

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Department of State

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the State Application and Plan for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program for FFY 2016 and FFY 2017

PURPOSE: To obtain input regarding the Department of State's proposed amendments to the CSBG Application and Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017

Albany, New York
Monday, August 8, 2016
10:00 a.m.
One Commerce Plaza Conference Room 505

With videoconference to:

New York City
123 William Street
Conference Room 231

Buffalo, New York
65 Court Street
Room 208

Federal CSBG funds are awarded to grantees in all counties of New York State. Community action agencies, community-based organization, and Indian tribes or tribal organizations received CSBG funds to provide advocacy, outreach, services and programs for economically disadvantaged persons in their local communities.

This hearing will focus on the New York State Department of State's proposed FFY 2017 amendments to the CSBG Application and Plan for federal fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 9908, the Department of State Division of Community Services holding this public hearing on the draft CSBG Plan amendments for 2017. The CSBG Plan delineates the manner in which funds will be expended and how the State will meet the federal CSBG program requirements during the applicable time period covered by the Plan. The amendments represent federally required updates to the approved two-year Plan based on data collected during year one of the Plan. The proposed amendments to the Plan may be obtained from the Department of State website at <http://www.dos.ny.gov/dcs/documents.htm> or by contacting:

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Persons wishing to present testimony at the public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Plan are requested to complete the Public Hearing Reply Form (available at <http://www.dos.ny.gov/dcs/documents.htm>) and mail or fax it to

the above address or provide it by e-mail to dos.sm.dcs@dos.ny.gov on or before to August 4, 2016. Written comments on the proposed amendments to the Plan may be submitted until the close of business on August 12, 2016.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes. In preparing the order of witnesses, the DOS will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to DOS staff as early as possible. In the absence of a request, witnesses will be scheduled in the order in which reply forms are postmarked. Five copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. DOS would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons wishing to present testimony at the public hearing regarding the Department of State's proposed amendments to the CSBG Application and Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 are requested to complete this reply form and submit it by August 4, 2016 to:

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- I will attend the public hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the CSBG Application and Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 to be conducted by the Department of State on August 8, 2016.
- In Albany at One Commerce Plaza, Room 505
 In NYC at 123 William Street, Room 231
 In Buffalo at 65 Court Street, Room 208
- I will make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise concerning my statement. I will provide 5 copies of my prepared statement prior to presenting it.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

- I do not plan to attend the above hearing, but do plan to submit written comments prior to the close of business on August 12, 2016.
- I will require assistance and/or handicapped accessibility information.

Please specify the type of assistance required:
