



Community Services - CSBG Update

June 1, 2017

Update on Q3 Payment, 2017 Amendment and 2018 Contract:

DCS is waiting for confirmation from HHS concerning the 3rd quarter payment and the final allocation for 2017. We hope for an increase in the allocation, be advised, an increase to the allocation would require a change to the contract, and that change requires approval by the Office of the State Comptroller. This approval will affect the date which we can send out the 2017 amendment packages and 2018 contract documents.

Continue to develop your budget and work plan for your agency. For your convenience, the 2018 forms have been posted to our website: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/dcs/documents.htm>. This will enable you to respond quickly, when the final amount is known and both packages are distributed. Please contact your assigned program analyst if you have questions.

In case you missed it:

Here is a link to a recording of the webinar conducted by NASCSP and DOS on May 23rd. This webinar covered changes to the 2018 CSBG Annual Report and corresponding changes to the CSBG work plan:

<https://nascsp.webex.com/nascsp/lsr.php?RCID=ff33478a75773c544822751dd8e9d824>

Jackie Orr will be conducting a similar training at the NSYCAA conference on June 1st & 2nd, 2017. Contact your assigned program analyst if you have questions regarding changes and additions to the 2018 work plan.

Save the date for the CSBG Public Hearing - Tuesday July 18, 2017

The draft CSBG State Plan for FFY 2018 and 2019 will be posted for comment in the State Register on June 28th. **A public hearing is set for Tuesday, July 18th, starting at 10am.** For convenience, those wishing to attend may do so in Albany (99 Washington Ave), Buffalo (65 Court St) and NYS (123 William St). DOS encourages **every agency** to attend to present comments in person and bring customers to share their experiences. If that is not possible, submit comments in writing. Updates will be included in the next newsletter.

DCS is working on a strategic plan

As grantees prepare a strategic plan to guide their future course, so is DCS. This process will help us clarify our mission, focus on key strategic initiatives associated with the administration of the block grant, plan for continued improvements based on feedback from the network, as well as address staff recruitment, development and retention.

CONTACT US!

If you are unable to access your assigned program analyst when you need help or need an answer in a hurry, please contact Nancy Pfohl, Supervisor at (716) 847-7127 or Martha.pfohl@dos.ny.gov. Call or send your comments, questions and concerns at (716) 847-7106 or Annette.marchese@dos.ny.gov.



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A celebration of National Community Action Month

Thursday May 25, 2017

Breakfast Celebration



Pictured: Veronica Cruz, Director Division of Community Services, left; Jo Anne Hume, Director of Saratoga County EOC, right

The Promise of Community Action: “Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicating to improving it.”

Statewide SDVOB Program

The Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB) Program at NY DOS would like to acknowledge this past Memorial Day by remembering those who served our nation and saying: THANK YOU!

The Department is participating in the statewide SDVOB Program, as required by Article 17-B of the Executive Law, enacted in 2014. DOS is strongly encouraging all our grantees to engage certified SDVOBs in the purchasing of commodities, services and technology, as much as possible, in the performance of their DOS contracts. This is a way to recognize the veterans’ service to and sacrifice for our nation, to promote the continuing economic development of eligible veteran’s businesses to have a significant participation in New York State’s contracting opportunities and play a greater role in the economy of our state.

For additional information, we kindly ask that you contact the SDVOB Program at DOS.

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