes No No

If yes, select the fields that have changed. [Check all that apply]

- Agency Name
- Executive Director
- Street Address
- City
- State
- Zip Code
- Office Number
- Fax Number
- Email Address
- Website
- RPIC Lead

1.5a. Agency name [Narrative, 150 characters] Wildfire

1.5b. Executive Director or Point of Contact [Narrative, 50 characters each]

Name Kelly McGowen

Title Executive Director

1.5c. Street Address [Narrative, 200 characters] 340 E Palm Lane, Suite 315

1.5d. City [Narrative, 50 characters] Phoenix

1.5e. State [Dropdown] Arizona

1.5f. Zip Code [Numerical Response, 5 digits] 85004

1.5g. Telephone Number [Numerical Response, 10 – 15 digits] 602-604-0640

- 1.5h. **Fax Number** [Numerical Response, 10 digits]
- 1.5i. **Email Address** [Narrative, 150 characters] kmcgowen@wildfireaz.org
- 1.5j. **State Association Website** [Narrative, 200 characters] https://wildfireaz.org
- 1.5k. **State Association currently serves as the Regional Performance Innovation Consortia (RPIC) lead** Yes No No

SECTION 2: State Legislation and Regulation

- 2.1. **CSBG State Legislation:** State has a statute authorizing CSBG. Yes No No
- 2.2. **CSBG State Regulation:** State has regulations for CSBG. Yes No No
- 2.3. **Legislation/Regulation Document:** Attach the legislation and/or regulations or provide a hyperlink(s) to the documents indicated under Items 2.1. and/or Item 2.2. [Attach a document and/or provide a link, 1500 characters]

GUIDANCE: The labeling of all attachments should include the question number for which the document provides supplementary information, the question heading, and the type of document provided. As an example, a state statutory document could be labeled as:

2.3. Legislation/Regulation Document, Washington D.C. Statute

- 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 enacted authorizing legislation or amendments to an existing authorizing statute last federal fiscal year. Yes No No
- 2.4b. **Regulation Amendments:** State established or amended regulations for CSBG last federal fiscal year. Yes No No

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. [Narrative, 2500 characters]

The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) is the designated State agency responsible for the administration of the CSBG as identified by the Governor. All activities of DES are the responsibility of the Director. Primary responsibility for CSBG program planning, development, contracting, reporting, and monitoring is delegated to the Division of Community Assistance and Development (DCAD), Community Action Program (CAP). DCAD/CAP will be referred to as the State CSBG Office throughout this document. In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023, Angie Rodgers became Director of DES. The agency mission statement reads as follows: "The Arizona Department of Economic Security makes Arizona stronger by helping Arizonans reach their potential through temporary assistance for those in need, and care for the vulnerable." DES administers the Unemployment Insurance (UI), Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WIOA) Act, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) programs. The Agency also provides child support services and comprehensive programs to assist persons with developmental disabilities. DCAD administers programs in the areas of Community Action, Homelessness, Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP), Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Hunger Prevention, and Domestic Violence.

- 3.2. State Plan Goals:** Describe the state's CSBG-specific goals for state administration of CSBG under this State Plan. [Narrative, 3000 characters]

The State CSBG Office will continue to target the following goals during the plan period:

- Increase prevalence of community-level work
- Plan and secure funding for community economic development (CED) projects
- Increase robustness of case management offered to individuals and families to assist in the building of self-sufficiency,
- Increase revenue streams to support and expand Community Action work

GUIDANCE: States should consider feedback from OCS, their eligible entities, and the ACSI survey completed by eligible entities when creating their State Plan goals.

Instructional Note: For examples of "goals," see State Accountability Measure 1Sa(i).

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

- 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 applies and provide additional information 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) [Narrative, 500 characters]

Poverty and rural: current U.S. Decennial Census data available and updated annually using the ACS 5-year Survey. Employment statistics obtained from current Local Area Unemployment Survey (LAUS).

3.3b. Analysis of local-level tools [Check all that applies and provide additional information 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] [Narrative, 500 characters]

Program narratives, public hearing comments and solicited feedback from eligible entities

3.3c. Consultation with [Check all that applies and provide additional information 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 (NCAP)
- 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) [Narrative, 500 characters]

3.4. Eligible Entity Involvement

3.4a. State Plan Development: Describe the specific steps the state took in developing the State Plan to involve the eligible entities. [Narrative, 3000 Characters]

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

The State CSBG Office worked with the Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and Wildfire, the State Association, to convene workgroups to review and discuss the CSBG State Plan. The workgroups provided an opportunity for the CAAs to give input and feedback on the information noted in the State Plan. The first workgroup was used to gather CAA comments on the language of the State Plan. The second workgroup took place in a Monthly Teleconference meeting that was facilitated by the State Office and was used to discuss and respond to CAA comments on the State Plan. The comments and responses were recorded in the State Plan Change Matrix.

- 3.4b. Performance Management Adjustment:** Describe how the state has adjusted its State Plan development procedures under this State Plan, as compared to previous State 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. [\[Narrative, 3000 Characters\]](#)

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

The State office is not making any major adjustments in the State Plan development procedures compared to the previous State Plans. There is a specific process in place where the CAAs have time to comment on the plan itself that is outside the public comment timeline. The State office is in constant communication with the CAAS therefore they have multiple opportunities to provide feedback about the State Plan and CSBG funding that they have received.

- 3.5. Eligible Entity Overall Satisfaction:** Provide the state’s target for eligible entity Overall Satisfaction during the performance period. [\[3 digits\]](#) **Year One** 85 **Year Two** 85
Instructional Note: The state’s target score will indicate improvement or maintenance of the states’ 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.

GUIDANCE: The targets reported here should match the future target set in the Annual Report, Section B, Table B.2.

GUIDANCE: Review the [ACSI IM](#) about setting targets for your eligible entity overall satisfaction that are realistic, reasonable, attainable, and possible.

SECTION 4: CSBG Hearing Requirements

- 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. [\[Narrative, 2500 Characters\]](#)

GUIDANCE: Under this question, detail how the state provided the State Plan to the public, including providing sufficient time (ideally no fewer than 30 days) for the public to provide feedback prior to the public hearing. Distribution to the public should include distribution directly to the eligible entities (e.g. via email or publication on a public website with specific notification to the eligible entities) in the state as well as any other interested parties.

The FFY 2023-2024 CSBG State Plan draft was made available for public inspection and comment via publication and the public hearing process in 2022. The draft State Plan was posted on the DES website in July 2022. Paper copies of the State Plan were available upon request. Oral and written testimony was solicited and accepted via the DES website and at public hearings throughout the summer of 2022.

- 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 676(a)(2)(B) of the CSBG Act. [\[Narrative, 2500 Characters\]](#)

The State CSBG Office conducted multiple public hearings throughout the State in conjunction with this year’s development cycle for this year’s State Plan. Hearings were advertised on the agency web page per State Public Information Office guidelines.

- 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.

Instructional Note: A public hearing is required for each new submission of the State Plan. The date(s) for the public hearing(s) must have occurred in the year prior to the first federal fiscal year covered by this plan. Legislative hearings are held at least every three years, and must have occurred within the last three years prior to the first federal fiscal year covered by this plan.

Date <i>[Select a Date]</i>	Location <i>[Provide the facility and city – Narrative 100 characters]</i>	Type of Hearing <i>[Select an option]</i>	If a Combined Hearing was held confirmed that the public was invited.
8/16/2022	Virtual	Public	<input type="checkbox"/>
8/18/2022	Virtual	Public	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: ADD-A-ROW function – States can add rows as needed for each hearing as needed. To add a row within this form: highlight the row and then select the plus sign (+) at the end of the row.

GUIDANCE: A combined hearing refers to having one joint public and legislative hearing.

- 4.4.** Attach supporting documentation or a hyperlink for the public and legislative hearings.
[Attach supporting documentation or provide a hyperlink(s), 500 characters]

GUIDANCE: Supporting documentation may include, but is not limited to, agendas, sign-in sheets, transcripts, and notices/advertisements of the hearings. All attachments should include the question number, question heading, type of document and the date of the hearing/meeting (as applicable).

EXAMPLE NAMING CONVENTION: 4.4. Public and Legislative Hearings Agenda 062117

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.

CSBG Eligible Entity	Geographical Area Served (by county) [Provide all counties]	Public or Nonprofit	Type of Entity [Choose all that apply]
City of Glendale Human Services Department	City of Glendale (Maricopa County)	Public	Community Action Agency
City of Phoenix Human Services Department	City of Phoenix (Maricopa County)	Public	Community Action Agency
Coconino County Community Services Department	Coconino County	Public	Community Action Agency
Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA)	Pinal County	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency
Gila County Community Action Agency	Gila County	Public	Community Action Agency
Maricopa County Human Services Department	Balance of Maricopa County	Public	Community Action Agency
Mesa Community Action Network	City of Mesa (Maricopa County)	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency
Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG)	Yavapai, Navajo and Apache Counties	Public	Community Action Agency
Pima County Community Action Agency	Pima County	Public	Community Action Agency
Southeastern Arizona Community Action Program (SEACAP)	Greenlee, Graham, Cochise, and Santa Cruz Counties	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency
Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG)	Mohave, Yuma and La Paz Counties	Public	Community Action Agency

CSBG Eligible Entity	Geographical Area Served (by county) [Provide all counties]	Public or Nonprofit	Type of Entity [Choose all that apply]
Portable, Practical, Educational Preparation, Inc.* (PPEP)	Statewide	Nonprofit	Migrant or Seasonal Farmworker Organization and Limited Purpose Agency

NOTE: WITHIN OLDC, you will not be able to add-a-row. Any additions/deletions to the Eligible Entity List should be made within the CSBG Eligible Entity List within OLDC prior to initializing a new CSBG State Plan within OLDC. To add a row within this form: highlight the row and then select the plus sign (+) at the end of the row. Geographical Area Served allows for 550 characters.

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

GUIDANCE: Under *Type of Entity*, select more than one type by holding down the CTRL key while making selections.

NOTE: Whether nonprofit or public, entities that receive CSBG funds are generally considered to be Community Action Agencies for the purpose of administering CSBG. The only specific exceptions outlined in the CSBG Act are Limited Purpose Agencies, Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker organizations, and Tribes and Tribal Organizations

INSTRUCTIONAL NOTE: Limited Purpose Agency refers to an eligible entity that was designated as a limited purpose agency under Title II of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 for fiscal year 1981, that served the general purposes of a community action agency under Title II of the Economic Opportunity Act, that did not lose its designation as a limited purpose agency under Title II of the Economic Opportunity Act as a result of failure to comply with that Act and that has not lost its designation as an eligible entity under the CSBG Act.

INSTRUCTIONAL NOTE: 90 percent funds are the funds a state provides to eligible entities to carry out the purposes of the CSBG Act. As described under Section 675C of the CSBG Act, a state must provide to the eligible entities “not less than 90 percent” of their CSBG allocation “made available to a state under Section 675A or 675B.

5.2. Total number of CSBG eligible entities: 12
[Within OLDC, this will automatically update based on Table 5.1.]

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

GUIDANCE: The following three questions will only need to be answered based on your response to 5.3.

5.3a. Designation and Re-Designation: Identify any new entities that have been designated 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
Click or tap here to enter text.	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.	

NOTE: ADD-A-ROW FUNCTION – states can add rows as needed within OLDC. To add a row within this form: highlight the row and then select the plus sign (+) at the end of the row. Geographical Area Served allows for 550 characters.

GUIDANCE: A designation refers to an entity that was not receiving funding in the previous federal fiscal year(s) and/or was not included in the previous CSBG State Plan. Re-designation refers to an entity that is already designated/receiving funds but is now receiving funds to serve an additional geographic area previously served by another entity. A permanent re-designation **must be conducted -in line with procedures outlined in Section 676A of the CSBG Act.** An interim re-designation may be noted when an entity has been identified to provide services after a voluntary relinquishment pending official designation of a permanent entity consistent with the requirements of Section 676A. See CSBG Act 676A, *Designation and Redesignation...*, for more information.

5.3b. De-Designations and Voluntary Relinquishments: Identify any entities that are no longer receiving CSBG funding. Include any eligible entities 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.

CSBG Eligible Entity	Reason
Click or tap here to enter text.	Choose an item.

NOTE: ADD-A-ROW FUNCTION – states can add rows as needed within OLDC. To add a row within this form: highlight the row and then select the plus sign (+) at the end of the row.

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

Original CSBG Eligible Entities	Surviving CSBG Eligible Entity	New Name (as applicable)	DUNS No.
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

NOTE: ADD-A-ROW FUNCTION – states can add rows as needed within OLDC. To add a row within this form: highlight the row and then select the plus sign (+) at the end of the row.

GUIDANCE: This question refers to the merger or other combinations of two or more existing CSBG eligible entities only.

Under 5.3c, please only include two or more **previously designated** eligible entities that have merged or combined in order to provide CSBG services.

SECTION 6: Organizational Standards for Eligible Entities

Note: Reference IM 138, *State Establishment of Organizational Standards for CSBG Eligible Entities*, 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. [\[Select one\]](#)

- COE CSBG Organizational Standards
- Modified Version of COE CSBG Organizational Standards
- Alternative Set of organizational standards

Note: Item 6.1. pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Item D.1.

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. [\[Narrative, 2500 characters\]](#)

6.1b. Alternative Organizational Standards: If using an alternative set of organizational standards, attach the complete list of alternative organizational standards. [\[Attachment \(as applicable\)\]](#)

6.1c. Alternative Organizational Standards: 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.

There were no changes from the previous State Plan submission [\[If not selected, provide a narrative, 2500 characters\]](#)

Provide reason for using alternative standards [\[Narrative, 2500 characters\]](#)

Describe rigor compared to COE-developed Standards [\[Narrative, 2500 characters\]](#)

6.2. Implementation: Check the box that best describes how the state officially adopted organizational standards for eligible entities in a manner consistent with the state’s administrative procedures act. If “Other” is selected, provide a timeline and additional information, as necessary. [Check all that applies and provide a narrative (as applicable)]

- Regulation
- Policy
- Contracts with Eligible Entities
- Other, describe: [Narrative, 4000 characters]

6.3. Organizational Standards Assessment: Describe how the state will assess eligible entities against organizational standards this federal fiscal year(s). [Check all that applies]

- Peer-to-Peer Review (with validation by the state or state-authorized third party)
- Self-Assessment (with validation by the state or state-authorized third party)
- Self-Assessment/Peer Review with State Risk Analysis
- State-Authorized Third-Party Validation
- Regular On-Site CSBG monitoring
- Other [Narrative, 2500 characters]

6.3a. Assessment Process: Describe the planned assessment process. [Narrative, 4000 characters]

GUIDANCE: Descriptions should also include improvements to the process made since the previous year including any new processes to increase efficiency or consistency of assessments.

Eligible entities will be assessed at least annually via a desk review. Entities first submit a self-assessment of their compliance with organizational standards, marking each standard either as met or unmet. For each met standard, entities must provide supporting documentation; for each unmet standard, entities must draft a Technical Assistance Plan (TAP) indicating a plan to meet the standard. The State then reviews the entities’ self-assessments and provides feedback, including requests for additional documentation or for modifications to entities’ identified TAPs, and begins providing any needed technical assistance. This process continues until entities have either documented compliance with each standard or have an approved TAP in place for eventually coming into compliance.

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)? Yes No Yes

GUIDANCE: You will only need to respond to the following question if you responded “yes” to 6.4.

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: [Auto – calculated] **Note: this form will not auto-calculate, please enter the number of exempt entities: 1**

CSBG Eligible Entity	Description/Justification
Portable Practical Education Preparation	The State CSBG Office will not be requiring Portable Practical Education Preparation to comply with the organizational standards since they are a limited purpose entity

NOTE: ADD-A-ROW FUNCTION – states can add rows for each additional exception. To add a row within this form: highlight the row and then select the plus sign (+) at the end of the row. The Description/Justification allows for 2500 characters.

6.5. Performance Target: Provide the percentage of eligible entities that the state expects to meet all the state-adopted organizational standards for the FFY(s) of this planning period. [Insert a percentage] **Year One 50 % Year Two 50 %**

Note: Item 6.5. is associated with State Accountability Measures 6Sa and pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Table D.2.

GUIDANCE: Prior to setting the target, states should review [IM 138](#), review previous performance, and collaborate with the eligible entities and the state association to identify targets

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. [\[Check one\]](#)

- Historic
- Base + Formula
- Formula Alone
- Formula with Variables
- Hold Harmless + Formula
- Other [\[Narrative, 1500 characters\]](#)

7.1a. Formula Description: Describe the current practice for allocating CSBG funds to eligible entities. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

The Arizona State Fiscal office runs the CSBG dollars through approved funding formula variables based on population, poverty, and rural factors to establish minimum funding for Community Action Agencies.

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 No

7.2. Planned Allocation: Specify the percentage of your CSBG planned allocation that will be funded to eligible entities and in accordance to the “not less than 90 percent funds” requirement 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. **Year One 90%** **Year Two 90%**

Planned CSBG 90 Percent Funds – Year One

CSBG Eligible Entity	Funding Amount (\$)
City of Glendale Human Services Department	3.94%
City of Phoenix Human Services Department	27.26%
Coconino County Community Services Department	2.83%
Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA)	6.03%
Gila County Community Action Agency	2.83%
Maricopa County Human Services Department	16.56%
Mesa Community Action Network	6.12%
Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG)	5.17%
Pima County Community Action Agency	15.03%
Southeastern Arizona Community Action Program (SEACAP)	3.81%
Western Arizona Council of Governments	8.41%
Portable, Practical, Educational Preparation, Inc.	2%
Total (Auto-calculated)	\$ 1.00

NOTE: WITHIN OLDC, the add-a-row function will not be available on this table and the first column is read-only. To add a row within this form: highlight the row and then select the plus sign (+) at the end of the row. To auto-calculate, select the "\$0.00", right-click, and then select "Update Field".

Planned CSBG 90 Percent Funds – Year Two

CSBG Eligible Entity	Funding Amount (\$)
City of Glendale Human Services Department	3.94%
City of Phoenix Human Services Department	27.26%
Coconino County Community Services Department	2.83%
Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA)	6.03%
Gila County Community Action Agency	2.83%
Maricopa County Human Services Department	16.56%
Mesa Community Action Network	6.12%
Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG)	5.17%
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Southeastern Arizona Community Action Program (SEACAP)	3.81%
Western Arizona Council of Governments	8.41%
Portable, Practical, Educational Preparation, Inc.	2%
Total (Auto-calculated)	\$ 1.00

NOTE: WITHIN OLDC, the add-a-row function will not be available on this table and the first column is read-only. To add a row within this form: highlight the row and then select the plus sign (+) at the end of the row. To auto-calculate, select the "\$0.00", right-click, and then select "Update Field".

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

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. Please include information about state legislative approval or other types of administrative approval (such as approval by a board or commission).
 [Narrative, 4000 characters]

The State operates the Community Services Block Grant funding on the State Fiscal Year (SFY), July 1st through June 30th cycle. The State enters into five-year budget-based/cost reimbursement contracts with eligible entities. Upon notification from OCS of annual allocations to states, the State CSBG Office communicates estimated annual allocations to eligible entities in March for the upcoming SFY. The State CSBG Office calls these communications ALERTS. Following any subsequent federal allocation change, OCS Notices of Award, etc., dollars are announced each quarter as they occur. The award of carryover from the previous year is announced around September of the current fiscal year. If contract dollar amounts are changed, the State CSBG Office amends the contract to reflect funding changes.

7.3a. Distribution Method: Select the option below that best describes the distribution method the state uses to issue CSBG funds to eligible entities:

- Reimbursement
- Advance

- Hybrid
- Other [Narrative, 4000 characters]

7.4. Distribution Timeframe: Does the state intend to make funds available to eligible entities no later than 30 calendar days after OCS distributes the federal award?
 Yes No Yes

7.4a. Distribution Consistency: If no, describe state procedures to ensure funds are made available to eligible entities consistently and without interruption.
 [Narrative, 4000 characters]

Note: Item 7.4 is associated with State Accountability Measure 2Sa and may pre-populate the state’s annual report form.

7.5. Distribution of Funds 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. [Narrative, 4000 characters]

The State office current procedure is efficient for the CAAs. The State office has been working with the agencies to get their feedback and have implemented several changes in the last two years, such as carryover estimates, that are now permanent policy.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 2Sb and may pre-populate the state’s annual report form.

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

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 5 % Year Two 5 % [Numeric response, specify %]

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

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 6 Year Two 6 [Numeric response, 0.00 – 99.99]

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 1 Year Two 1 [Numeric response, 0.00 – 99.99]

Use of Remainder/Discretionary Funds [Section 675C(b) of the CSBG Act]

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

GUIDANCE: “No” should only be selected if the percentages provided under 7.2. and 7.6. equal 100%.

If yes, provide the allocated percentage and describe the use of the remainder/discretionary funds in the table below. **Year One** 5 % **Year Two** 5 %

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

INSTRUCTIONAL NOTE: The assurance under 676(b)(2) of the Act (Item 14.2 of this State Plan) specifically requires a description of how the state intends to use remainder/discretionary funds to “support innovative community and neighborhood-based initiatives related to the purposes of [the CSBG Act].” Include this description in Item 7.9f of the table below and/or attach the information.

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 primary 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.

Use of Remainder/Discretionary Funds – Year One

Remainder/Discretionary Fund Uses (See 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act)	Planned \$	Brief Description of Services and/or Activities
7.9a. Training/Technical Assistance to eligible entities	24.5%	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Item 8.1 [Read-Only]
7.9b. Coordination of state-operated programs and/or local programs	0%	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Section 9, State Linkages and Communication [Read-Only]
7.9c. Statewide coordination and communication among eligible entities	11%	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Section 9, State Linkages and Communication [Read-Only]
7.9d. Analysis of distribution of CSBG funds to determine if targeting greatest need (Briefly describe under Column 4)	0%	
7.9e. Asset-building programs (Briefly describe under Column 4)	0%	
7.9f. Innovation programs/activities by eligible entities or other neighborhood groups (Briefly describe under Column 4)	49%	Community-level initiatives proposed by eligible entities

Remainder/Discretionary Fund Uses (See 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act) describe under Column 4)	Planned \$	Brief Description of Services and/or Activities
7.9g. State Charity tax credits (Briefly describe under Column 4)	0%	
7.9h. Other activities (Specify these other activities under Column 4)	15.5%	\$30,000 emergencies and disasters; \$33,200 subsidies for entities' staff travel to Community Action-related conferences
Totals (Auto-Calculated)	\$ 1.00	

To auto-calculate, select the "\$0.00", right-click, and then select "Update Field". Each description allows for 4000 characters.

Use of Remainder/Discretionary Funds – Year Two

Remainder/Discretionary Fund Uses (See 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act)	Planned \$	Brief Description of Services and/or Activities
7.9a. Training/Technical Assistance to eligible entities	24.5%	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Item 8.1 [Read-Only]
7.9b. Coordination of state-operated programs and/or local programs	0%	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Section 9, State Linkages and Communication [Read-Only]
7.9c. Statewide coordination and communication among eligible entities	11%	These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Section 9, State Linkages and Communication [Read-Only]
7.9d. Analysis of distribution of CSBG funds to determine if targeting greatest need (Briefly describe under Column 4)	0%	
7.9e. Asset-building programs (Briefly describe under Column 4)	0%	
7.9f. Innovation programs/activities by eligible entities or other neighborhood groups (Briefly describe under Column 4)	49%	Community-level initiatives proposed by eligible entities
7.9g. State Charity tax credits (Briefly describe under Column 4)	0%	
7.9h. Other activities (Specify these other activities under Column 4)	15.5%	\$30,000 emergencies and disasters; \$33,200 subsidies for entities' staff travel to Community Action-related conferences
Totals (Auto-Calculated)	\$ 1.00	

To auto-calculate, select the "\$0.00", right-click, and then select "Update Field". Each description allows for 4000 characters.

GUIDANCE: If the percentages provided under 7.2. and 7.6. do not equal 100%, the remaining percentage should be reported under 7.9. If the state does not have any remainder/discretionary fund activities (as listed in 7.9a. – 7.9g.), the remainder should be described in 7.9h.

7.10. Remainder/Discretionary Funds Partnerships: Select the types of organizations, if any, the state intends to work with (by grant or contract using remainder/discretionary funds) to carry out some or all the activities in Table 7.9. [\[Check all that applies and narrative where applicable\]](#)

- 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) [\[Numeric response, 0 – 100\]](#) 5
- 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 [\[Narrative, 2500 characters\]](#)

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

7.11. Use of Remainder/Discretionary Funds 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 State 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. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

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

The State CSBG Office continues to prioritize community-level initiatives in its use of discretionary funds.

SECTION 8: State Training and Technical Assistance

8.1. Training and Technical Assistance Plan: 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. The T/TA plan should include all planned CSBG-funded T/TA activities funded through the administrative or remainder/discretionary funds of the CSBG award (as reported in Section 7). The CSBG T/TA plan should include training and technical assistance conducted directly by the state or through partnerships (as specified in 8.3). Add a row for each activity: indicate the timeframe; whether it is training, technical assistance, or both; and the topic.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 3Sc and 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”
FY1 Q1	Training	ROMA	
FY1 Q1	Training	Organizational Standards - General	
FY1 Q1	Training	Other	Social Determinants of Health
FY1 Q2	Training	Other	History of Community Action
FY1 Q2	Training	Other	Case Management/ trauma informed care
FY1 Q2	Training	Other	Wellness – focused on the health of caseworkers, including more related to compassion fatigue
FY1 Q2	Training	Other	Poverty and Racial Justice
FY1 Q2	Training	Other	Social Determinants of Health
FY1 Q2	Training	Other	Racial Healing Circles
FY1 Q3	Training	Strategic Planning	Organizational Standards – strategic planning; consumer input and involvement
FY1 Q3	Training	Other	Social Determinants of Health
FY1 Q3	Training	ROMA	
FY1 Q4	Training	Reporting	Organizational Standards – Reporting; Communication; Technology
FY1 Q4	Training	Governance/Tripartite Boards	
FY1 Q4	Training	ROMA	
FY1 Q4	Training	Other	Social Determinants of Health
All Quarters	Training	Other	Change management; transactional to transformative model development
All Quarters	Both	Other	Added as requested based on an identified need

NOTE: ADD-A-ROW FUNCTION – States can add rows for each additional training. To add a row within this form: highlight the row and then select the plus sign (+) at the end of the row. Brief Description of “Other” allows for 500 characters.

Training and Technical Assistance – Year Two

Planned Timeframe	Training, Technical Assistance, or Both	Topic	Brief Description of “Other”
FY2 Q1	Training	ROMA	
FY2 Q1	Training	Organizational Standards - General	
FY2 Q3	Training	Strategic Planning	Organizational Standards – strategic planning; consumer input and involvement
FY2 Q3	Training	ROMA	
FY2 Q4	Training	Communication	Organizational Standards – Reporting; Communication; Technology
FY2 Q4	Training	ROMA	
FY2 Q4	Training	Other	Case management/trauma informed care
All Quarters	Training	Other	Change management; transactional to transformative model development
All Quarters	Both	Other	Added as requested based on an identified need

NOTE: ADD-A-ROW FUNCTION – States can add rows for each additional training. To add a row within this form: highlight the row and then select the plus sign (+) at the end of the row. Brief Description of “Other” allows for 500 characters.

8.1a. Training and Technical Assistance Budget: The planned budget for all training and technical assistance:

Year One 100,000 **Year Two** 100,000

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. [\[Narrative, 2500 characters\]](#)

The State Association and State Agency provide optional training for all agencies on a variety of topics, from ROMA to grant policy.

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

Note: 8.2 is associated with State Accountability Measure 6Sb. The state should put a TAP in place to support eligible entities with one or more unmet organizational standards.

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. [\[Narrative, 2500 characters\]](#)

Eligible entities will be assessed at least annually via a desk review. Entities first submit a self-assessment of their compliance with organizational standards, marking each standard either as met or unmet. For each met standard, entities

must provide supporting documentation; for each unmet standard, entities must draft a Technical Assistance Plan (TAP) indicating a plan to meet the standard. The State then reviews the entities' self-assessments and provides feedback, including requests for additional documentation or for modifications to entities' identified TAPs, and begins providing any needed technical assistance. This process continues until entities have either documented compliance with each standard or have an approved TAP in place for eventually coming into compliance.

8.3. Training and Technical Assistance Organizations: Indicate the types of organizations through which the state intends to provide training and/or technical assistance as described in Item 8.1, and briefly describe their involvement. (Check all that apply.) **[Check all that applies and narrative where applicable]**

- All T/TA is conducted by the state
- CSBG eligible entities (if checked, provide the expected number of CSBG eligible entities to receive funds) [\[Numeric response, 0 – 100\]](#) [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
- 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 [\[Narrative, 1000 characters\]](#)

8.4. CSBG-Funded T/TA 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. [\[Narrative, 2500 Characters\]](#)

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

The State CSBG Office worked in coordination with Wildfire on training and technical assistance needs. Wildfire conducted a survey to compile the needs and requests of eligible entities, including both their boards and staff. The survey resulted in the training and technical assistance plan that is outlined above. This plan also includes training and technical assistance needs identified by the State CSBG Office during onsite monitoring and policy clarification requests.

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 intends 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 additional information as needed. [\[Check all that apply from the list below and provide a Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, Item 14.5. In addition, this information is associated with State Accountability Measure 7Sa and pre-populates the 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
- Head Start State Collaboration offices
- 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 how the state is encouraging partnerships and collaborations at the state level with public and private sector organizations, to assure the effective delivery and coordination of CSBG services to transform low-income communities and avoid duplication of services (as required by assurances under Section 676(b)(5) – (6)). [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

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.

Linkage programs may include family/individual counseling, transportation, programs for persons with disabilities and seniors, neighborhood activities, food and nutrition, information and referral, local needs assessments, community outreach summer recreation, and other miscellaneous projects involving formal and informal partnerships and organizational relationships in the community. Eligible entities are required to

provide an Organizational Information report that includes a description of planned activities that address the noted assurance. The State CSBG Office has also initiated partnerships with the Arizona Commerce Authority and Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity to connect eligible entities with workforce opportunities for their clients.

9.3. Eligible Entity Linkages and Coordination

9.3a. State Assurance of Eligible Entity Linkages and Coordination: Describe how the state will assure that eligible entities will partner and collaborate with public and private sector organizations to assure the effective delivery 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)). [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, Item 14.5. and pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Item G.3a.

Eligible entities are required to submit to the State CSBG Office an Organizational Information report that includes a description of how they will establish and/or maintain linkages per Section 676(b)(5). The State Association, Wildfire, is supporting robust linkages between CAAs and entities including, but not limited to, public health, housing, Head Start & early childhood education, and energy.

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. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

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

Eligible entities are required by contract to establish linkages to fill gaps in service per Section 676(b)(3)(B). The State CSBG Office requires eligible entities to provide a description of how they will fulfill this requirement in their Organizational Information reports and in their five-year contract renewal Request for Application (RFA) responses. Some eligible entities develop linkages with local private organizations, such as financial institutions, to develop individual development account programs. Others contract with local non-profit agencies to provide specific services in their communities not offered by the eligible entity, such as food banks and job training programs. Some of these relationships are informal, others are subcontracted, and still others operate under Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs).

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 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. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

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. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

Eligible entities are required by the State CSBG Office to submit an Organizational Information report which includes a description of how WIOA coordination activities are conducted. Some agencies have WIOA offices on their premises, while others make referrals to the nearest WIOA office. The State CSBG Office interviews eligible entity staff during monitoring site visits regarding the details of WIOA activities.

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. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

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

The State office is bringing LIHEAP in-house and is working with CAAs to develop a navigation model and referral process that accompanies transformative case management practices.

9.6. Faith-based Organizations, Charitable Groups, and 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. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

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

The State CSBG Office’s CAP contracts require eligible entities to describe in their Organizational Information report and in their five-year RFA responses how they will meet this assurance. State CSBG Program staff inquire at monitoring site visits regarding community coordination activities. Agencies document these efforts in annual narratives and on their CSBG annual reports.

- 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. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

Note: This response will link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.3c.

The State CSBG Office requires eligible entities to describe in detail in their Organizational Information report and in their five-year contract RFA responses how they will fulfill this assurance. Eligible entities report on these efforts in their CSBG annual reports.

- 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. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

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

The State CSBG Office conducts regular monthly meetings via teleconference with the eligible entities and Wildfire, the state association, and provides funding to Wildfire for coordination activities.

- 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	Annually	Webinar	
State Plan Development	As needed	Webinar	
Organizational Standards Progress	Annually	Email	
State Accountability Measures Progress	Not Applicable	Choose an item.	
Community Needs Assessments/Community Action Plans	Annually	Email	
State Monitoring Plans and Policies	As needed	Email	

Subject Matter	Expected Frequency	Format	Brief Description of "Other"
Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Plans	As needed	Webinar	
ROMA and Performance Management	Annually	Email	
State Interagency Coordination	As needed	Email	
CSBG Legislative/Programmatic Updates	As needed	Email	
Tripartite Board Requirements	As needed	Meetings/Presentations	
Click or tap here to enter text.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	

Note: ADD-A-ROW FUNCTION – States can add rows for each additional communication topic. To add a row within this form: highlight the row and then select the plus sign (+) at the end of the row. Brief Description of "Other" allows for 250 characters.

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. [Narrative, 4000 characters]

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

GUIDANCE: Under this question, include how the state will provide information to local entities and state associations within 60 days of receiving feedback from OCS.

The State CSBG Office will provide regular communications regarding performance on State Accountability Measures to local entities and the State Community Action Association in the form of annual reports (CSBG Annual Report), Monitoring Reports of Findings, written feedback, emails/phone calls and State community engagement activities.

9.11. Communication Plan 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. [Narrative, 4000 characters]

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

The State discontinued face to face meetings for safety reasons due to the COVID 19 pandemic and continued increased virtual meetings to ensure sufficiency of information and frequency of communication.

SECTION 10: Monitoring, Corrective Action, and Fiscal Controls

Monitoring of Eligible Entities (Section 678B(a) of the CSBG 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.

GUIDANCE: Monitoring that is specific to organizational standards should be referenced within Section 6, Item 6.3a.

Monitoring Schedule – Year One

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”
City of Glendale Human Services Department	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	3/7/2022	3/11/2022	
City of Phoenix Human Services Department	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	12/6/2021	12/10/2021	
Coconino County Community Services Department	Full On-Site	Onsite	FY1 Q4	6/12/2019	6/13/2019	
Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA)	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap to enter a date.	
Gila County Community Action Agency	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap to enter a date.	
Maricopa County Human Services Department	Full On-Site	Onsite	FY1 Q3	4/20/2018	4/22/2018	
Mesa Community Action Network	Full On-Site	Onsite	FY1 Q4	8/15/2019	8/17/2019	
Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG)	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap to enter a date.	

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"
Pima County Community Action Agency	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap to enter a date.	
Southeastern Arizona Community Action Program (SEACAP)	Full On-Site	Onsite	FY1 Q2	10/3/2018	10/5/2018	
Western Arizona Council of Governments	Full On-Site	Onsite	FY1 Q4	3/8/2019	3/10/2019	
Portable, Practical, Educational Preparation, Inc.*	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap to enter a date.	

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Monitoring Schedule – Year Two

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"
City of Glendale Human Services Department	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap to enter a date.	
City of Phoenix Human Services Department	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap to enter a date.	
Coconino County Community Services Department	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap to enter a date.	
Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA)	Full On-Site	Onsite	FY2 Q2	11/20/2019	11/22/2019	
Gila County Community Action Agency	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap to enter a date.	
Maricopa County Human Services Department	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap to enter a date.	

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"
Mesa Community Action Network	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap to enter a date.	
Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG)	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap to enter a date.	
Pima County Community Action Agency	Full On-Site	Onsite	FY2 Q3	3/15/2021	3/19/2021	
Southeastern Arizona Community Action Program (SEACAP)	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap to enter a date.	
Western Arizona Council of Governments	No Review	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap to enter a date.	
Portable, Practical, Educational Preparation, Inc.*	Full On-Site	Onsite	FY2 Q4	5/21/2021	5/24/2021	

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GUIDANCE: Comprehensive monitoring includes a review of program, administrative, fiscal and organizational standards.

If you are monitoring an entity as a follow up to an issue with another program, this can be listed under "Other."

When providing the date of your last full onsite review – this could be for any type of review that took place **onsite**. No dates for desk reviews should be provided here.

10.2. Monitoring Policies: Provide a copy of state monitoring policies and procedures by attaching and/or providing a hyperlink. [\[Attach a document or add a link\]](#)

Click or tap here to enter text.

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?

[\[Insert a number from 1 – 100\]](#)

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

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 the documenting closure of findings included in the state monitoring policies attached under 10.2? Yes No No

10.4a. Closing Findings Procedures: If no, describe state procedures for addressing eligible entity findings/deficiencies and the documenting closure of findings.
[Narrative, 2500 characters]

Currently, the State CSBG Office provides a Report of Findings (ROF) once the monitoring visit is complete. The ROF includes all of the findings and deficiencies. If a finding is noted, the CSBG State Office may implement a Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) that outlines the action needed for compliance and by when. For serious deficiencies, the State Office of Procurement may issue a demand for assurance letter to the eligible entity for findings related to conditions of the State CSBG Office contract. The State CSBG Office follows up with the agency to assure the completion of the QIP, making follow up visits if necessary and providing technical assistance.

- 10.5. Quality Improvement Plans (QIPs):** Provide the number of eligible entities currently on QIPs, if applicable. [Numeric Response, 0 – 100] 0

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

- 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?
[Narrative, 4000 characters]

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

The State CSBG Office will notify the Office of Community Services of eligible entities on QIPs via email within 30 calendar days.

- 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) of the CSBG Act. Yes No Yes

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:** Does the state CSBG statute and/or regulations provide for the designation of new eligible entities? Yes No No

10.8a. New Designation Citation: If yes, provide the citation(s) of the law and/or regulation. [Narrative, 2500 Characters]

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. [Narrative, 4000 characters]

Currently, the State CSBG Office has in place a moratorium on the designation of new eligible entities and the division of service areas by the State or the Network. A new entity designation would only occur as a result of an existing entity being de-designated, either voluntarily or for cause. In this instance, the State CSBG Office would initiate a public solicitation process in coordination with the State Office of Procurement within the unserved area. A public hearing is held in the unserved area to inform the community of the proposed designation. A public Request for Proposals (RFP) is published via the State Office of Procurement website, www.ProcureAZ.gov. Local human service agencies may submit proposals for designation that contain all federal assurances under CSBG, and State assurances as required. An evaluation committee within the State CSBG Office determines the best qualified agency to be designated based upon qualifications stated and completeness of response to required assurances in the RFP response. The agency selected then completes a Request for Applications (RFA) response package identical to the RFA completed by existing eligible entities every five years as mentioned 10.10a below. This RFA includes federal CSBG assurances, agency fiscal information, and a detailed Scope of Work that includes allowable and required activities under the Community Action Program Services contract. During the annual State public hearing process, the statewide public at large will be informed of the designation of a new entity. The State CSBG Office will follow Public Law 105-285, Title II A Community Services Block Grant Act, Section 676A.

10.9. Eligible Entity Termination: Does the state CSBG statute and/or regulations provide for termination of eligible entities? Yes No No

10.9a. Termination Citation: If yes, provide the citation(s) of the law and/or regulation. [Narrative, 2500 characters]

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. [Narrative, 4000 characters]

There is no State CSBG statute or regulation regarding the de-designation of eligible entities. The State CSBG Office will follow Public Law 105-285, Title II A Community Services Block Grant Act, Section 678C, and the guidance provided in

Information Memorandum No. 116, Corrective Action, Termination, or Reduction of Funding, in the event of the de-designation of an eligible entity.

10.10. Eligible Entity Re-Designation: Do the state CSBG statute and/or regulations provide for re-designation of an existing eligible entity? Yes No No

10.10a. Re-Designation Citation: If yes, provide the citation(s) of the law and/or regulation. [\[Narrative, 2500 Characters\]](#)

10.10b. Re-Designation Procedures: If no, describe state procedures for re-designation of existing eligible entities and how the procedures were made available to eligible entities and the public. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

There is no State CSBG statute or regulation regarding the de-designation of eligible entities. The State CSBG Office does not have separate procedures for the de-designation of a new or an existing entity. The State CSBG Office will follow the procedure outlined in 10.8a. under Public Law 105-285, Title II A Community Services Block Grant Act, Section 676A, when re-designating a new eligible entity.

GUIDANCE: Re-designation implies that an entity that is already designated/receiving funds is now performing the duties and receiving funds that were previously designated to another entity, in addition to the funding that they are already receiving. This is different from a merger as an entity is not absorbing another entity. This re-designation may be permanent (**requires a formula redistribution**) or temporary while the state has officially designated a new entity and has completed a formula redistribution. See CSBG Act 676A, *Designation and Redesignation...*, for more information.

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). [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

The State has established fiscal controls, procedures, audits, and inspections, as required under Sections 678D(a)(1) and 678D(a)(2) of the Act. Arizona assures that fiscal control and fund accounting procedures established shall be sufficient to assure the proper disbursement of, and accounting for, federal funds paid to the State under this subtitle, including procedures for monitoring the assistance provided under this subtitle. Arizona assures the eligible entities and any other recipients of funds under this subtitle shall comply with the Office of Management and Budget cost and accounting principles. These assurances will be implemented by the State and/or through contract agreements with service providers. Each provider agreement will include requirements that the provider adhere to these areas as applicable to them.

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. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

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

At least annually, each state, local government, and American Indian Tribe or tribal organization that receives \$100,000 or more (during the fiscal year) in all types of federal financial assistance must conduct an audit in accordance with the Single Audit Act, Public Law 98-502. [31 U.S.C. 75 and OMB Circular A-128), 678D(a)(1) and 678D(a)(2)]

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

Yes

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

10.13a. Federal Investigations Policies: Are state procedures for permitting and cooperating with federal investigations included in the state monitoring policies attached under 10.2?

Yes No

Yes

10.14. Monitoring Procedures 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. [\[Narrative, 2500 Characters\]](#)

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

The State office has adopted a hybrid model for monitoring eligible entities, which includes a combination of on site monitoring practices and virtual review.

SECTION 11: Eligible Entity Tripartite Board

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. [Check all that applies and narrative where applicable]

- Attend Board meetings
- Organizational Standards Assessment
- Monitoring
- Review copies of Board meeting minutes
- Track Board vacancies/composition
- Other [Narrative, 2500 characters]

11.2. Tripartite Board Updates: Provide how often the state requires 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. [Select one and provide a narrative where applicable]

- Annually
- Semiannually
- Quarterly
- Monthly
- As It Occurs
- Other [Narrative, 2500 characters]

11.3. Tripartite Board Representation Assurance: Describe how the states 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. [Narrative, 2500 Characters]

Note: This response will link with the corresponding assurance, Item 14.10.

The State CSBG Office requires eligible entities to establish procedures under which a petition for adequate representation may be brought by any low-income individual, representative of low-income individuals, community organization, or religious organization that considers itself or low-income individuals to be inadequately represented on the board (or in the alternative participatory mechanism).

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 participation by low-income individuals in the

development, planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs” as allowed under Section 676B(b)(2) of the CSBG Act? Yes No No

11.4a. If yes, describe the mechanism used by public eligible entities as an alternative to a Tripartite Board. [\[Narrative, 2500 Characters\]](#)

SECTION 12: Individual and Community Income Eligibility Requirements

12.1. Required Income Eligibility: Provide the income eligibility threshold for services in the state. [Select one item below and numeric response where applicable.]

- 125% of the HHS poverty line
- X % of the HHS poverty line (fill in the threshold): 200% [Numeric response]
- Varies by eligible entity [Narrative, 4000 characters]

GUIDANCE: Under *Varies by eligible entity*, provide the threshold and the reason that it varies by entity.

12.1a. Describe any state policy and/or procedures for income eligibility, such as treatment of income and family/household composition. [Narrative, 4000 characters]

The income eligibility threshold for CSBG services in the state of Arizona is currently set at 200% of the HHS poverty line in accordance with funding provided under Public Law 117-328, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. The income eligibility threshold will automatically revert to the standard 125% HHS poverty line threshold upon the expiration of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (September 30, 2023), or later law providing for expanded funding for CSBG eligibility thresholds, whichever is later. If subsequent legislative action permits a state to adopt a percentage of poverty higher than 125% then DES shall adopt the highest percentage of poverty permissible as a criterion of eligibility. For the purpose of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Short Term Crisis Services income eligibility Eligible Entities will follow State of Arizona cash assistance guidelines. This can be viewed at <https://dbmefaapolicy.azdes.gov/>. This uniform eligibility threshold maintains fairness for households without children that have one or more vulnerable members, but do not qualify for crisis services under STCS/TANF. Households with an older adult or a person with disabilities are eligible for STCS services at 150% of the federal poverty guide.

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 intake procedures (where individual income verification is not possible or practical). An example of these services is emergency food assistance. [Narrative, 4000 characters]

All eligible entities are required by contract and State law and program guidelines to verify program eligibility for CSBG-supported services where required by program rules. This can be viewed at <https://dbmefaapolicy.azdes.gov/>. Eligible entities target limited intake, general and short-term community based services such as: medical copay and prescription assistance, school supply, clothing and personal care products, and emergency food assistance, to existing case managed client households. Eligible entities coordinate extensively with local partners in delivering these community based services

to the households in the greatest need. Eligible entities may conduct or promote periodic mass events offering the services mentioned above by inviting program participants from income eligibility for CSBG funded direct services will follow the rules for the service being provided. If CSBG funds are used to provide a service under the Short Term Crisis Service, the income eligibility requirements for that program will apply. Eligible entities may consider income eligibility for TANF funded programs to indicate eligibility for any CSBG funded service.

- 12.3. Community-targeted Services:** Describe how the state ensures eligible entities' services target and benefit low-income communities for those services that provide a community-wide benefit (e.g., development of community assets/facilities, building partnerships with other organizations). [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

Some eligible entities offer community targeted services within their own or partner facilities that are located in low-income neighborhoods and/or senior centers. For example, some eligible entities coordinate with local education institutions and refer existing case managed households to community based education services. Still others offer community based services themselves at their own facilities and make them available to client households and applicants. These services include financial services, community gardens, career centers, education, and income management. The State CSBG Office documents these activities during monitoring visits and encourages eligible entities to submit program narratives annually to highlight these activities.

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. [\[Select one\]](#)

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.

- The Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) System
- Another performance management system that meets the requirements of Section 678E(b) of the CSBG Act
- 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. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

Participation and utilization of ROMA in program planning is required by the State CSBG Office contracts. The State CSBG Office’s contracts utilize guidance from federal partners and OCS IMs 49 and 82, specifying requirements around community needs assessments, Community Action Plans, and evaluation of outcomes per National Performance Indicators.

- 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. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

- 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. [\[Select one and provide a narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

Note: This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.12.

- CSBG National Performance Indicators (NPIs)
- NPIs and others
- Others

- 13.3. Eligible Entity Support:** Describe how the state supports the eligible entities in using ROMA or an alternative performance management system. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

Note: The activities described under Item 13.3 may include activities listed in “Section 8: 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.

The State CSBG Office provides funds to Wildfire, the State Association, to provide ROMA training, and offers technical assistance to individual eligible entities upon request, responding to questions and conducting research on behalf of the eligible entities. The State Office CSBG Coordinator is presently in NCRI training to be able to provide ROMA guidance and support to the CAAs.

- 13.4. Eligible Entity Use of Data:** Describe how the state intends to validate that the eligible entities are using data to improve service delivery. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

Note: This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.12.

The State CSBG Office program staff interview eligible entity staff and Tripartite Board members, attend board meetings and review meeting minutes to ascertain the use of ROMA NPIs to evaluate programs by eligible entities. Agencies demonstrate the use of data through formal decisions made in Board meetings relative to data collected in the previous program year

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. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

Note: This response will link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.11.

Submission of a Community Action Plan by the eligible entities is required by contract annually as well as during the contract renewal period as part of the application package.

- 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. [\[Narrative, 4000 characters\]](#)

Note: This response will link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.11.

Submission of a Community Needs Assessment is required by contract at least once every three years. This period may be extended for eligible entities with an active assessment project under way during the year the assessment document is due. An extension may also be granted by the State CSBG Office for agencies coordinating community assessments with other programs such as Head Start. Agencies requesting extensions must demonstrate that they are engaged in an active assessment project and provide a written methodology and timeline for completion.

SECTION 14: CSBG Programmatic Assurance and Information Narrative
(Section 676(b) of the CSBG Act)

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 farmworkers, 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;

[Narrative, 4000 characters]

The State CSBG Office requires CSBG eligible entities to submit a Community Action Program (CAP) plan each year and to complete an Organizational Information report.

The CAP Plan includes a description of proposed activities as they relate to the assurances set forth in 14.1a(i)-14.1a(vii), "CSBG Services." The State CSBG Office staff reviews the CAP Plan and Organizational Information reports and ensures that the activities supported are eligible uses of CSBG funds. The State CSBG Office requires each of the noted assurances to be addressed in the agency Organizational Information report.

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;

[Narrative, 4000 characters]

The State CSBG Office requires CSBG eligible entities to submit a Community Action Program Plan (CAP Plan) every year and an agency Organizational Information report. The Organizational Information report includes a description that outlines proposed activities. The State CSBG Office staff reviews the CAP Plan and Organizational Information reports and ensures that the activities supported are eligible uses of CSBG funds. In ongoing efforts to avoid duplication of services, the State CSBG Office does not directly operate or support after school child care programs, as these are available through other programs in the communities served. Eligible entities are required by their contracts, to set forth in their written administrative and service methodologies, a description of how they will support these programs through coordination with community partners, federally funded programs, such as Head-Start, and referrals to local and private programs.

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)

[Narrative, 4000 characters]

Eligible entities are required to submit to the State CSBG Office an Organizational Information report. The Organizational Information report includes a description of its plans and ongoing efforts to coordinate programs in its service area. Staff reviews the Organizational Information report and ensures that the activities supported are eligible uses of CSBG funds and coordination. At the State level, the State Human Services agency, DES, coordinates a variety of programs using State and federal resources

including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Medicaid, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Labor (DOL) programs. The State CSBG Office includes in its Community Action Programs and Services contracts with CAAs, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Short-Term Crisis Services (STCS/TANF), and other State and county funds. The State CSBG Office also supports the State Association, Wildfire, in its efforts to coordinate with the Community Action Network as a whole, to develop and maintain relationships with other State and local agencies, federal programs, and information and referral systems.

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

[No response as the state describes this assurance under 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...”

Eligible Entity Service Delivery System

- 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;”

[Narrative, 4000 characters]

The State CSBG Office requires CSBG eligible entities to submit a Community Action Program Plan (CAP Plan) every year, an Organizational Information report, and contract documents that include a description of the service delivery system, the county or counties served, the facilities where services are available, and information regarding how the eligible entity conducts outreach and delivers services in counties where service centers are not available. The Organizational Information report also describes how the eligible entity coordinates funds with other organizations. The eleven CAAs in Arizona are contracted by the State CSBG Office under their Community Action Programs and Services contract to provide services through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The State CSBG Office also contracts with the Arizona Department of Housing to provide Weatherization services in coordination with funding from the Department of Energy, which in turn subcontracts with nine eligible entities, and one additional sub-grantee, to offer Weatherization services. All eligible entities are required by contract to utilize CSBG funding in coordination with funding from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), to deliver the State mandated emergency assistance program, Short Term Crisis Services (STCS). The State CSBG Office may award CSBG discretionary funds to support enhanced service methods, innovative special projects, and partnership initiatives.

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.

[No response as the state describes this assurance under 9.3b.]

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.

[No response as the state describes this assurance under 9.7]

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 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).

[Narrative, 4000 characters]

The State CSBG Office requires CSBG eligible entities to submit a Organizational Information Report, in which the entities describe how CSBG funds will be used to meet the noted assurance.

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.”

[Narrative, 4000 characters]

The State CSBG Office requires CSBG eligible entities to submit an Organizational Information Report. As part of the Organizational Information Report eligible entities must provide a description of 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, a food bank, or operate their own emergency food service in house, to provide food in these circumstances. Some eligible entities subcontract with local charities that provide emergency food as part of their suite of services. Some eligible entities also coordinate with the State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to facilitate applications for State nutritional assistance. Under eligible entities' contracts with the State CSBG Office, CSBG funds may be used to support emergency food program operations. If the cases of emergent need that cannot be met immediately through other programs, eligible entities may utilize CSBG funds to meet food emergencies by providing food cards to qualified low-income households. In the case of a local emergency or disaster in

low-income neighborhoods, eligible entities may be authorized by the State CSBG Office to utilize CSBG discretionary funds to provide temporary shelter and/or emergency food to affected residents.

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 Section 9, State Linkages and Communication, specifically under 9.1 – 9.4b.

[No response as the state describes this assurance under Section 9.1 – 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 Section 9, State Linkages and Communication section, items 9.2 and 9.5.

[No response as the state describes this assurance under 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.”

Note: The state addresses this assurance in Section 10, Fiscal Controls and Monitoring under 10.13.

[No response as the state describes this assurance under 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).”

Note: The state addresses this assurance in Section 10 Fiscal Controls and Monitoring under 10.7.

[No response as the state describes this assurance under 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 Section 9 State Linkages and Communication, under 9.6.

[No response as the state describes this assurance under 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 Section 11 Eligible Entity Tripartite Boards, under 11.3.

[No response as the state describes this assurance under 11.3]

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 State, as a condition to receipt of funding by the entity through a community 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 Section 13 ROMA, under 13.5 and 13.6.

[No response as the state describes this assurance under 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 section 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 Section 13 ROMA under 13.1 – 13.4.

[No response as the state describes this assurance under 13.1 – 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.

[No response for this item]

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

SECTION 15: Federal Certifications

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

15.1. 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.

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

15.2. 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) [\[Narrative, 2500 characters\]](#)

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

15.3. Debarment

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 remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- (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.
- By checking this box, the state CSBG authorized official is providing the certification set out above.

15.4. 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.

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