



Community Services - CSBG Update

August 1, 2017

CSBG State Plan for FFY 2018 & 2019:

Thanks to everyone who commented on the 2018-2019 CSBG plan. The comment period is now over and all suggestions are being considered as we develop the final plan.



Pictured above from left to right are Veronica Cruz, Denise Rogan, Karla Digirolamo, Venice Ervin, Dan Maskin, Antara Mitra, Maribel Arce, Dietra Harvey, and Francesca Sommer. Also, attending the hearing in NYC, Mike Bobbitt.

2017 Final Allocation/Payments and Amendment:

HHS recently released the final allocation for FFY 2017. The allocation included a cut of approximately \$550,000. At this time, DOS is in determining how to administer the cut. We understand grantees are waiting for 4th quarter payments. These payments will be based on how the cut is implemented. A decision on how to implement this reduction is forthcoming and will be communicated in a separate correspondence.

2018 Refunding Packages:

Thanks to each of you for submitting your refunding packages on time. In light of all the last minute changes as a result of new guidance from HHS and NASCSP, this refunding cycle came with a unique set of challenges. DCS staff is doing their best to process the contracts quickly while making any necessary corrections to comply with the ROMA Next Gen reporting requirements. If you receive a call regarding changes or corrections, please respond quickly to ensure your contract is executed by October 1st.

Attention all CAAs - AmeriCorps Opportunity:

Did you know AmeriCorps members can work side by side with your staff providing support for an array of antipoverty services. If your agency interested in having an AmeriCorps member on site, send an email to dos.sm.DCS@dos.ny.gov and we will follow up.

Spotlight:

Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk Country

For over 50 years the Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk County has been providing help and education to those in need, mainly in the areas of gang violence and AIDS prevention. Why not consider celebrating with the Team at EOC at their golden anniversary gala in September? For more information contact EOC at 631-289-2124



Songhi Scott and Adrian Fassett at the agency's Patchogue headquarters on July 20, 2017. (Credit: Johnny Milano)

Spotlight: Timothy Brogan

Tim's retirement is eking closer and we at the Division of Community Services are not entirely prepared for his departure. His retirement party will be held on August 28th from 2pm-4-pm at the Department of State room 505. We invite everyone to stop by and wish Tim a happy retirement as he prepares to explore the new avenues of his life.

...we're all hoping that this is Tim's *real* retirement plan...

