

# Community Services - CSBG Update

March 1, 2017

## CSBG State Plan for FFY 2018 and FFY 2019 is Under Development.

Your input in the use of CSBG funds and DOS's administration of the program is critical. As time allows, please take a look at the FFY 2017 plan which can be found on the DOS website (see link below).

Annette and Veronica will be attending the NYSCAA regional meetings to take comments and suggestions for the upcoming fiscal years. Once a draft plan is created, it will be circulated to the network for comment. A public hearing will be scheduled this summer. Details on the official comment period and public hearing will be forthcoming. In the meantime, please plan to attend one of the NYSCAA regional meetings (see NYSCAA website for the list of dates and times).

[CSBG Management Plan-FFY 2016](#)

## ACROS binders are under review.

Program analysts have been reviewing the ACROS binders. DCS is using the same format as last year to report on the standards (an excel spreadsheet, noting the standards "met" and those requiring follow up). Grantees with unmet standards are required to complete the columns shaded in blue on the spreadsheet: "Action Steps to be Completed by Grantee to Meet the Standard" along with deadline date and person responsible for completing the necessary action. Please specify in the Action Steps column if technical assistance will be required to meet the standard. This will be the basis of a Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) and Technical Assistance Plan (TAP).

Binders will be returned and progress will be monitored during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter visits.

## DCS Rolls out the Welcome "Matt" again!

Matt Ciotti joins our Albany staff to assist with support functions including the layout of this newsletter:



My name is Matthew Ciotti, I'm currently a graduate Student at Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy pursuing my post-graduate degree in international affairs (MIA) or as I like to call it my "missing in action" degree. My ultimate goal is to pursue a career in the U.S. Department of State, but as glamorous as that sounds, even if I get there, I'll be stamping passports for a few years. I'm very happy to have been given the chance to work here in Albany at the Division of Community Services and hope that I can bring some added value to an already great team.

We are pleased to have someone with Matt's skills available to us. Welcome Matt!

## Funding Opportunities - **LAST CHANCE TO APPLY - APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 6TH**

The **NYS Office for New Americans (ONA)** is pleased to issue a request for applications (RFA) titled "**Workforce Community Education, Community Navigator and Welcoming Communities Program.**" CAAs are strongly encouraged to apply.

This RFA complements the ONA Opportunity Centers around New York State and ONA Legal Counsels that will provide legal technical assistance to ONA Opportunity Centers. Applications due March 6, 2017. Click [here](#) for detailed information on this request.

In case you missed this in a previous newsletter, here are links to other sources of funding information:

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- [Federal] [Grants.gov](#) registration
- [NY State] [Contract Reporter](#)
- [NY State] [Grants Gateway](#)
- [NY State] [Assembly Grants Actions News](#)
- [NY State Department of Health] – [Funding Page](#) Email updates  
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**The Division of Community Services offers our congratulations to Andrea Ogunwumi, CEO of the Economic Opportunity Program of Chemung & Schuyler Counties.**



Andrea recently gave the keynote address at the Elmira College Volunteer Excellence Luncheon. The event, in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, highlighted the importance of student volunteerism and giving back to the local community. During the 2015-16 academic year, Elmira College students completed 15,780 hours of volunteerism in the Elmira area. Pictured with Andrea are students honored for their outstanding service to their community

Across the country, Community Action programs and services rely heavily on the active engagement and spirited dedication of volunteers. The Division of Community Services applauds the efforts of the students at Elmira College that dedicated their service to not only the Economic Opportunity Program, but to other important initiatives, causes, and non-profit agencies in the community.

**Congratulations to all!**