

To: Interested Parties
From: Jessica Patroliia
Date: 7/28/2025
Re: Public Hearing for review of the Rhode Island 2026-2027 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) State Plan.

In accordance to Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) 42-35, notice is hereby given that the Department of Human services proposes the following DHS State Plan:

2026-2027 Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG)

The Community Services Block Grant provides funds to the State of Rhode Island and, in turn, Community Action Agencies to address reduction of poverty, revitalization of low-income communities, and empowerment of low-income families and individuals to become fully self-sufficient. Rhode Island's Community Services Block Grant is administered by the Department of Human Services.

This proposed state plan is accessible on the DHS website <http://www.dhs.ri.gov> or available in hard copy upon request to (401) 462-6925. A public hearing will be held to consider the proposed plan on Monday, August 18, 2025, 10:00AM, at the RI Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building (Bldg. #57), 25 Howard Ave. 1st Floor, Cranston, RI 02920 in the West Wing Conference Room. Persons wishing to testify may do so by signing up at the hearing or by submitting written testimony by Monday, August 18, 2025 to Jessica Patroliia, Department of Human Services, Building #74, 41 West Road, Cranston RI 02920, or email to Jessica.patroliia@dhs.ri.gov.

The Hearing will begin at 10:00 AM and will conclude when the last speaker finishes testimony or at 11:00 AM, whichever comes first. The RI Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals with hearing impairments may request an interpreter's presence by calling 711 or RI Relay at 1-800-745-6575 (Voice) or 1-800-745-5555 (TTY). Requests for this service must be made at least 72 hours in advance of the Hearing date.

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