



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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**COMMUNITY SERVICES/CSBG**

Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor  
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## Community Services - CSBG Update

### Legislative Update:

Your comments were heard. With the passage of the State Budget, Section 1, Section 159-j of the executive law was REPEALED. This act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

*What does that mean for CSBG?*

**It means that the CSBG Program will no longer require the 25% local share match.**

This change will be implemented in FFY 2019. The budget and work plan forms for FFY 2019 are being updated to reflect this major change.

### MWBE Changes to Quarterly Attestation Forms

New MWBE questions were added to the "Administrative" section of the Attestation Forms (questions 1-4). This allows for self-identification of progress in meeting MWBE goals. Please contact your Program Analyst, if you have any questions, or would like more information.

### Postponement of NYSCAA Regional Meetings 2018

In case you missed the previous memo, please disregard any prior information that was released regarding the 2018 Regional Meetings. New dates will be announced by NYSCAA soon.

### Save the Date:

⇒ The CSBG Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 AM. The meeting is open to the public with locations in Albany (99 Washington Ave, Room 505), Buffalo (65 Court Street, Room 208), and NYC (123 William Street, Room 231).

The meeting will be streamed live at:

<http://161.11.132.60/tcs/?id=67f27060-d2d7-46a0-ac63-73b8c647af97>

and will also be available for later viewing at:

<http://10.48.6.60/tcs/?id=67f27060-d2d7-46a0-ac63-73b8c647af97>

- ⇒ The 2018 CAPLAW National Training Conference will take place on June 20th-22nd in Albuquerque, New Mexico
- ⇒ The 2018 National Community Action Partnership Annual Convention will take place August 28th -31st at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel in Denver, Colorado
- ⇒ The 2018 National Association for State Community Services Programs Annual Training Conference will take place September 17th -21st in Bellevue, Washington

## Congratulations Annette Marchese!

DCS celebrated Annette's retirement last month with DOS colleagues. In addition, several Executive Directors of the CAA network hosted a surprise reception at the Hilton Inn in Troy. Thank you to the EDs for the gracious celebration; all the best to Annette in her retirement!

### Annette Marchese's Final Farewell to the Network:

I'd like to take this opportunity to say one final farewell to the Community Action Network, the CSBG Advisory Council, and the dedicated staff in the DOS Division of Community Services.

My 30 year career with the CSBG Program has been personally and professionally satisfying. When I started in 1988, I was fortunate to have met and worked with some of the original soldiers in the War on Poverty. Men like Julian Dargan (Erie), James McCuller (Monroe), and Charles Pulley (Orleans) told me tales of their efforts in 1964 to implement President Johnson's vision. Through the years, I have been witness to the second generation of community action. Those who started their careers in community action around the same time I did, in the 1980s and 1990s, are executive directors today.



Annette receiving Certificate of Recognition from the Secretary of State, presented by Assistant Executive Deputy Secretary of State Jim Leary during retirement celebrations hosted by DCS

The same is true of the staff at DCS I have worked with over the years. We currently have a wonderful mix of new and experienced staff who have dedicated themselves to the principles of community action. I depart as the last member of the Evelyn Harris era. She taught me the value of the network and the importance of partnership between the State, the CAAs and the association. I hope, in some way, I relayed these lessons to those I leave behind.

My wish for all is the continued success of the network we have built over the last 54 years of community action.

Warmest Regards,

Annette

#### The Newsletter Team:

Tina LaRocca-Marcellus, CSPA I, and Charm Lee, VISTA member, continue to invite everyone to share stories and pictures of interest via email: [Tina.LaRocca@dos.ny.gov](mailto:Tina.LaRocca@dos.ny.gov) or [Charm.Lee@dos.ny.gov](mailto:Charm.Lee@dos.ny.gov)

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