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		2. Date Received:	State Use Only:
		3. Applicant Identifier:	
		4a. Federal Entity Identifier:	5. Date Received By State:
		4b. Federal Award Identifier:	6. State Application Identifier:

7. APPLICANT INFORMATION

* a. Legal Name: Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 35-1485172 * c. Organizational DUNS: 086870479

* d. Address:

* Street 1:	30 N. Meridian, Suite 100	Street 2:	
* City:	Indianapolis	County:	MARION
* State:	IN	Province:	
* Country:	United States	* Zip / Postal Code:	46204 -

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:	* First Name: Donna	Middle Name:	* Last Name: Billiard Wright
Suffix:	Title: Chief Community Programs Officer	Organizational Affiliation:	
* Telephone Number: (317) 233-5371	Fax Number:	* Email: dowright@ihcd.in.gov	

* 8a. TYPE OF APPLICANT:
A: State Government

b. Additional Description:

* 9. Name of Federal Agency:

	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:	CFDA Title:
10. CFDA Numbers and Titles	93569	Community Services Block Grant

11. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project

12. Areas Affected by Funding:

13. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:

* a. Applicant 07	b. Program/Project:
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Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

14. FUNDING PERIOD:		15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:	
a. Start Date:	b. End Date:	* a. Federal (\$): \$0	b. Match (\$): \$0

* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?

a. This submission was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372	
Process for Review on :	
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by State for review.	
c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
Explanation:	
18. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) **I Agree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
18a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official	18c. Telephone (area code, number and extension)
	18d. Email Address
18b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 	18e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 11/25/2015
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.	

Section 1: CSBG Lead Agency, CSBG Authorized Official, CSBG Point of Contact, and Official State Designation Letter

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SECTION 1
CSBG Lead Agency, CSBG Authorized Official, CSBG Point of Contact, and Official State Designation Letter

1.1. Provide the following information in relation to the lead agency designated to administer CSBG in the State, as required by Section 676(a) of the CSBG Act. The following information should mirror the information provided on the Application for Federal Assistance, SF-424M.

1.1a. Lead agency		Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority	
1.1b. Cabinet or administrative department of this lead agency <i>[Check one option and narrative where applicable]</i>			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Community Services Department			
<input type="radio"/> Human Services Department			
<input type="radio"/> Social Services Department			
<input type="radio"/> Governor's Office			
<input type="radio"/> Community Affairs Department			
<input type="radio"/> Other, describe			
1.1c. Division, bureau, or office of the CSBG authorized official		Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority	
1.1d. Authorized official of lead agency		J. Jacob Sipe	
1.1e. Street Address		30 North Meridian, Suite 100	
1.1f. City		1.1g. State IN	1.1h. Zip 46204
1.1i. Telephone number and extension (317) 233 - 1811 ext.		1.1j. Fax number: (317) 232 - 7778	
1.1k. Email address jsipe@ihcda.in.gov		1.1l. Lead agency website www.ihcda.in.gov	
1.2. Provide the following information in relation to the designated State CSBG point of contact			
1.2a. Agency name		Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority	
1.2b. Name of the point of contact		Donna Billiard Wright	
1.2c. Street address		30 North Meridian	
1.2d. City		1.2e. State IN	1.2f. Zip 46204
1.2g. Point of contact telephone number (317) 232 - 7777 ext.		1.2h. Fax number (317) 232 - 7778	
1.2i. Point of contact email address dowright@ihcda.in.gov		1.2j. Point of contact agency website www.ihcda.in.gov	
1.3. Designation Letter: <i>Attach the State's official CSBG designation letter. If either the governor or designated agency has changed, update the letter accordingly.</i>			

Section 2: State Legislation and Regulation

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SECTION 2 State Legislation and Regulation

2.1. CSBG State Legislation:

Does the State have a statute authorizing CSBG? Yes No

2.2. CSBG State Regulation:

Does the State have regulations for CSBG? Yes No

2.3. If yes was selected in item 2.1 and/or 2.2, attach a copy (or copies) of legislation and/or regulations or provide a hyperlink(s), as appropriate.

Indiana Code 4-4-33 Chapter 33. Miscellaneous Community Development Programs Indiana Code 4-4-33-1 Administration by Lieutenant Governor Sec. 1 The lieutenant governor shall administer the following:(1) The Housing Assistance Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437). (2) Community services programs, including the Community Services Block Grant under 42 U.S.C. 9901 et seq. (3) Home energy assistance programs, including the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant under 42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq. (4) Weatherization programs, including weatherization programs and money received under 42 U.S.C. 6851 et seq. (5) Migrant farm worker programs and money under 20 U.S.C. 6391 et seq., 29 U.S.C. 49 et seq., and 42 U.S.C. 1397 et seq. (6) Emergency shelter grant programs and money under 42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq. (7) Shelter plus care programs and money under 42 U.S.C. 11403 et seq. As added by P.L.181-2006, SEC.12. Amended by P.L. 156-2011, SEC.1.

2.4. State Authority:

Select a response for each question about the State statute and/or regulations authorizing CSBG:

2.4a. Did the State legislature enact authorizing legislation, or amendments to an existing authorizing statute, last year? Yes No

2.4b. Did the State establish or amend regulations for CSBG last year? Yes No

2.4c. Does the State statutory or regulatory authority designate the bureau, division, or office in the State government that is to be the State administering agency? Yes No

Section 3: State Plan Development and Statewide Goals

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SECTION 3

State Plan Development and Statewide Goals

3.1. CSBG Lead Agency Mission and Responsibilities:

Briefly describe the mission and responsibilities of the State agency that serves as the CSBG Lead Agency.

IHCDA mission is that all Hoosiers should have the opportunity to live in safe, affordable, quality housing in economically stable communities. Programs and services are provided in collaboration among organizations, communities, and units of government to move families and individuals toward self-sufficiency.

3.2. State Plan Goals:

Describe the State's CSBG-specific goals for State administration of CSBG under this State Plan.

(Note: This item is associated with State Accountability Measure 1Sa(i) and may pre-populate the State's Annual Report form.)

The goals of IHCDA and the community action network in Indiana are to improve the lives of citizens through efforts to enhance employment, promote education, instruct better income management, improve housing, ensure the availability of emergency services, improve good nutrition, provide linkages to other service providers, promotion of self-sufficiency, and improved health.

3.3. State Plan Development:

Indicate the information and input the State accessed to develop this State Plan.

3.3a. Analysis of [Check all that apply and narrative where applicable]

State Performance Indicators and/or National Performance Indicators (NPIs)

U.S. Census data

State performance management data (e.g., accountability measures, ACSI survey information, and/or other information from annual reports)

Other data [describe]

Eligible entity community needs assessments

Eligible entity plans

Other information from eligible entities (e.g., State required reports) [describe]

3.3b. Consultation with [Check all that apply and narrative where applicable]

Eligible entities (e.g. meetings, conferences, webinars; not including the public hearing)

State community action association and regional CSBG T&TA providers

State partners and/or stakeholders (describe)

National organizations (describe)

Federal Office of Community Services

Other (describe)

3.4. Eligible Entity Involvement

3.4a. Describe the specific steps the State took in developing the State Plan to involve the eligible entities.

(Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 1Sa(ii) and may pre-populate the State's annual report form)

IHCDA posted the State Plan on our website and had a public hearing so that all CAAs can make comments and ask questions. In addition, a copy of the State Plan was emailed to all of the Executive Directors of each eligible entity.

If this is the first year filling out the automated State Plan, skip the following question.

3.4b. Performance Management Adjustment:

How has the State adjusted State Plan development procedures under this State Plan, as compared to past plans, in order

- 1) to encourage eligible entity participation and
- 2) to ensure the State Plan reflects input from eligible entities?

Any adjustment should be based on the State's analysis of past performance in these areas, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the State is not making any adjustments, provide further detail.

(Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 1Sh(i) and (ii) and may pre-populate the State's annual report form)

N/A

If this is the first year filling out the automated State Plan, skip the following question.

3.5. Eligible Entity Overall Satisfaction:

Provide the State's target for eligible entity Overall Satisfaction during the performance period:

(Note: Item 3.5 is associated with State Accountability Measure 8S and may pre-populate the State's annual report form)



Section 4: CSBG Hearing Requirements

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SECTION 4 CSBG Hearing Requirements

4.1. Public Inspection:

Describe how the State made this State Plan, or revision(s) to the State Plan, available for public inspection, as required under Section 676(e)(2) of the Act.

The plan was posted on the IHEDA website on and posted in local newspapers on 8/21/2015.

4.2. Public Notice/Hearing:

Describe how the State ensured there was sufficient time and statewide distribution of notice of the public hearing(s) to allow the public to comment on the State Plan, as required under Section 676(a)(2)(B) of the CSBG Act.

The public hearing was held on August 26, 2015, 1:00pm-2:00pm.

4.3. Public and Legislative Hearings:

Specify the date(s) and location(s) of the public and legislative hearing(s) held by the designated lead agency for this State Plan, as required under Section 676(a)(2)(B) and Section 676(a)(3) of the Act.

(If the State has not held a public hearing in the prior fiscal year and/or a legislative hearing in the last three years, provide further detail under Item 4.4.)

	Date	Location	Type of Hearing <small>[Select an option]</small>
1	08/26/2015	30 S. Meridian Street, Suite 1000, Indianapolis, IN 46204	Public

4.4. Attach supporting documentation or a hyperlink for the public and legislative hearings.

Section 5: CSBG Eligible Entities

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SECTION 5 CSBG Eligible Entities

5.1. CSBG Eligible Entities:

In the table below, list each eligible entity in the State, and indicate public or private, the type(s) of entity, and the geographical area served by the entity. (This table should include every CSBG Eligible Entity to which the State plans to allocate 90 percent funds, as indicated in the table in item 7.2. Do not include entities that only receive remainder/discretionary funds from the State or tribes/tribal organizations that receive direct funding from OCS under Section 677 of the CSBG Act.)

Types of Entities include Community Action Agency, Limited Purpose Agency, Local Government Agency, Migrant or Seasonal Farmworker Organization, Tribe or Tribal Organization, and Other

#	CSBG Eligible Entity	Public or Nonprofit	Type of Agency (choose all that apply)	Geographical Area Served by county (Provide all counties)	Brief Description of "Other"
1	Area IV on Aging and Community Services, Inc.	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Carroll, Clinton, Tippecanoe and White	
2	Area V on Aging and Community Services, Inc.	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Cass, Howard, Miami, Tipton and Wabash	
3	Community Action of Greater Indianapolis	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Boone, Hamilton, Hendricks and Marion	
4	Community Action of Northeast Indiana	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Allen, Dekalb, Lagrange, Noble, Steuben and Whitley	
5	Community Action Program Evansville	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Gibson, Posey and Vanderburgh	
6	Community Action Program of Western Indiana	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Benton, Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, Vermillion and Warren	
7	Community Action of Southern Indiana	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Clark, Floyd and Harrison	
8	Community and Family Services	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Adams, Blackford, Huntington, Jay, Wells and Randolph	
9	Central Indiana Community Action Program (Job Source)	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Grant and Madison	
10	Human Services	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Bartholomew, Decatur, Jackson, Johnson and Shelby	
11	Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Lawrence, Martin, Orange and Washington	
12	Interlocal Community Action Program	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Delaware, Fayette, Hancock, Henry, Rush and Wayne	
13	Lincoln Hills Development Corporation	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Crawford, Perry and Spencer	
14	North Central Community Action Agencies	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	LaPorte, Pulaski and Starke	
15	Northwest Indiana Community Action Agency	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Jasper, Lake, Newton and Porter	
16	Ohio Valley Opportunities	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Jefferson, Jennings and Scott	
17	Pace Community Action Agency	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Daviess, Greene, Knox and Sullivan	
18	Real Services	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, Marshall and St. Joseph	
19	South Central Community Action Program	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Brown, Monroe, Morgan and Owen	
20	Southeastern Indiana Economic Opportunity Corporation	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley Switzerland and Union	
21	Dubois-Pike-Warrick Economic Opportunity Corporation	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Dubois, Pike and Warrick	
22	Western Indiana Community Action Agency	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)	Clay, Putnam and Vigo	

5.2 Total number of CSBG eligible entities 22

5.3 Changes to Eligible Entities List:

Has the list of eligible entities under item 5.1 changed since the State's last State Plan submission? Yes No

If yes, please briefly describe the changes.

Community Action of East Central Indiana was defunded as a part of the IM-116 process due to ongoing compliance issues. We have attached a copy of the IM 116 and a copy of the Hearing Committee Decision Letter to Community Action of East Central Indiana.

Section 6: Organizational Standards for Eligible Entities

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SECTION 6 Organizational Standards for Eligible Entities

Note: Reference IM 138, *State Establishment of Organizational Standards for CSBG Eligible Entities*, for more information on Organizational Standards. Click [HERE](#) for IM 138.

6.1. Choice of Standards:

Check the box that applies. If using alternative standards

- a) attach the complete list of alternative organizational standards,
- b) describe the reasons for using alternative standards, and
- c) describe how the standards are at least as rigorous as the COE-developed standards.

The State will use the CSBG Organizational Standards Center of Excellence (COE) organizational standards (as described in IM 138)

The State will use an alternative set of organizational standards

6.2. If the State is using the COE-developed organizational standards, does the State propose making a minor modification to the standards, as described in IM 138? Yes No

6.2a. If yes was selected in item 6.2, describe the State's proposed minor modification to the COE-developed organizational standards, and provide a rationale.

The State of Indiana utilized the basic foundation of the COE as presented in IM-138 when developing the CAR Tool for monitoring CAAs. Some wording found in IM-138 has been changed to reflect how we communicate with our CAAs. In addition, Indiana incorporated the guidance and authority concept that was presented in the Draft Assessment Tool. Indiana has, also, expanded the financial accountability measurer for our CAAs and added standard's that address our past monitoring issues.

6.3 How will/has the State officially adopt(ed) organizational standards for eligible entities in the State in a manner consistent with the State's administrative procedures act? If "Other" is selected, provide a timeline and additional information, as necessary. [Check all that apply and narrative where applicable]

Regulation

Policy

Contracts with eligible entities

Other, describe:

Indiana requires biennial on-site monitoring as well as annual plans that require the eligible entities to prove compliance.

6.4. How will the State assess eligible entities against organizational standards, as described in IM 138? [Check all that apply.]

Peer-to-peer review (with validation by the State or State-authorized third party)

Self-assessment (with validation by the State or State-authorized third party)

Self-assessment/peer review with State risk analysis

State-authorized third party validation

Regular, on-site CSBG monitoring

Other

6.4a. Describe the assessment process.

Indiana conducts a comprehensive administrative review every two years with 11 of the 22 agencies being reviewed each year. We use a comprehensive administrative review(CAR) monitoring tool that was revamped in January 2015 to include organizational standards. This review covers all organizational standards. The review, also, includes interviews with board members, staff, partners and community leaders. Exit interviews are held with Executive Directors and/or appropriate staff, and review reports are distributed within 30 days from the exit interview. The agencies are given 30 days to respond. Follow-up is completed. Agencies are monitored through the information submitted in their annual plan. The ROMA assessment will be used in conjunction with the CAR and other program reviews to assess the status of the agency's administration and major programs. When a new agency is designated, IHEDA will conduct an onsite review at the end of the entity's first year of service. Follow-up reviews, including return visits when appropriate, are completed with agencies that fail to meet goals and requirements. Follow-up reviews are completed whenever necessary. This may be to verify compliance with recommendations made on CAR reviews or Annual Plan submissions. Other reviews are conducted as appropriate, including reviews of entities with programs that have had other federal, state or local grants terminated.

6.5. Will the State make exceptions in applying the organizational standards for any eligible entities due to special circumstances or organizational characteristics, as described in IM 138 Yes No

6.5a. If yes was selected in item 6.5, list which eligible entities the State will exempt from meeting organizational standards, and provide a description and a justification for each exemption.

N/A

If this is the first year filling out the automated State Plan, skip the following question.

6.6. Performance Target: What percentage of eligible entities in the State does the State expect will meet all the State-adopted organizational standards in the next year? (Provide as a percentage) 100%

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 6Sa and may prepopulate the State's annual report form.

Section 7: State Use of Funds

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**SECTION 7
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Eligible Entity Allocation (90 Percent Funds) [Section 675C(a) of the CSBG Act]

7.1. Formula:

Select the method (formula) that best describes the current practice for allocating CSBG funds to eligible entities.

- Historic
- Base + Formula
- Formula Alone
- Formula with Variables
- Hold Harmless + Formula
- Other, describe

7.1a. Does the State statutory or regulatory authority specify the terms or formula for allocating the 90 percent funds among eligible entities? Yes No

7.2. Planned Allocation:

Specify the planned allocation of 90 percent funds to eligible entities, as described under Section 675C(a) of the CSBG Act.

The estimated allocations may be in dollars or percentages. For each eligible entity receiving funds, provide the Funding Amount in either dollars (columns 2 and 4) or percentage (columns 3 and 5) for the fiscal years covered by this plan.

Planned CSBG 90 Percent Funds

	CSBG Eligible Entity	Year One Funding Amount \$	Year One Funding Amount %	Year Two Funding Amount \$	Year Two Funding Amount %
1	Area IV on Aging and Community Services, Inc.	\$402,341	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
2	Area V on Aging and Community Services, Inc.	\$357,095	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
3	Community Action of Greater Indianapolis	\$1,299,509	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
4	Community Action of Northeast Indiana	\$641,761	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
5	Community Action Program Evansville	\$327,059	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
6	Community Action Program of Western Indiana	\$274,935	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
7	Community Action of Southern Indiana	\$283,614	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
8	Community and Family Services	\$328,092	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
9	Central Indiana Community Action Program (Job Source)	\$291,755	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
10	Human Services	\$376,378	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
11	Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation	\$255,174	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
12	Interlocal Community Action Program	\$507,361	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
13	Lincoln Hills Development Corporation	\$162,170	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
14	North Central Community Action Agencies	\$250,942	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
15	Northwest Indiana Community Action Agency	\$812,786	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
16	Ohio Valley Opportunities	\$204,160	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
17	Pace Community Action Agency	\$265,648	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
18	Real Services	\$706,659	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
19	South Central Community Action Program	\$396,502	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
20	Southeastern Indiana Economic Opportunity Corporation	\$262,200	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
21	Dubois-Pike-Warrick Economic Opportunity Corporation	\$179,988	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
22	Western Indiana Community Action Agency	\$297,388	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
Total		\$8,883,517	0.00%	\$0	0.00%

7.3. Distribution Process:

Describe the specific steps in the State's process for distributing 90 percent funds to the eligible entities and include the number of days each step is expected to take; include information about State legislative approval or other types of administrative approval (such as approval by a board or commission).

During 2015-2016 Community Services Block grant funds will be allocated as follows: CAAs Allocation 90%; IHCDA Allocation 5%; Training, Technical and Special Projects 5%; Total 100%. Step 1: Total Allocation Received DHHS Minus 5 percent for State Administrative Funds; Minus 5 percent for State Discretionary Funds. Step 2: Calculate the Base and Award Allocation to Agencies Total Allocation to CAAs X 35 percent equals the base amount; Total Allocation to CAAs X 65 percent equals the

Award Allocation based on 125 percent of poverty by county. Step 3: Calculate the Base Amount by Agency Base Amount (total 35 percent) (minus) (\$50,000 times 23 agencies=\$1,150,000). Step 4: Calculate the Base Amount by County Remaining Base Amount (divide by) 92 (number of counties) Base allocation per county. Step 5: Complete the Base Amount Allocation \$50,000 per agency (plus) (Base allocation per county times the number of counties in each agency) Total Base Allocation per Agency. Step 6: Calculate the Total Agency Award Amount Total Allocation to CAAs based on 125 percent of poverty by county for all counties in the CAA service area (plus) Total Base Allocation per Agency Total Agency Award.

7.4. Distribution Timeframe:
Does the State plan to make funds available to eligible entities no later than 30 calendar days after OCS distributes the Federal award? Yes No

7.4a. If no, describe State procedures to ensure funds are made available to eligible entities consistently and without interruption.

Note: Item 7.4 is associated with State Accountability Measure 2Sa and may prepopulate the State's annual report form.

N/A

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7.5. Performance Management Adjustment:
How is the State improving grant and/or contract administration procedures under this State Plan as compared to past plans? Any improvements should be based on analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the State is not making any improvements, provide further detail.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 2Sb and may prepopulate the State's annual report form.

N/A

Administrative Funds [Section 675C(b)(2) of the CSBG Act]

7.6. What amount of State CSBG funds does the State plan to allocate for administrative activities, under this State plan? The estimate may be in dollars or a percentage \$ %

7.7. How many State staff positions will be funded in whole or in part with CSBG funds under this State Plan? 20

7.8. How many State Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) will be funded with CSBG funds under this State Plan? 8

Remainder/Discretionary Funds [Section 675C(b) of the CSBG Act]

7.9. Does the State have remainder/discretionary funds? Yes No

If yes was selected, describe how the State plans to use remainder/discretionary funds in the table below.

Note: This response will link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.2.

For each allowable use of remainder funds in the table below (rows a through h), enter the State's planned level of funding, if any, either in dollars or percentage, and provide a brief description. Activities funded under row a, training and technical assistance, do not require a description, as that is provided under section 8 of this State plan. Activities funded under rows b and c, are described under section 9, State Linkages and Communication, but a State may enter additional information in this table as well. The State must describe "innovative programs/activities by eligible entities or other neighborhood groups," under row f, even if the State does not allocate discretionary funds to this activity. This activity is required by section 676(b)(2) of the CSBG Act, assurance 14.2 If a funded activity fits under more than one category in the table, allocate the funds among the categories. For example, if the State provides funds under a contract with the State Community Action association to provide training and technical assistance to eligible entities and to create a statewide data system, the funds for that contract should be allocated appropriately between row a and row c. If allocation is not possible, the State may allocate the funds to the main category with which the activity is associated.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 3Sa and may pre-populate the State's annual report form

Use of Remainder/Discretionary Funds(SeeSection 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act)

Section 8: State Training and Technical Assistance

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**SECTION 8
State Training and Technical Assistance**

8.1. Describe the State's plan for delivering CSBG-funded training and technical assistance to eligible entities under this State Plan by completing the table below. Add a row for each activity; indicate the timeframe; whether it is training, technical assistance or both; and the topic. (CSBG funding used for this activity is referenced under item 7.9(a), Remainder/Discretionary Funds.)

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Training and Technical Assistance

	Fiscal Year (Y) Quarter (Q) / Timeframe	Training, Technical Assistance, or Both	Topic	Brief Description of "Other"
1	FY1-Q2	Training	Reporting	
2	FY1-Q3	Training	Community Assessment	
3	FY1-Q4	Training	Strategic Planning	

8.1a. The planned budget for the training and technical assistance plan (as indicated in the Remainder/Discretionary Funds table in item 7.9) \$400,000

If this is the implementation year for organizational standards, skip the following question.

8.2. Does the State have in place Technical Assistance Plans (TAPs) or Quality Improvement Plans (QIPs) for all eligible entities with unmet organizational standards that could be used if appropriate? Yes No

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 6Sb. QIPs are described in Section 678C(a)(4) of the CSBG Act. If the State, according to their corrective action procedures, does not plan to put a QIP in place for an eligible entity with one or more unmet organizational standards, the State should put a TAP in place to support the entity in meeting the standard(s).

IHCDA offers TAPs and QIPs through its monitoring and compliance program and through its contract with the Indiana Community Action Association (IN-CAA). Once IHCDA monitors have issued their report notifying the agency of their program deficiencies a plan is submitted to IHCDA from the agency. IHCDA approves that plan and works with the agency to receive training and technical assistance to resolve the compliance issues. These training are offered by IHCDA staff or through annual trainings offered by IN-CAA.

8.3. Indicate the types of organizations through which the State plans to provide training and/or technical assistance as described in item 8.1, and briefly describe their involvement [Check all that applies and narrative where applicable]

- CSBG eligible entities (if checked, provide the expected number of CSBG eligible entities to receive funds)
- Other community-based organizations
- State Community Action association
- Regional CSBG technical assistance provider(s)
- National technical assistance provider(s)
- Individual consultant(s)
- Tribes and Tribal Organizations
- Other

If this is the first year filling out the automated State Plan, skip the following question.

8.4. Performance Management Adjustment:

How is the State adjusting the training and technical assistance plan under this State Plan as compared to past plans? Any adjustment should be based on the State's analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the State is not making any adjustments, provide further detail.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 3Sd may pre-populate the State's annual report form

N/A

Section 9: State Linkages and Communication

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SECTION 9 State Linkages and Communication

Note: This section describes activities that the State may support with CSBG remainder/discretionary funds, described under Section 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act. The State may indicate planned use of remainder/discretionary funds for linkage/communication activities in Section 7, State Use of Funds, items 7.9(b) and (c).

9.1 State Linkages and Coordination at the State Level:

Describe the linkages and coordination at the State level that the State plans to create or maintain to ensure increased access to CSBG services to low-income people and communities under this State Plan and avoid duplication of services (as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(5)).

Describe or attach additional information as needed. [Check all that apply and narrative where applicable]

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.5. In addition, this item is associated with State Accountability Measure 7Sa and may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

- State Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) office
- State Weatherization office
- State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) office
- State Head Start office
- State public health office
- State education department
- State Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) agency
- State budget office
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- State child welfare office
- State housing office
- Other

[Click paper clip to attach file]

9.2. State Linkages and Coordination at the Local Level:

Describe the linkages and coordination at the local level that the State and eligible entities plan to create or maintain to ensure increased access to CSBG services to low-income people and communities and avoid duplication of services, as described under Section 675C(b)(B) and as required by assurance under Sections 676(b)(5) of the CSBG Act. Attach additional information as needed.

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurances, items 14.5 and 14.6.

Through the use of referral services in the case management programs, and sharing of information with various local providers and funders, agencies have been able to coordinate services and resources. Additionally, the public and private sector representatives on the CAA Boards help to achieve those partnerships. The local area partners include, but are not limited to area Agency on Aging, Workforce development offices, Head Start programs, schools, community centers, local emergency services, homeless shelters, medical services, law enforcement programs, food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens *[Click paper clip to attach file]*

9.3. Eligible Entity Linkages and Coordination

9.3a State Assurance of Eligible Entity Linkages and Coordination:

Describe how the State will assure that the eligible entities will coordinate and establish linkages to assure the effective delivery of and coordination of CSBG services to low-income people and communities and avoid duplication of services (as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(5)). [Attach additional information as needed.]

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.5.

CAAs provide a list of public and private partners in constituent services in their grantee plan packets and report on funding received from these entities in their annual reports. IHEDA has, also, helped to cultivate relationships that offer family support and development programs such as Indiana Permanent Housing *[Click paper clip to attach file]*

9.3b State Assurance of Eligible Entity Linkages to Fill Service Gaps:

Describe how the eligible entities will develop linkages to fill identified gaps in the services, through the provision of information, referrals, case management, and follow-up consultations, according to the assurance under Section 676(b)(3)(B) of the CSBG Act.

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.3b.

In addition to addressing family goals through the direct and survey questions, CAAs utilizes a Family Development Matrix. The Family Development Matrix is a part of a Family development Plan, which is being used in a variety of self-sufficiency/case management programs. The matrix looks at 12 life areas. The matrix is used to identify each clients area of need, and to measure the client's success in working to achieve their goals. Eligible entities receive financial encouragement for using the Family Development Plan in three ways: Agencies are allowed to use 2% of their Energy Assistance funds for case management funding, using the Family development Plan. Agencies receive \$25 per hour for the service and success is tracked with the Development Matrix. Indiana Community Action Association Training Institute provide yearly training opportunities to agency staff for continuous improvement and new staff.

9.4. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Employment and Training Activities:

Does the State intend to include CSBG employment and training activities as part of a WIOA Combined State Plan, as allowed under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(5) of the CSBG Act)? Yes No

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.5.

9.4a If the State selected "yes" under item 9.4, provide the CSBG-specific information included in the State's WIOA Combined Plan. This information includes a description of how the State and the eligible entities will coordinate the provision of employment and training activities through statewide and local WIOA workforce development systems. This information may also include examples of innovative employment and training programs and activities conducted by community action agencies or other neighborhood-based organizations as part of a community antipoverty strategy.

N/A

9.4b. If the State selected "no" under item 9.4, describe the coordination of employment and training activities, as defined in Section 3 of WIOA, by the State and by eligible entities providing activities through the WIOA system.

Local eligible entities sit on the Workforce Investment boards and have signed Memoranda of Understanding to be one-stop partners, participating in the provision of services to clients. All participating agencies have provided a list of services that they have available, and those services have been identified as core services or intensive services. Some community action agencies house the Workforce Development sites.

9.5. Emergency Energy Crisis Intervention:

Describe how the State will assure, where appropriate, that emergency energy crisis intervention programs under title XXVI (relating to Low-Income Home Energy Assistance) are conducted in each community in the State, as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(6) of the CSBG Act.

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.6.

IHCDA administers the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP) in Indiana. Funding is provided to CAAs for provision of both the Energy Assistance Program (EAP) and the LIHEAP portion of the Weatherization Program. EAP services include winter assistance and crisis benefits for heating, summer, cooling and leveraging. These agencies serve all 92 counties within the state. The eligible entities work closely with utility companies and private vendors to serve those in need of energy assistance.

9.6. State Assurance: Faith-based Organizations, Charitable Groups, Community Organizations:

Describe how the State will assure local eligible entities will coordinate and form partnerships with other organizations, including faith-based organizations, charitable groups, and community organizations, according to the State's assurance under Section 676(b)(9) of the CSBG Act.

Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.9.

All of the CAAs in Indiana are required to work with various religious organizations, charitable groups and community organizations. *[Click paper clip to attach file]*

9.7 Coordination of Eligible Entity 90 Percent Funds with Public/Private Resources:

Describe how the eligible entities will coordinate CSBG 90 percent funds with other public and private resources, according to the assurance under Section 676(b)(3)(C) of the CSBG Act.

Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.3c.

The State of Indiana's fiscal controls automatically sets aside 90% of CSBG funds to CAAs that is used for direct programs for low-income citizens.

9.8. Coordination among Eligible Entities and State Community Action Association:

Describe State activities for supporting coordination among the eligible entities and the State Community Action Association.

All of the CAAs in the State of Indiana are members of The Indiana Community Action Association (INCCA). INCCA, who is contracted thru IHCDA, provides technical assistance, training, service delivery models and resources to help CAAs increase network capacity.

9.9 Communication with Eligible Entities and the State Community Action Association:

In the table below, describe the State's plan for communicating with eligible entities, the State Community Action Association, and other partners under this State Plan. Include communication about annual hearings and legislative hearings, as described under Section 4, CSBG Hearing Requirements.

Communication Plan

	Topic	Expected Frequency	Format	Brief Description of "Other"
1	State Plan	Annually	Other	Public Posting and Public Hearing
2	Annual Plan	Annually	Other	Direct
3	Trainings	Quarterly	Email	

9.10. Feedback to Eligible Entities and State Community Action Association:

Describe how the State will provide feedback to local entities and State Community Action Associations regarding performance on State Accountability Measures.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 5S(ii). The measure indicates feedback should be provided within 60 calendar days of the State getting feedback from OCS.

This information will be public record.

If this is the first year filling out the automated State Plan, skip the following question.

9.11. Performance Management Adjustment:

How is the State adjusting the Communication Plan in this State Plan as compared to past plans? Any adjustment should be based on the State's analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the State is not making any adjustments, provide further detail.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 7Sb; this response may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

Section 10: Monitoring, Corrective Action, and Fiscal Controls

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SECTION 10
Monitoring, Corrective Action, and Fiscal Controls

Monitoring of Eligible Entities
 (Section 678B(a) of the Act)

10.1. Specify the proposed schedule for planned monitoring visits - including full on-site reviews; on-site reviews of newly designated entities; follow-up reviews - including return visits to entities that failed to meet State goals, standards, and requirements; and other reviews as appropriate.

This is an estimated schedule to assist States in planning. States may indicate "no review" for entities the State does not plan to monitor in the performance period.

For States that have a monitoring approach that does not fit within the table parameters, attach the State's proposed monitoring schedule.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sa(i); this response may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

	CSBG Eligible Entity	Review Type	Target Date	Date of Last Full Onsite Review (if applicable)	Brief Description of "Other"
1	Area IV on Aging and Community Services, Inc.	No review			
2	Area V on Aging and Community Services, Inc.	Full onsite	FY1 Q3	08/24/2015	
3	Community Action of Greater Indianapolis	Full onsite	FY1 Q2	06/02/2015	
4	Community Action of Northeast Indiana	Full onsite	FY1 Q4		
5	Community Action Program Evansville	No review			
6	Community Action Program of Western Indiana	Full onsite	FY1 Q2	05/19/2015	
7	Community Action of Southern Indiana	Follow-up	FY1 Q3	07/01/2015	
8	Community and Family Services	Full onsite	FY1 Q3	06/30/2015	
9	Central Indiana Community Action Program (Job Source)	Follow-up	FY1 Q4	08/20/2015	
10	Human Services	Full onsite	FY1 Q1	03/24/2015	
11	Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation	No review			
12	Interlocal Community Action Program	Full onsite	FY1 Q4		
13	Lincoln Hills Development Corporation	No review			
14	North Central Community Action Agencies	No review			
15	Northwest Indiana Community Action Agency	No review			
16	Ohio Valley Opportunities	No review			
17	Pace Community Action Agency	Full onsite	FY1 Q2	04/14/2015	
18	Real Services	Full onsite	FY1 Q3	07/28/2015	
19	South Central Community Action Program	Full onsite	FY1 Q3		
20	Southeastern Indiana Economic Opportunity Corporation	No review			
21	Dubois-Pike-Warrick Economic Opportunity Corporation	Full onsite	FY2 Q4	06/01/2015	
22	Western Indiana Community Action Agency	No review			

10.2. Monitoring Policies:
Provide a copy of State monitoring policies and procedures by attaching and/or providing a hyperlink.

Attached

10.3. Initial Monitoring Reports:
According to the State's procedures, by how many calendar days must the State disseminate initial monitoring reports to local entities?

Note: This item is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sa(ii) and may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

Corrective Action, Termination and Reduction of Funding and Assurance Requirements
(Section 678C of the Act)

10.4. Closing Findings:

Are State procedures for addressing eligible entity findings/deficiencies and documenting the closure of findings, included in the State monitoring protocols attached above? Yes No

10.4a. If no describe State procedures for addressing eligible entity findings/deficiencies, and the documenting of the closure of findings.

N/A

10.5. Quality Improvement Plans (QIPs):

How many eligible entities are currently on Quality Improvement Plans?

Note: The QIP information is associated with State Accountability Measures 4Sc.

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10.6. Reporting of QIPs:

Describe the State's process for reporting eligible entities on QIPs to the Office of Community Services within 30 calendar days of the State approving a QIP

Note: This item is associated with State Accountability Measures 4Sa(iii).

Office of Community Services is notified at the same time that the formal notification is sent to the client/agency. Office of Community Service, also, receives a copy of the monitoring report.

10.7. Assurance on Funding Reduction or Termination:

Does the State assure, according to Section 676(b)(8), "that any eligible entity that received CSBG funding the previous fiscal year will not have its funding terminated or reduced below the proportional share of funding the entity received in the previous fiscal year unless, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing on the record, the State determines that cause exists for such termination or such reduction, subject to review by the Secretary as provided in Section 678C(b)". Yes No

Note: This response will link with the corresponding assurance under item 14.8.

Policies on Eligible Entity Designation, De-designation, and Re-designation

10.8. Does the State CSBG statute and/or regulations provide for the designation of new eligible entities? Yes No

10.8a. If yes, provide the citation(s) of the law and/or regulation. If no, describe State procedures for the designation of new eligible entities.

The Indiana Statute (IC 12-14-23-1), revised 2001, defines community action agencies and community action programs, including the components of the program (range of services). It also has tripartite board requirements, a requirement to consult neighborhood based organizations to assist in planning, conducting, and evaluating the program. The 2001 update changed the protocol for selecting new agencies and added the faith-based organization language as included in the CSBG Reauthorization Act of 1998. (See Appendix F for the Statutory Authority).

10.9. Does the State CSBG statute and/or regulations provide for de-designation of eligible entities? Yes No

10.9a. If yes, provide the citation(s) of the law and/or regulation. If no, describe State procedures for de-designation of eligible entities.

The State of Indiana's Programmatic Assurance #11 states that in the event that the State determines that an eligible entity fails to comply with the terms of an agreement or the State plan, to provide services under the Community Services Block Grant Program or to meet appropriate standards, goals, and other requirements established by the State (including performance objectives), the State will comply with the requirements outlined in Section 678C of the Act, to: a) inform the entity of the deficiency to be corrected; b) require the entity to correct the deficiency; c) offer training and technical assistance as appropriate to help correct the deficiency, and submit to the Secretary a report describing the training and technical assistance offered or stating the reasons for determining that training and technical assistance are not appropriate; d) at the discretion of the State, offer the eligible entity an opportunity to develop and implement, within 60 days after being informed of the deficiency, a quality improvement plan and to either approve the proposed plan or specify reasons why the proposed plan cannot be approved; e) after providing adequate notice and an opportunity for a hearing, initiate proceedings to terminate the designation of or reduce the funding to the eligible entity unless the entity corrects the deficiency. [678(C) (a)]

10.10. Does the State CSBG statute and/or regulations specify a process the State CSBG agency must follow to re-designate an existing eligible entity? Yes No

10.10a. If yes, provide the citation(s) of the law and/or regulation. If no, describe State procedures for re-designation of existing eligible entities.

To re-designate IHCD uses an RFP for eligible entities to apply. Once the RFPs are received by the designated due date a scoring/reviewing team chooses the top 2-3 agencies. IHCD then schedules a site visit with the chosen agencies so that they can make a formal presentation that includes their partnering organizations. Once the agency is chosen, IHCD Board must approve the recommended agency.

Fiscal Controls and Audits and Cooperation Assurance

10.11. Fiscal Controls and Accounting:

Describe how the State's fiscal controls and accounting procedures will a) permit preparation of the SF-425 Federal fiscal reports (FFR) and b) permit the tracing of expenditures adequate to ensure funds have been used appropriately under the block grant, as required by Block Grant regulations applicable to CSBG at 45 CFR 96.30(a).

Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCD) has fiscal control and fund accounting procedures necessary to assure the proper disbursement and accounting for federal funds. IHCD is the direct recipient of CSBG funds. These funds are drawn from the US Department of Health and Human Services by IHCD following receipt of claim vouchers and supporting documentation from CAAs. IHCD's accounting department is responsible for the computerized system of processing and payment of claims to the entities for their costs in the administration of the programs. IHCD's Department of Energy Programs works closely with the accounting department to verify the claim information submitted by the sub-grantee. The payments are limited to the level of the sub-grantee's budget totals and contracted allocations. Sub-grantees are required to submit program budgets, which project the amounts to be expended for administrative and program activities under Programmatic Assurances (3) above. These budgets are based on allocations of funds to the entities, and contracts are issued in the amount of the funding allocations. IHCD Board of Directors approves all contracts and grant agreements. After contracts have been executed, IHCD will pay claims based on the eligible activities outlined in the sub-grantee's budget. IHCD ensures that the cost and accounting standards of the Office of Management and Budget are accurately applied to IHCD and the sub-grantees that receive CSBG funding. IHCD uses an independent auditor who completes a program audit as well as a financial statement audit. Appropriate books, documents, papers, and records are available to the Secretary and the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives, to examine, copy, or mechanically reproduce any and all related documents upon reasonable request for the items.

10.12. Single Audit Management Decisions:

Describe State procedures for issuing management decisions for eligible entity single audits, as required by Block Grant regulations applicable to CSBG at 45

CFR Â§75.521. If these procedures are described in the State monitoring protocols attached under item 10.2, indicate the page number. [CLICK HERE FOR LINK TO 45 CFR Â§75.521](#)

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sd.

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10.13. Assurance on Federal Investigations:

Will the State "permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with Section 678D(a)" of the CSBG Act, as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(7) of the CSBG Act? Yes No

If this is the first year filling out the automated State Plan, skip the following question.

10.14. Performance Management Adjustment:

How is the State adjusting monitoring procedures in this State Plan as compared to past plans? Any adjustment should be based on the State's analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the State is not making any adjustments, provide further detail.

Note: This item is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sband may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

Section 11: Eligible Entity Tripartite Board

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SECTION 11 Eligible Entity Tripartite Board

11.1. Which of the following measures are taken to ensure that the State verifies CSBG Eligible Entities are meeting Tripartite Board requirements under Section 676B of the CSBG Act? [Check all that applies and narrative where applicable]

- Attend Board meetings
- Review copies of Board meeting minutes
- Keep a register of Board vacancies/composition
- Other

11.2. How often does the State require eligible entities (which are not on TAPs or QIPs) to provide updates (e.g., copies of meeting minutes, vacancy alerts, changes to bylaws, low-income member selection process, etc.) regarding their Tripartite Boards? [Check all that applies and narrative where applicable]

- Annually
- Semiannually
- Quarterly
- Monthly
- Other

11.3. Assurance on Eligible Entity Tripartite Board Representation:

Describe how the State will carry out the assurance under Section 676(b)(10) of the CSBG Act that the State will require eligible entities to have policies and procedures by which individuals or organizations can petition for adequate representation on an eligible entities' Tripartite Board.

Note: This response will link with the corresponding assurance, item 14.10.

The tripartite requirement is included in Indiana's statute regarding Community Action Agencies which are reviewed by IHEDA. CAAs are required to include lists of their board members, along with the sector each represents in their annual plans. This ensures adherence to the requirement, prior to each entity executing its CSBG grant agreement. Board vacancies that affect the tripartite requirement must be filled within 90 days. Twenty-one of the CAAs are private non-profit community action agencies and meet the tripartite board requirements. One agency, the only public organization receiving funds under this subtitle, is the Board of Madison County Commissioners (Jobsource). This agency has a separate Community Action Program Council which serves as the board of directors. Jobsource bylaws regarding the Tripartite Board requirement have been submitted and are on file.

11.4. Does the State permit public eligible entities to use, as an alternative to a Tripartite Board, "another mechanism specified by the State to assure decision-making and participation by low income individuals in the development, planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs" as allowed under Section 676B(b)(2) of the CSBG Act. Yes No

11.4a. If yes, describe the mechanism used by public eligible entities as an alternative to a Tripartite Board.

Section 12: Individual and Community Eligibility Requirements

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SECTION 12 Individual and Community Income Eligibility Requirements

12.1. Required Income Eligibility:

What is the income eligibility threshold for services in the State?

[Check one item below.]

125% of the HHS poverty line

X% of the HHS poverty line (fill in the threshold) % *[Response Option: numeric field]*

Varies by eligible entity

12.1a. Describe any State policy and/or procedures for income eligibility, such as treatment of income and family/household composition.

All households who apply for services are required to report all income.

12.2. Income Eligibility for General/Short-Term Services:

For services with limited in-take procedures (where individual income verification is not possible or practical), how does the State ensure eligible entities generally verify income eligibility for services? An example of these services is emergency food assistance.

Clients certify income information on a signed affidavit. Source documentation includes pay stubs, award letter, unemployment, and wage history.

12.3. Community-targeted Services:

For services that provide a community-wide benefit (e.g., development of community assets/facilities, building partnerships with other organizations), how does the State ensure eligible entities' services target and benefit low-income communities?

Annual plans must reflect that each CAAs has a presence in low-income communities; secondly CAAs are required to have a Tripartite Board of Directors so that the low-income are represented by a third of the board; thirdly, CAAs annual reports and newsletter should reflect how they are serving and reaching the low-income community; lastly CAAs should form partnerships with organizations that target the low-income community. During the CAR monitoring visit, IHEDA requests CAAs to show documentation that all of the above requirements were met during each program year.

Section 13: Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) System

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SECTION 13
Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) System

13.1. ROMA Participation:

In which performance measurement system will the State and all eligible entities participate, as required by Section 678E(a) of the CSBG Act and the assurance under Section 676(b)(12) of the CSBG Act?

Note: This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.12.

- The Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) System**
- Another performance management system that meets the requirements of Section 678E(b) of the CSBG Act**
- An alternative system for measuring performance and results.**

13.1a. If ROMA was selected in Item 13.1, attach and/or describe the State's written policies, procedures, or guidance documents on ROMA.

The State of Indiana is participating in the ROMA System. The six national goals of ROMA are addressed through the use of the direct survey and scales measures developed by the task force. Also, agencies are free to develop their own measures that deem appropriate for measuring performance under any of the six national goals. All agencies are required to submit an annual report that includes ROMA data.

13.1b. If ROMA was not selected in Item 13.1, describe the system the State will use for performance measurement. [Narrative, 2500 characters]

N/A

13.2. Indicate and describe the outcome measures the State will use to measure eligible entity performance in promoting self-sufficiency, family stability, and community revitalization, as required under Section 676(b)(12) of the CSBG Act?

Note: This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.12.

- CSBG National Performance Indicators (NPIs)**
- NPIs and others**
- Others**

13.3. How does the State support the eligible entities in using the ROMA system (or alternative performance measurement system)?

Note: The activities described under Item 13.3 may include activities... listed in "Section 8: State Training and Technical Assistance." If so, mention briefly, and/or cross-reference as needed. This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.12.

Through a contract with Indiana Community Action Association IHCDCA uses Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Funds to train ROMA trainers. In 2015 seven will be trained & in 2016 an additional five will be trained. IHCDCA is committed to providing ROMA training annually to all its sub-grantees and making trainers available to review agency strategic plans

**13.4. Eligible Entity Use of Data:
 How is the State validating that the eligible entities are using data to improve service delivery?**

Note: This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.12.

The Annual Plan requires CAAs to develop and implement strategies to measure and record improvements in the condition of low-income people and the communities in which they live that result from community action intervention. Annual Plans require CAAs to provide data that must be used to analyze outcomes and with the board and staff to determine the overall effectiveness. In addition, the Annual Plan requests documentation the CAAs inform their board of annual and long-range planning; rt agency advocacy, funding, and community partnership activities. The Annual plans are reviewed by IHCDCA.

Community Action Plans and Needs Assessments

13.5. Describe how the State will secure a Community Action Plan from each eligible entity, as a condition of receipt of CSBG funding by each entity, as required by Section 676(b)(11) of the CSBG Act.

Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.11.

CAAs are required to submit a Grantee Plan Packet which includes a Community Action Plan. The Plan must be turned in by the established due date in order for a CAA to receive the next year's funding.

13.6. State Assurance:

Describe how the State will assure that each eligible entity includes a community needs assessment for the community served (which may be coordinated with community needs assessments conducted by other programs) in each entity's Community Action Plan, as required by Section 676(b)(11) of the CSBG Act.

Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, Item 14.11.

Every three years IHCDCA coordinates the completion of a Needs Assessment for each CAA as a part of a contractual arrangement with the Indiana Community Action Association and IHCDCA. These assessments are developed and implemented by each individual agency and then are submitted to IHCDCA no later than May 31st of the following year. These assessments are kept on file by IHCDCA. The most recent needs assessments on file were completed in 2014 and submitted to IHCDCA in May of 2015. IHCDCA distributed a copy of the completed Needs Assessment in June to all of the CAAs. In addition CAAs are encouraged to complete their Needs Assessment every year to provide additional information concerning the needs of their community.

Section 14: CSBG Programmatic Assurances and Information Narrative

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SECTION 14
 CSBG Programmatic Assurances and Information Narrative
 (Section 676(b) of the CSBG Act)

14.1 Use of Funds Supporting Local Activities

CSBG Services

14.1a. 676(b)(1)(A): Describe how the State will assure "that funds made available through grant or allotment will be used -

- (A) to support activities that are designed to assist low-income families and individuals, including families and individuals receiving assistance under title IV of the Social Security Act, homeless families and individuals, migrant or seasonal farm workers, and elderly low-income individuals and families, and a description of how such activities will enable the families and individuals--
- (i) to remove obstacles and solve problems that block the achievement of self sufficiency (particularly for families and individuals who are attempting to transition off a State program carried out under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act);
 - (ii) to secure and retain meaningful employment;
 - (iii) to attain an adequate education with particular attention toward improving literacy skills of the low-income families in the community, which may include family literacy initiatives;
 - (iv) to make better use of available income;
 - (v) to obtain and maintain adequate housing and a suitable living environment;
 - (vi) to obtain emergency assistance through loans, grants, or other means to meet immediate and urgent individual and family needs;
 - (vii) to achieve greater participation in the affairs of the communities involved, including the development of public and private grassroots partnerships with local law enforcement agencies, local housing authorities, private foundations, and other public and private partners to -
- (I) document best practices based on successful grassroots intervention in urban areas, to develop methodologies for widespread replication; and
 - (II) strengthen and improve relationships with local law enforcement agencies, which may include participation in activities such as neighborhood or community policing efforts;

Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority has fiscal controls and fund accounting procedures necessary to assure the proper reimbursement and accounting for Federal funds. IHCD's accounting department uses a computerized system for processing and payment of claims to the entities for their costs incurred in the administration of the programs. IHCD's Department of Community Programs works closely with the accounting department to verify the claim documentation submitted by the CAAs. The payments are limited to the level of the CAAs budget totals and contracted allocations. CAAs receive their award letters that provides their level of funding within 7 days of the date that IHCD receives the State Award letter. The funding levels supports programs included in their annual plans that serve low-income individuals and communities.

Needs of Youth

14.1b. 676(b)(1)(B) Describe how the State will assure "that funds made available through grant or allotment will be used -

- (B) to address the needs of youth in low-income communities through youth development programs that support the primary role of the family, give priority to the prevention of youth problems and crime, and promote increased community coordination and collaboration in meeting the needs of youth, and support development and expansion of innovative community-based youth development programs that have demonstrated success in preventing or reducing youth crime, such as--
- (i) programs for the establishment of violence-free zones that would involve youth development and intervention models (such as models involving youth mediation, youth mentoring, life skills training, job creation, and entrepreneurship programs); and
 - (ii) after-school child care programs;

IHCD encourages youth programming. Eligible entities in the State of Indiana are partnering with organizations that provide youth programming for low-income households. Programs included in annual plans of the CAAs provide mentoring opportunities, summer programs, after school programs, kids food cafes.

Coordination of Other Programs

14.1c. 676(b)(1)(C) Describe how the State will assure "that funds made available through grant or allotment will be used -

- (C) to make more effective use of, and to coordinate with, other programs related to the purposes of this subtitle (including State welfare reform efforts)

CSBG funding provides eligible entities the opportunities to operate a variety of programs and provide administrative funding, including, but not limited to: WIC, Workforce Development Training, LIHEAP, Weatherization Program, Housing, Head Start and Individual Development Account.

State Use of Discretionary Funds

14.2 676(b)(2) Describe "how the State intends to use discretionary funds made available from the remainder of the grant or allotment described in section 675C(b) in accordance with this subtitle, including a description of how the State will support innovative community and neighborhood-based initiatives related to the purposes of this subtitle."

Note: The State describes this assurance under "State Use of Funds: Remainder/Discretionary," items 7.9 and 7.10

Eligible Entity Service Delivery, Coordination, and Innovation

14.3. 676(b)(3) "Based on information provided by eligible entities in the State, a description of..."

14.3a. 676(b)(3)(A) Describe "the service delivery system, for services provided or coordinated with funds made available through grants made under 675C(a), targeted to low-income individuals and families in communities within the State;

Service provided to low-income individuals and families are provided through the 22 community action agencies as listed under the Eligible Entities. These agencies cover 92 counties each in the State of Indiana. All 92 counties in Indiana are served by the 22 agencies. The distribution of funding among the agencies will depend on the number of low-income people residing in a particular county and the number of counties that a particular community action agency serves.

Eligible Entity Linkages - Approach to Filling Service Gaps

14.3b. 676(b)(3)(B) Describe "how linkages will be developed to fill identified gaps in the services, through the provision of information, referrals, case management, and followup consultations."

Note: The State describes this assurance in the State Linkages and Communication section, item 9.3b.

Coordination of Eligible Entity Allocation 90 Percent Funds with Public/Private Resources

14.3c. 676(b)(3)(C) Describe how funds made available through grants made under 675C(a) will be coordinated with other public and private resources."

Note: The State describes this assurance in the State Linkages and Communication section, item 9.7.

Eligible Entity Innovative Community and Neighborhood Initiatives, Including Fatherhood/Parental Responsibility

14.3d. 676(b)(3)(D) Describe "how the local entity will use the funds [made available under Section 675C(a)] to support innovative community and neighborhood-based initiatives related to the purposes of this subtitle, which may include fatherhood initiatives and other initiatives with the goal of strengthening families and encouraging parenting."

Note: The description above is about eligible entity use of 90 percent funds to support these initiatives. States may also support these types of activities at the local level using State remainder/discretionary funds, allowable under Section 675C(b)(1)(F). In this State Plan, the State indicates funds allocated for these activities under item 7.9(f).

IHCDA uses Community Services Black Grant Discretionary Funds to provide opportunities for eligible entities the opportunity to provide innovative programs that may be unique to their communities.

Eligible Entity Emergency Food and Nutrition Services

14.4. 676(b)(4) Describe how the State will assure "that eligible entities in the State will provide, on an emergency basis, for the provision of such supplies and services, nutritious foods, and related services, as may be necessary to counteract conditions of starvation and malnutrition among low-income individuals."

As a part of their Annual Plan CAAs are required to indicate whether they provide emergency food and nutrition services or whether they have a referral system in place.

State and Eligible Entity Coordination/linkages and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Employment and Training Activities

14.5. 676(b)(5) Describe how the State will assure "that the State and eligible entities in the State will coordinate, and establish linkages between, governmental and other social services programs to assure the effective delivery of such services, and [describe] how the State and the eligible entities will coordinate the provision of employment and training activities, as defined in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, in the State and in communities with entities providing activities through statewide and local workforce development systems under such Act."

Note: The State describes this assurance in the State Linkages and Communication section, items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3a, 9.4, 9.4a, and 9.4b.

State Coordination/Linkages and Low-income Home Energy Assistance

14.6. 676(b)(6) Provide "an assurance that the State will ensure coordination between antipoverty programs in each community in the State, and ensure, where appropriate, that emergency energy crisis intervention programs under title XXVI (relating to low income home energy assistance) are conducted in such community."

Note: The State describes this assurance in the State Linkages and Communication section, items 9.2 and 9.5.

Federal Investigations

14.7. 676(b)(7) Provide "an assurance that the State will permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with section 678D."

Note: The State addresses this assurance in the Fiscal Controls and Monitoring section, item 10.13.

Funding Reduction or Termination

14.8. 676(b)(8) Provide "an assurance that any eligible entity in the State that received funding in the previous fiscal year through a community services block grant made under this subtitle will not have its funding terminated under this subtitle, or reduced below the proportional share of funding the entity received in the previous fiscal year unless, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing on the record, the State determines that cause exists for such termination or such reduction, subject to review by the Secretary as provided in section 678C(b)."

Note: The State addresses this assurance in the Fiscal Controls and Monitoring section, item 10.7.

Coordination with Faith-based Organizations, Charitable Groups, Community Organizations

14.9. 676(b)(9) Describe how the State will assure "that the State and eligible entities in the State will, to the maximum extent possible, coordinate programs with and form partnerships with other organizations serving low-income residents of the communities and members of the groups served by the State, including religious organizations, charitable groups, and community organizations."

Note: The State describes this assurance in the State Linkages and Communication section, item 9.6.

Eligible Entity Tripartite Board Representation

14.10. 676(b)(10) Describe how "the State will require each eligible entity in the State to establish procedures under which a low-income individual, community organization, or religious organization, or representative of low-income individuals that considers its organization, or low-income individuals, to be inadequately represented on the board (or other mechanism) of the eligible entity to petition for adequate representation."

Note: The State describes this assurance in the Eligible Entity Tripartite Board section, 11.3.

Eligible Entity Community Action Plans and Community Needs Assessments

14.11. 676(b)(11) Provide "an assurance that the State will secure from each eligible entity in the services block grant made under this subtitle for a program, a community action plan (which shall be submitted to the Secretary, at the request of the Secretary, with the State plan) that includes a community-needs assessment for the community served, which may be coordinated with community-needs assessments conducted for other programs."

Note: The State describes this assurance in the ROMA section, items 13.5 and 13.6.

State and Eligible Entity Performance Measurement: ROMA or Alternate system

14.12. 676(b)(12) Provide "an assurance that the State and all eligible entities in the State will, not later than fiscal year 2001, participate in the Results Oriented Management and Accountability System, another performance measure system for which the Secretary facilitated development pursuant to 678E(b), or an alternative system for measuring performance and results that meets the requirements of that section, and [describe] outcome measures to be used to measure eligible entity performance in promoting self-sufficiency, family stability, and community revitalization."

Note: The State describes this assurance in the ROMA section, items 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, and 13.4.

Validation for CSBG Eligible Entity Programmatic Narrative Sections

14.13. 676(b)(13) Provide "information describing how the State will carry out the assurances described in this section."

Note: The State provides information for each of the assurances directly in section 14 or in corresponding items throughout the State Plan, which are included as hyperlinks in section 14.



By checking this box, the State CSBG authorized official is certifying the assurances set out above.

Section 15: Federal Certifications

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SECTION 15
Federal Certifications

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The box after each certification must be checked by the State CSBG authorized official.

15.1. Lobbying

After assurance select a check box:

By checking this box, the State CSBG authorized official is providing the certification set out above.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988: 45 CFR Part 76,

Subpart, F. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.645 (a)(1) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central point is: Division of Grants Management and Oversight, Office of Management and Acquisition, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 517-D, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201.

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Instructions for Certification)

 1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.

 2. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.

 3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.

 4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.

 5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need to be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.

 6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).

 7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).

 8. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

Controlled substance means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);.

Conviction means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes;

Criminal drug statute means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

Employee means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All direct charge employees; (ii) All indirect charge employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and, (iii) Temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about - -

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will - -

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted - -

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

(B) The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

(a) The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;

(b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

15.2. Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

After assurance select a check box:



By checking this box, the State CSBG authorized official is providing the certification set out above.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - -
Primary Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

 2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

 3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

 4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

 5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

 6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

 7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusive-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions

 8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

 9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a