HUD Releases Final Block Grant Allocations for FY 2011

On May 27, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the final Fiscal Year 2011 block grant allocations to approximately 1,200 state and local governments under the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and the Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG). To view the allocations for State of Illinois programs, and for local Illinois units of government go to www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/budget/budget11/ and click on Illinois. (Note the link on that page to the free Microsoft Excel viewer, if you don’t have Excel.)

The FY 2011 Continuing Resolution significantly reduced funding for the CDBG and HOME programs compared to last year. The CDBG overall funding was reduced by more than $600 million or approximately 16.5 percent while the HOME program funding was reduced by more than $200 million or approximately 11.7 percent.

HUD’s FY 2011 formula-based block grant program allocations total approximately $5.4 billion, including:

- $3.3 billion in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds;
- $1.6 billion in HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funding;
- $160 million in Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG);

(SNAPS Plan for Balance of FY11)

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) has detailed its plan for homeless assistance programs for the rest of fiscal year (FY) 2011. The major points of the plan are as follows:

- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Implementation: HUD expects to receive at least $65 million in additional funding for this program, which would mean the total amount available for allocation would be at least $225 million. HUD will allocate $160 million immediately; the remainder will be allocated once an ESG rule has been published.

Continuum of Care Competition & HEARTH Act Implementation: The Continuum of Care (CoC) competition and Rural Housing Stability programs described in the HEARTH Act will not be implemented in FY 2011 due to a lack of

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IDHS Bureau of Homeless Services & Supportive Housing:
Completing the Quarterly Report

Wednesday, June 29, 2011
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

The IDHS Bureau of Homeless Services & Supportive Housing quarterly report is the only means you have to show your funder what your program is accomplishing. The quarterly reports are compiled into a comprehensive document provided to our legislators to show them the value of supportive housing, which makes it extremely important that you correctly report all of the information required in the quarterly report. Join this webinar for a step by step walk through of the IDHS quarterly report.

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Reentry Council Website, “MythBuster” Series

Federal Interagency Reentry Council Launches Website, Releases “MythBuster” Series

Reentry has a tremendous impact not only on the criminal justice system, but also on public health, housing, the work force, education, families, and communities. Reflecting the federal government’s commitment to addressing reentry challenges in a multidisciplinary manner, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder has assembled a Cabinet-level interagency Reentry Council comprised of 18 federal departments and agencies. The Reentry Council will support the federal government’s reentry efforts by enhancing communication, coordination, and collaboration across the federal government. Reentry Council partners are working together to increase public safety, assist those returning from prison and jail in becoming productive citizens, and save taxpayer dollars by lowering the direct and collateral costs of incarceration.

The Reentry Council has now launched its official website (www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/reentry-council), which is housed within the larger website of the National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC) (www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/). There you can access information created by the Reentry Council, learn about the Council’s goals and composition, and identify agency contacts.

The Reentry Council has also released a set of “Reentry MythBusters,” (www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/reentry-council/activities) one pagers designed to clarify existing federal policies that affect formerly incarcerated individuals and their families. The MythBusters cover topics critical to reentry, such as public housing, access to federal benefits, parental rights, employer incentives, and more. As the MythBusters show, some federal laws and policies are narrower than is commonly perceived, as is the case with public housing and food assistance benefits. States and localities often have broad discretion in determining how policies are applied and/or have various opt-out provisions.

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Making the Connection

Food Destroyed Due to Fire, Flood or Natural Disaster

By Kathryn Nelson

The authors of this column welcome your comments and questions. See contact information at the end of the article.

Recently Illinois residents have been hit hard with severe flooding and tornadoes. I want to let you know about a few resources available through IDHS that could help offset the costs of replacing food and possessions lost due these or other disasters.

First let’s look at the benefits available to individuals who receive SNAP benefits. Individuals can request replacement SNAP benefits to help cover the loss of food purchased with SNAP benefits that is destroyed due to a fire, flood, tornado, other devastating event, or due to a power outage that lasts more than 4 hours.

- The individual affected, or their approved representative, can contact the IDHS caseworker within 10 calendar days of the event to request replacement.
- The caseworker needs to verify the disaster, or event such as a fire. If the disaster is verified the worker then can provide replacement food assistance not to exceed the monthly SNAF benefit normally received.

If a person receives TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) they can also request TANF Crisis Assistance benefits. The Crisis Assistance request is made with IDHS TANF caseworker. If approved limited help can be provided to:

- Replace clothing, furniture and household supplies that have been destroyed in a fire, flood or natural disaster
- Assist with food lost in a fire, flood or natural disaster up until the SNAP benefit is able to be received

The state has filed with the Federal government a request to declare the counties of Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hardin, Jackson, Lawrence, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski,

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**NOFA: Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS**

**General:**

**Agency Name:** Department of Housing and Urban Development  
**Funding Opportunity Number:** FR-5500-N-13  
**Posted Date:** May 18, 2011  
**Current Closing Date for Applications:** Aug 02, 2011  
**Estimated Total Program Funding:** $9,100,000  
**Award Ceiling:** $1,375,000  
**CFDA Number(s):** 14.241 — Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS  
**Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:** No

**Description:**

Grants funded under this initiative will advance HUD’s implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS). This NOFA also addresses the Department’s Fiscal Year 2010-2015 Strategic Plan and the Opening Doors Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. These actions address goals to: prevent and end homelessness; increase the supply of affordable housing; and increase the coordination of mainstream housing resources and other health and human services. This NOFA announces funds available for projects that address both:

1. Direct housing assistance and service delivery to low income persons and families living with HIV/AIDS, including homeless individuals and families; and
2. Comprehensive planning and coordination of local resources in meeting housing and service needs of the population.

As a result of project efforts, communities will be assisted in the development and use of an Integrated HIV/AIDS Housing Plan (IHHP) to be issued at the end of the third year of operation. The IHHP is an administrative function and should demonstrate local system changes in

**Certification of Children for Free School Meals**

**Agency:** Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).  
**Action:** Interim rule with request for comments.

**Summary:** This rule amends the regulations affecting the determination of children’s eligibility for free meals under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program by direct certification and categorical eligibility. Conforming changes and miscellaneous technical changes are also made, as appropriate, for the Special Milk Program for Children, the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Service Program. The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Reauthorization Act) amended the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require local educational agencies to conduct direct certification in conjunction with the Food Stamp Program, which is now called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Under the direct certification process, a local educational agency obtains documentation of a child’s receipt of SNAP benefits from the State or local SNAP office. This rule also incorporates provisions from the Reauthorization Act concerning the certification of certain children who are homeless, runaway, or migratory. This rule affects State agencies administering SNAP and the Child Nutrition Programs; local offices administering SNAP; local program operators that administer the School Nutrition Programs; and low income households with school age children. The rule is intended to improve school meal program access for low-income children, reduce paperwork for households and program administrators, and improve the integrity of the free and reduced price meal certification process.

**Effective date:** This rule is effective June 24, 2011.  
**Comments on rule provisions:** Mailed comments on the provisions in this rule must be postmarked on or before October 24, 2011; e-mailed or faxed comments must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on October 24, 2011; and hand-delivered comments must be received by 5 p.m. October 24, 2011 to be assured of consideration. Comments on Paperwork Reduction Act requirements: Comments on the information collection requirements associated with this rule must be received by June 24, 2011.

**For further information, contact:**
Address any questions to Julie Brewer, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302 or by telephone at 703-305-2590. A regulatory cost-benefit analysis was completed for this rule. It will be available at http://www.regulations.gov as part of the docket history for this interim rule.

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The delivery of housing and services. Grantees are expected to provide housing assistance to eligible persons in their communities while concurrently examining and comprehensively integrating local services for coordinating and streamlining where possible the delivery of those services in your community.

**Eligible Applicants:**

States, units of general local government, including Public Housing authorities, and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. These resources will allow States and localities for forge new partnerships, including involving Public Housing Authorities, to devise place-based comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of low-income persons with HIV/AIDS. Grant recipients will conduct comprehensive planning for the integration of housing and non-medical supportive services into wider local planning efforts. The results of these efforts will be published in the IHHP. The IHHP is envisioned as a collaborative process that will improve the systematic delivery of housing and services to low-income individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS in your community and serves as a model for similar communities across the U.S. Grant recipients must plan to sustain of their project through coordinated local and regional planning efforts.

To view a synopsis, the full notice, and the application, go to https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms_apps_idx.html and search for CFDA Number 14.241 — Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS.

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Randolph, Saline, White and Williamson be designated as federal disaster areas. If these counties are declared federal disaster areas then residents of the disaster areas will be able to apply for Disaster Food Assistance (D-SNAP). Usually the D-SNAP application is done at the local IDHS Family Community Resource Center (FCRC). If there are special application sites established media and area disaster agencies as well as the FCRC will be able to let you know where the application can be done. Individuals who receive regular SNAP benefits can also apply to see if they are eligible for additional benefits.

To be eligible for D-SNAP the person applying usually has to specific criteria:

- Be an Illinois resident who lived in the area that the federal government has designated a disaster area at the time the disaster happened.
- Intend to purchase food and prepare meals during the benefit period that is set in the federal disaster declaration.

Have adjusted income no greater than the special limits for household size set for the program.

As a result of the disaster, the person also must have experienced at least one of the following:

- Damage or destruction to home or business; or
- Have disaster-related expenses which have been paid or will be paid during the disaster period and will not be reimbursed during the disaster. Disaster-related expenses include, but are not limited to dependent care expenses; repairs to home or other property; funeral or medical expenses; moving and storage costs; temporary shelter costs; costs to protect property; clean up expenses. These expenses are deducted from any income and available assets to determine the amount of income that will be compared to the D-SNAP income limits.

- Loss or inaccessibility to income due to reduction of hours, termination, or delay in receipt of income or;
- Inaccessibility of liquid assets for example due to financial institutions being closed.

Individuals will need to provide proof of identity and residence. Applications are not to be denied if unable to prove residence due to the circumstances of the evacuation. Income and asset verification is not required. The best estimate will be able to be used.

*The DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization focused on advocacy and planning in DuPage County, Illinois and designer and trainer of Making the Connection: A Guide to Accessing Public Benefits. The DuPage Federation is affiliated with Northern Illinois University, Center for Governmental Studies. Questions can be directed to knelson@dupagefederation.org*
HOME Investment Partnerships Program

HOME (HOME Investment Partnerships Program) is the largest federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to produce affordable housing for low-income families. Since 1992, HOME has produced 381,883 rental units, assisted 428,373 homebuyers, rehabilitated 197,780 owner-occupied units, and helped 242,768 tenants. In the past two decades, HOME produced more than one million homes for low income families. HOME funding is cost-effective, leveraging nearly $4 in other investments for each HOME dollar spent.

Emergency Shelter Grants (Emergency Solutions Grants)

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) provides homeless persons with basic shelter and essential supportive services. It can assist with the operational costs of the shelter facility, and for the administration of the grant. ESG also provides short-term homeless prevention assistance to persons at imminent risk of losing their own housing due to eviction, foreclosure, or utility shutoffs. HUD will allocate ESG funds in a two-stage process: (1) $160 million will be immediately allocated under the existing Emergency Shelter Grants regulations; and (2) at least $65 million will be allocated once HUD publishes the new Emergency Solutions Grant regulations.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

HUD’s Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grants are distributed to states and cities based on the number of AIDS cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The grants provide resources for operating community residences and providing rental assistance and support services to individuals with HIV/AIDS and their families. In addition, the HOPWA program also helps many communities develop strategic AIDS housing plans and fill in gaps in local systems of care. A stable home environment is a critical component for low-income persons managing complex drug therapies and potential side effects from their treatments.

For further information, visit the HUD web site at www.hud.gov.

Mythbuster

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These Reentry MythBusters demonstrate how the Reentry Council is working to develop coordinated reentry strategies to reduce crime and enhance individual and community well-being. These efforts build on the considerable resources (www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/national-criminal-justice-initiatives-map) that the federal government is already investing in states and localities to support successful reentry and reintegration.

For further information, contact the National Alliance To End Homelessness at the address in Headlines Directory.
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(formerly The Commerce Foundation)
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Kansas City, MO 64106-1809
Contact: Michael D. Fields, Pres.
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Type of Grantmaker: Company-sponsored foundation
Limitations: Giving primarily in areas of company operations in west central IL, KS, and MO. No support for private foundations or non-501(c)(3) organizations. No grants to individuals, or for loans or matching gifts.

Financial Data: (Year ended 12/31/09):
Total giving: $1,413,736
Giving activities include: $1,413,736 for 800 grants (high: $231,276; low: $80)
Number of Staff: Six staff shared with five other foundations

Purpose and Activities: The foundation supports organizations involved with arts and culture, education, health, human services, and civic affairs. Fields of Interest: Education, Health care, Human services, Public affairs, United Ways and Federated Giving Programs

Types of Support: Annual campaigns, Building/renovation, Capital campaigns, Conferences/seminars, Continuing support, Curriculum development, Emergency funds, Equipment, General/operating support, Professorships, Program development, Scholarship funds, Seed money.

Application Information: Application form not required. Initial approach: Proposal to nearest company facility address. A full proposal may be requested. A site visit may be requested. Support is limited to one contribution per organization during any given three-year period for grants of over $10,000. Support is limited to three years for multi-year grants. Organizations receiving support are asked to provide a final report. Application form not required. Initial approach: Letter of inquiry to nearest company facility; contact foundation for major campaign requests. Copies of proposal: 1. Board meeting date(s): January, March, June, and September. Deadline(s): None.

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Fifth Third Ctr., M. D. 1090CA
Cincinnati, OH 45263-0001
Telephone: (513) 534-4397
Contact: Heidi B. Jark, Mgr.
Fax: (513) 534-0960
URL: https://www.53.com/wps/portal/av/?New_WCM_Context=/wps/wcm/connect/FifthThirdSite/About+53/In+the+Community

Type of Grantmaker: Company-sponsored foundation.
Limitations: Giving primarily in areas of company operations including Chicago, IL, St. Louis, MO. No support for publicly-supported organizations or government agencies; generally, no support for elementary schools. No grants to individuals (except for employee-related scholarships), or for capital campaigns for individual churches.

Financial Data: (Year ended 9/30/09):
Total giving: $4,014,053
Giving activities include: $4,014,053 for 576 grants (high: $450,000; low: $25)
Number of Staff: Two staff shared with seven other foundations

Purpose and Activities: The foundation supports organizations involved with arts and culture, education, health, human services, and community development. Fields of Interest: Community/economic development, Education, Health care, Human services.


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Chicago, IL 60613-2599
Telephone: (773) 360-5412
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URL: www.frankelfamilyfoundation.org/index.aspx

Type of Grantmaker: Independent foundation
Limitations: Giving primarily in Chicago and Evanston, IL. No grants to individuals.

Financial Data: (Year ended 10/31/09):
Total giving: $593,123
Giving activities include: $593,123 for 51 grants (high: $46,666; low: $1,000)

Fields of Interest: Children/youth, services; Education; Environment; Human services.

Types of Support: Annual campaigns, Building/renovation, Capital campaigns, Conferences/seminars, Consulting services, Continuing support, Curriculum development, Debt reduction, Emergency funds, Endowments, Equipment, Fellowships, General/operating support, Internship funds, Land acquisition, Matching/challenge support, Professorships, Program development, Publication, Research, Scholarship funds, Seed money. Technical assistance.

Application Information: Full proposals by invitation only; application guidelines available on foundation web site. Initial approach: Letter of inquiry. Deadline(s): None. Final notification: Within six weeks.
Homeless Headlines

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Headlines Directory

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Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
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Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
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Coalition of Citizens Against Domestic Violence
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