

Potential Federal Budget Impacts

Low Income Home Energy Assistance and Community Services Block Grant

The President has proposed a budget for Federal Fiscal Year 2026 (FFY26); however, it has not been introduced in the House of Representatives and subsequently has not went to the Senate. The President's proposed budget eliminates funding for both the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and the Community Services Block Grant.

The follow potential impacts are for informational purposes only as it is unknown what if any programs will be impacted in the final FFY26 budget.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

- In Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (FFY24), the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) allocated \$87M to the Department of Social Services (DSS) for the LIHEAP program. LIHEAP provides funding for the Energy Assistance (EA) and Energy Crisis Assistance Program (ECIP).
 - 10% of the grant is required to be allocated to the Department of Natural Resources for the Weatherization program, or \$8.7M
 - Up to 9% can be allocated for DSS and provider administrative costs
- Administration
 - 17 Community Action Agencies, Mid America Assistance Coalition, and Urban League
- FFY24 Statistics
 - \$37.4M in EA payments were made directly to 517 suppliers
 - \$1.8M in EA was provided directly to households
 - If they do not have a participating supplier
 - If they use alternative fuel sources including wood, pellets, cylinder propane, fuel oil – Note: This only accounts for 0.79% of the total payments
 - \$25M was provided for the Energy Crisis Intervention Program for the following:
 - Households who are disconnected, or received a threat of disconnect
 - Air conditioner and furnace repairs
 - Alternative fuel sources payments, which are generally paid to the vendor

- Households:
 - 114,219 - Households* received EA
 - 63,343 - Households* received ECIP
 - 55% - Were elderly and disabled
 - 16% of households have a child 5 or below
 - 85% of households are at or below 75% of the Federal Poverty Level

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

- In FFY24, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) allocated \$21.1M to the Department of Social Services (DSS) for the CSBG program. The funding is used for programs that address and alleviate the root causes of poverty.
 - 90% of the funding is allocated to Missouri's 19 Community Action Agencies (CAAs) based off a formula that includes a base of \$200K plus poverty percentage
 - DSS allocates the remaining 10% for administrative costs including the case management system, and programs that address food insecurity and short-term funding for disasters and other one-time programs
- CAAs conduct a Community Needs Assessment every three years to determine the focus of the funds.
- The funds are used for a variety of programs and projects that address basic needs, education, transportation, unhoused, job preparation, financial stability, life skills, and youth and childhood poverty
- FFY23 Statistics**
 - 185,781 - Individuals served
 - 84,474 – Families served
 - 72,536 - Individuals served under 18
 - 18,829 – Elderly individuals served
 - 417 – School districts partnered with

*Can be duplicates between EA and ECIP.

**National Association for State Community Services Programs produces a report based on data from the states, and has not produced the 2024 report. DSS will contact the state's software vendor to obtain the information.