



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES/CSBG**

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

### Annual Report Update

The NYS DOS has received the FFY 2018 Annual Report SmartForms from National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP) for **Module 3 ONLY** at this time. Once DOS receives the SmartForms for Module 2 and Module 4, the forms will be immediately distributed to each grantee. An email has been sent to each agency with the Module 3 file specific to that agency, along with instructions on how to complete the SmartForms. If you have any questions or issues after reviewing the instructions, please email your program analyst.

**The due date for all SmartForms (including Module 3) to be submitted to DCS for the 2018 Annual Report will be March 15, 2019 at 5:00 pm.**

### NASCSP and OCS Webinar: CSBG SmartForms for Annual Report Modules 2, 3 and 4

**Wednesday, February 6th | 1:30PM-2:30PM ET**

Join NASCSP and OCS for a webinar to review the new CSBG SmartForms for Modules 2, 3, and 4 of the Annual Report. NASCSP and OCS will demonstrate using the SmartForms, highlight functionality of the forms, and discuss reporting. We welcome the entire network to attend this webinar.

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### NYS ROMA Alliance

The NYS DOS Division of Community Services is pleased to partner with NYSCAA to develop the NYS ROMA Alliance. The Community Action network uses Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) to support the capacity of agencies to achieve their goals.

The ROMA Alliance is being coordinated by Jackie Orr, CEO of NYSCAA and Jessica Collier, Community Services Program Analyst at DOS Division of Community Services. The ROMA Alliance is comprised of the

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approximately 55-60 Certified ROMA Trainers (NCRT) and/or Implementers (NCRI) within the 48 Community Action Agencies in NY and DOS. The alliance will provide NCRT's and NCRI's with a platform for ongoing interaction and coordinated efforts in enhancing ROMA in New York State.

The group kicked off the ROMA Alliance on December 19<sup>th</sup> with the initial call. Moving forward, the ROMA Alliance will meet bi-monthly to discuss topics such as; the role of a ROMA Implementer, the role of a ROMA Trainer, sharing best practices on how to “drive ROMA in a CAA” and much more.

If you have questions or ideas for the ROMA Alliance please contact Jackie Orr, [jorr@nyscommunityaction.org](mailto:jorr@nyscommunityaction.org) or Jessica Collier, [Jessica.Collier@dos.ny.gov](mailto:Jessica.Collier@dos.ny.gov)

## Governor Cuomo's State of the State

The Governor's Justice Agenda includes the following initiatives to be achieved by working with the legislature, proposing reforms and issuing regulations.

**Strengthen Rent Regulation** through ending vacancy decontrol, repealing preferential rent, and limiting building and apartment improvement charges. Preserve the rent regulated housing stock, strengthen tenants' rights to affordable housing.

**Limit security deposits** to a maximum of one month's rent across New York State.

**Help Families Build Credit and Holistically Evaluate Credit Scores** by prohibiting state-funded housing operators from automatically turning away applicants with poor credit or histories of bankruptcy.

**Enact Source of Income Protections to Support Fair Housing for All.** In certain parts of New York State, landlords can reject applicants based on their lawful source of income. This blanket barrier to housing, reducing financial instability for New York's most economically vulnerable individuals, must be removed.

**Support Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative (ESPRI) Communities** through continued funding, to combat poverty and reduce inequality and establish ESPRI representation on REDC Workforce Development Committees.

**Reduce Hunger and Food Insecurity** by simplifying access to SNAP for older and disabled adults, enhancing resources and referrals in clinical settings and participating in SNAP online purchasing pilot.

**Reform Bail and Pretrial Detention** by ending cash bail, significantly reduce the number of people held in jail pretrial, ensure due process for anyone awaiting trial behind bars, and include a mandate that police issue appearance tickets instead of making arrests in low-level cases.

**Expand Access to Health Care** to include populations that are currently ineligible or cannot afford coverage

Read the Agenda in its entirety here: <https://www.ny.gov/2019-justice-agenda/2019-justice-agenda>