

The 2021 CSBG Discretionary Grant Request for Application (RFA)

The primary intended use of the grant funds awarded to Arkansas and to subgrantees is “to provide assistance to local communities in Arkansas, working through a network of Community Action Agencies and other neighborhood-based organizations, for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, and the empowerment of low-income families and individuals in rural and urban areas to become fully self-sufficient.”

Agencies eligible to submit applications for 2021 CSBG Discretionary funding are Community Action Agencies (CSBG-eligible entities) providing services in Arkansas; the Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association (ACAAA) and other non-profit organizations whose primary purpose is that of eliminating the causes and effects of poverty in Arkansas and who are in partnership with the Arkansas Community Action Agencies.

This RFA seeks applications for:

1. Innovative Projects to support community and neighborhood-based initiatives related to the purposes of the CSBG Act
2. Training / Technical Assistance Projects to address the training and technical assistance needs of the community action network.
3. Educational Scholarships
4. Community Action Agency Network Media and Communications
5. Agency Wide Needs Assessments and Strategic Planning
6. Comprehensive Case Management activities and targeted outreach

Applicants are advised that direct services funded by CSBG are restricted to Arkansas residents with household incomes that fall at or below 125 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Applications must be received by email to Beverly Buchanan, CSBG Program Manager, at DHS.CSBG.Team@DHS.Arkansas.gov **no later than 4:30 p.m. on (December 17, 2021).**