

Community Block Grants**FY2003 Request: \$9,000,000****Reference No: 33488****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Health and Safety**Category:** Housing/Social Services**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Pat Poland**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)269-4580**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2004**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Block Grant Programs receive federal funding from several sources in order to provide grants to local governments and services to low income people which will improve their quality of life and remove obstacles to self-sufficiency.

Funding:	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$54,000,000
Total:	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$54,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Authorizations - FY 86 4,996.0; FY 87 2,525.0; FY 88 2,500.0; FY 89-91 3,000.0; FY 92 0.0; FY 93 3,000.0; FY 94 4,000.0; FY 95 5,000.0; FY 96 7,000.0; FY 97-99 7,000.0; FY 00 0.0; FY 01 6,000.0; FY 02 9,000.0

Project Description/Justification:

The Block Grant Programs receive federal funding from several sources in order to provide grants to local governments and services to low income people which will improve their quality of life and remove obstacles to self-sufficiency. The programs are administered by positions within the Community and Business Development component. We anticipate the state will receive approximately 9,000,000 in federal block grant funds in FY 2003.

Community Block Grants are comprised of several programs and federal funding sources:

1. Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG), funded by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Services (DHHS-OCS), as authorized by Public Law 97-35.
2. Community Food and Nutrition Grant Program (CF&N), also from DHHS-OCS
3. Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as authorized by Public Law 100-71.
4. Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as authorized by the Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

Community Services Block Grant Program

These federal funds are used to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty throughout the state. Activities funded with CSBG include those that will reduce and/or prevent poverty through community-based educational activities which lead to a greater degree of self-sufficiency on the part of low-income persons.

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CSBG funds have traditionally been used in Alaska to support alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs, including education and training; fetal alcohol syndrome prevention; child development programs; planning and research activities; energy conservation strategies; and similar programs. The Village Participation Conference and the Rural Providers Conference are also supported with CSBG funds.

A minimum of 90 percent of the CSBG program funds received by the state are required by federal statute to be passed through to community action agencies to provide services to low-income persons throughout the state. The state has one community action agency to which these funds are passed, which is RurAL CAP Inc.

Community Food and Nutrition Grant Program

These funds are awarded annually for the purpose of coordinating the activities of homeless providers throughout the state and advocating for the homeless.

Emergency Shelter Grant

ESG funds are awarded on a competitive basis annually to local governments and non-profit organizations that provide services to the homeless. Funds support renovations and minor repairs of homeless shelters; payment of operational costs of shelters such as insurance, fuel, electricity; and homeless prevention activities.

Community Development Block Grant Program

The CDBG program provides grants of up to \$200,000 each to municipalities for infrastructure development and capital projects, planning activities, and special economic development activities which benefit low and moderate income persons.

The priority for CDBG funding is those projects that address identified health and safety needs and which combine and coordinate other funds. All incorporated cities and boroughs are eligible to apply with the exception of the Municipality of Anchorage.

Typically the state awards a minimum of 30 to 35 new CDBG grants annually to municipalities through a competitive grant application process. Once grants are awarded, the block grant staff works closely with the community to coordinate all activities and see the project to completion.

Match

Municipalities requesting CDBG funds are requested to match CDBG requests dollar for dollar with 25 percent of the match as cash and up to 75 percent as in-kind contributions. The ESG program requires a dollar for dollar match only if over \$100,000 is awarded. Neither the CSBG nor the CF&N grant programs have match requirements. There are no federal match requirements for the state to meet to receive these funds.