



April 1, 2017

# Community Services - CSBG Update

## DCS is participating in the NYSCAA regional meetings

Annette and Veronica will be attending the NYSCAA regional meetings to take recommendations and suggestions for the CSBG State Plan for FFY 2018 & 2019. It would be helpful to review the current plan for FFY 2017 prior to attending meeting. You may also consider printing the current plan and marking it up. We will be happy to take your verbal as well as written suggestions for consideration. Here is the link to the current plan: [CSBG Management Plan-FFY 2017](#).

In addition to discussing the upcoming State Plan, DCS will be providing training at each session on completing the CSBG work plan. We will discuss the intended content of each section of the work plan workbook, common errors, and ways to improve your work plan. Participants are encouraged to bring along their 2017 plans to mark up for use in 2018. CAA staff who actually prepare the work plan are strongly encouraged to attend this portion of the regional meeting.

Every grantee should plan to attend one of the NYSCAA regional meetings. For a list of locations and dates go to: <https://nyscommunityaction.org/upcoming-event-news/>

## 2018 Contracts and 2017 Amendments –

DCS continues to look to Washington for the final allocation for FFY 2017. This allocation will form the basis for the FFY 2018 contracts and 2017 amendments.

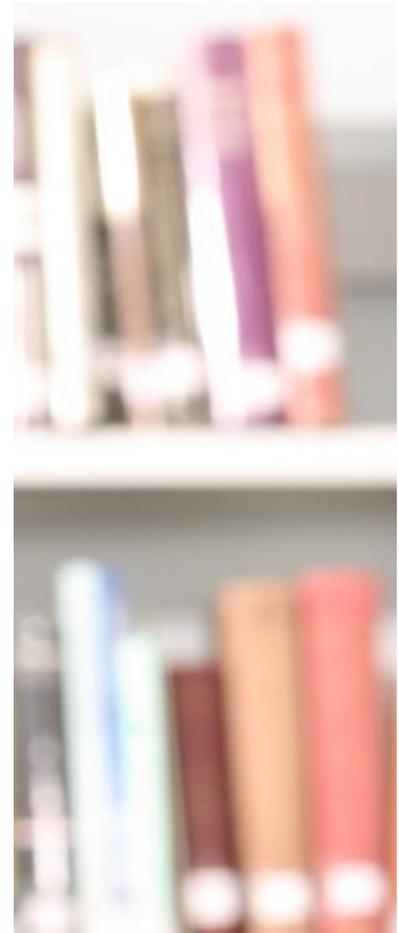
In spite of the delay, we remain optimistic. On 3/31/17 DCS distributed the 2018 work plan and budget forms (**a new B-5 will be attached to capture proposed budget for MWBE**) so you may begin your planning process. In addition to the allocation, the final piece of the puzzle will be the updated list of NPIs needed for FFY 2018 ROMA Next-Gen reporting

## HHS-ACSI survey –

We expect the customer satisfaction survey to be distributed to CAA contact people any day now. Please check your email for a link from the CFI Group.

## Third Payment –

We await the third quarter Notice of Grant Award (NGA) from HHS. When your agency reaches the 45% threshold, please submit the financial report with a standard voucher (AC 92) and other quarterly reporting requirements (PPR, MWBE, and Attestation Form) and we will do our best to make payments as soon as the NGA is received and processed. N.B. the State's Blackout Period for issuing payments is March 30-April 5.



### What's Inside.....

The 2017ACROS review process is now complete.....2

Wyoming County Community Action Fundraising Event....2

A message from the DOS MWBE office ..... 3



### The 2017 ACROS review process is now complete-

The initial scores were better this round than in 2016. A total of 34 agencies were required to complete the 2017 ACROS process (32 in 2016). The most common unmet standards were 1.3, 4.6, 6.4, and 7.3. (Five more grantees failed to meet these).

Here is a breakdown of the scoring based on 58 total standards (50 for Public CAAs):

- All 58 standards met— 10 grantees vs. 2 in 2016
- 50-57 standards met— 15 grantees vs. 16 in 2016
- 40-49 standards met— 6 grantees vs. 8 in 2016
- 30-39 standards met— 0 grantees vs. 5 in 2016
- 29 or fewer standards met— 1 grantee vs. 1 in 2016

By this time you should have received the ACROS GSCR with the findings and recommendations. You are required to complete the “Action Steps” columns of the report to address the unmet standards (blue shaded area— please let your analyst know if you are having difficulty entering information in this format).

Please send the response to your program analyst prior to the scheduled visit in the third quarter. Your assigned program analyst will review your responses during this visit and begin to monitor progress on addressing the unmet standards. Monitoring will continue to Q4 (July-Sept) to ensure all progress is properly documented and recorded. Your analyst will provide or arrange for technical assistance if you are having difficulty meeting one or more standards. Scores at the end of the 4th quarter (as of 9/30) will be shared with HHS/OCS as part of the new annual reporting process.

## WYOMING COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION FUNDRAISING EVENT:



**(From left) HITW owner Jacquie Billings-Barlow, Community Action Boardmember Vickie Baker, Community Action Executive Director Connie Kramer and HITW Head Chef Travis Barlow.**

Kudos to Wyoming County Community Action, for recently hosting the Feed the Need Gala and raising nearly \$10,000 in support of the Community Action mission. The late Anita Billings, long-time WCCA Board Member, restaurant owner, and community activist spearheaded the event. Following her passing, Community Action officials worked closely with local restaurant, Billings’ daughter Jacquie Billings Barlow, and Head Chef Travis Barlow of the Hole in the Wall Restaurant to continue the event.

Pictured to the left, WCCA officials presenting the Hole in the Wall with a plaque “With grateful recognition of your support and dedication to Wyoming County Community Action.”

---

*Congratulations Connie and the team at WCCA!*

---



**A message from the DOS MWBE office-**

In an effort to offer similar opportunities to MBE and WBE firms, the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development, Empire State Development (ESD), has established a requirement for all state contractors to make good faith efforts to secure MWBE utilization at 15% for MBE and 15% for WBE, as established on their contracts. If the overall MWBE goal is reached or exceeded, but wither the MBE or the WBE goal is not met in part or in full, waiver requests will be required.

---

*Many thanks for your support to MWBE Program!!!*

---