

## 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.