

**To:** Interested Parties  
**From:** Frederick Sneesby, Administrator, Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 08/15/2017  
**Re:** Public Hearing for review of the Rhode Island Community Services Block Grant State Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019

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In accordance to Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) 42-35 and 42 USC 9008, notice is hereby given that the Department of Human services proposes the following DHS State Plan:

### **2018 Community Services Block Grant**

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is funded through the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of Social Services Block Grant funding is “to provide assistance to States and local communities, 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 (particularly families who are attempting to transition off a State program carried out under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.))”

This proposed intended use plan for CSBG funds for the federal fiscal years 2018 and 2019 are accessible on the DHS website <http://www.dhs.ri.gov> or available in hard copy upon request (401) 462-1669. A public hearing will be held to consider the proposed plan on **Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 2:00 pm at the RI Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, 57 Howard Avenue, First Floor #110, 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 Wednesday, August 23, 2017 to Frederick Sneesby, Social Services Block Grant Administrator, Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, 57 Howard Avenue, Cranston RI 02920, or email to [frederick.sneesby@dhs.ri.gov](mailto:frederick.sneesby@dhs.ri.gov).

The hearing will begin at 2:00 pm and will conclude when the last speaker finishes testimony or at 4:00 pm, 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 Relay RI 1-800-745-6575 (Voice) and 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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