



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Community Services - CSBG Update

CSBG Payments to Grantees

After a brief shut down, the Federal government passed a continuing resolution until February 8th. We just received the Notice of Grant Award, which covers payment from December 9th through January 19th. Therefore, we are able to make partial payments for grantees who have submitted their 20% reports and additional vouchers. Advance payments on executed contracts are being made at the prorated amount covering the period October 1, 2017 to December 9, 2017.

News from the Division

- ⇒ Many thanks to those of you who submitted your ACROS on time. Our analysts are busy at work reviewing your submissions. Binders submitted will be returned to you in the third quarter.
- ⇒ By now, you have received the name of your assigned program analyst. Our mentoring of new staff will ensure that you'll receive well trained and knowledgeable monitoring staff. The Division will do everything possible to make this a smooth transition.
- ⇒ If DCS is conducting a TRACS at your agency in FFY 2018, you will be receiving a second quarter site visit. Please take this opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns regarding the TRACS with your program analyst.
- ⇒ DOS is required by Article 17-B of the Executive Law to provide meaningful participation of certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOBs) in state procurement. As such, Article 17-B has established a goal of 6% of procurement expenditures to be made with SDVOBs by state agencies.
 - ⇒ As part of our efforts to achieve SDVOB utilization and secure DOS' compliance with the statewide SDVOB goal, we are encouraging our grantees/contractors to engage SDVOBs in the purchasing of commodities, services and technology, in the performance of their contracts.
 - ⇒ NYS Certified SDVOBs are available at: <https://online.ogs.ny.gov/SDVOB/search>
- ⇒ NYSCAA Regional Meetings will be held during the months of April and May. Dates will be announced in the next newsletter and on the NYSCAA website.
- ⇒ Reminder: Grantees are required to submit MWBE Form D & Form D1

Save the Date:

- ⇒ NYSCAA 2018 Poverty Symposium will be held on March 14, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, NY. Registration for the event is now open in the following link:
<https://nyscommunityaction.org/12th-annual-symposium-on-poverty-economic-security-march-13-2018-tue-13-mar-2018-220000-gmt/>
- ⇒ 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.

Agency News

Meet one of our grantees, Mohawk Indian Housing Corporation (MIHC). MIHC, on the Akwesasne Reservation, provides emergency and transitional housing, as well as permanent, safe, and affordable housing to over 86 households. Located across both Franklin and St. Lawrence counties, the



organization consists of 76 permanent and four transitional units. Permanent housing consists of low and moderate income options as well as housing for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. The emergency/transitional accommodations consist of 12 beds in four units; two house single persons while two house families. The units may be occupied for three months but stays may be renewed depending on the circumstance. Pictured is: Gail Cook, CFO; Melanie Connors, Housing Occupancy Specialist; and Mary Jo Terrance, Executive Director of Mohawk Indian Housing Corporation.

The Newsletter Team:

Tina LaRocca-Marcellus, Program Analyst with the Division of Community Services in Watertown, NY and Charm Lee, VISTA member for the Division of Community Services in Albany, NY. invite everyone to share stories and pictures of interest with their colleagues in the network by emailing: Tina.LaRocca@dos.ny.gov or Charm.Lee@dos.ny.gov

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