



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

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## Community Services - CSBG Update

### News from the Division

⇒ ACROS binders continue to be under review by program analysts. DCS is using the same format as last year to report on the standards (an excel spreadsheet). Standards “met” and those requiring follow up are being noted during the review process.

### Wondering If Your Agency Cost Pools Fall Under MWBE?

Expenditures that are grouped into a cost pool (i.e. spaces, janitorial services, support, salaries, etc.) typically are *not* MWBE eligible and do not need to be reported on either the MWBE Form F, or the B-5 page of your current contract. For clarification on the type of costs you believe may fall into this category, please contact your Fiscal Representative or Program Analyst.

### Agency News

On February 14th, PathStone Corporation’s CEO, Stuart J. Mitchell, and his spouse, Martha Neubert, visited the DCS Albany office. PathStone is the CSBG statewide provider of migrant and farm-worker services. Based in Rochester, NY, the organization also provides housing, workforce development, youth mentoring, home ownership programs and Head Start, to name a few. Path Stone also has offices located in Puerto Rico and is very involved in recovery efforts on behalf of the thousands of citizens still left without gas, electric power and housing.

Pictured are: Becky Parsons, DCS Program Manager; Veronica Cruz, DCS Director; Stuart J. Mitchell, PathStone CEO; Martha Neubert, Stuart’s Spouse; and Charlene Griffin, DCS Program Analyst.



## Save the Date:

- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ The 2018 CAPLAW National Training Conference will take place on June 20th-22nd in Albuquerque, New Mexico
  - ⇒ CAPLAW has announced the Robert M. Coard and Winston Ross Emerging Leaders Scholarships for advocates of low-income individuals. See more information and if you are eligible in the following link:  
<http://www.caplaw.org/conferencesandtrainings/2018nationalconference-scholarships.html>

## NYSCAA Regional Meetings 2018

Make sure you're in the loop on CSBG updates by attending an upcoming NYSCAA Regional Meeting near you. These meetings are a great opportunity for you to share your agency's inputs and suggestions on CSBG for upcoming fiscal years.

Tentative dates for NYSCAA Regional Meetings are as follows:

Capital District Region, Schenectady — April 6th  
Western Region, Chautauqua — April 13th  
Central Region, Yates — April 16th  
North Country West, Watertown — April 25th  
North Country East, Plattsburgh — April 26th  
Hudson Valley Region, Dutchess — April 30th  
NYC — TBD

Specific locations are still to be determined and will be announced once finalized.

### 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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