

Community Service Block Grant

CSBG PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- ❖ The Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) is a stream of federal funding that works to ameliorate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities through local Community Action Partnership (CAP) organizations. CSBG is the main infrastructure grant for CAP agencies.
- ❖ Maximum benefit for CSBG is \$1,000.
- ❖ Total household FPL cannot exceed 125% for CSBG.
- ❖ Waccamaw, EOC Inc. CSBG Program consists of our GEAP, Housing, Employment, and Youth Employment Training Program (YETS).

GEAP Program

- ❖ GEAP is defined as General Emergency Assistance Program.
- ❖ Maximum benefit is \$1,000. Candidates must meet the 125% Poverty Guideline.
- ❖ Services include eviction notice assistance, burnout assistance, and relocation assistance.
- ❖ All services require a 30 day emergency. Examples include, loss of job, burnout, homelessness, and emergency home or vehicle repair.

Housing Program

- ❖ Waccamaw EOC Inc. Housing Program allows the agency to assist individuals who are able to show they can maintain stability, obtain safe and affordable housing.
- ❖ Individuals can receive up to \$1,000 for deposits and/or first month's rent. Individuals must meet the 125% Poverty Guideline.
- ❖ Individuals must have working income or proof that their Social Security/Retirement Benefits are enough to sustain.

Employment Program

- ❖ Waccamaw EOC Inc. Employment Program is designed to assist customers with furthering their education in order to obtain better employment opportunities.
- ❖ Candidates may receive funding to attend and complete courses, take certification exams, and purchase equipment for courses.
- ❖ Maximum benefit is \$1,000 and customers must meet the 125% Poverty Guideline.

YETS PROGRAM

- ❖ YETS is defined as Youth Employment Training Skills. The purpose of Waccamaw EOC., Inc.'s Youth Training Program is to involve and prepare youths to be a part of an everyday work force.
- ❖ The program's goal is to place high school students at local businesses in Williamsburg, Horry, and Georgetown Counties.

- ❖ Youths will work Monday-Thursday (5) hours per day, (20) hours per week, over an (8) week period. Two weeks will be dedicated to training and building character with Youth advisors. The remaining six weeks will take place at selected worksites.
- ❖ All youth are paid through our CSBG Program.
- ❖ All households must meet the 125% Poverty Guideline.

Health and Wellness

- ❖ Waccamaw EOC Inc. Health & Wellness Program will assist with direct medical services to low-income households, elderly, disabled, unemployed, and underemployed individuals, who are faced with life threatening medical emergencies.
- ❖ Maximum benefit is \$1,000. Candidates must meet the 125% Poverty Guideline.
- ❖ Services include, dental care, eye exams and or eye glasses, physical exams, and needed immunizations.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

LIHEAP Program Overview

- ❖ The purpose of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is to assist low-income households that pay a high portion of household income for home energy needs.
- ❖ Vulnerable Households: Households with frail older individuals with disabilities, or very young children that meet LIHEAP income-eligibility guidelines.
- ❖ LIHEAP consists of our Direct Assistance Program (DA) and the Emergency Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP).

Direct Assistance (DA)

- ❖ DA is designed to provide financial assistance to help avert, prevent, deter and avoid utility crisis.
- ❖ Maximum benefit for DA is \$500 and customers must meet the 150% poverty guideline.
- ❖ Elderly and/or disabled household with official, documented proof of the disability may receive Direct Assistance funds to pay for emergency services if the household will gain a larger benefit.
- ❖ DA funds may also be used to pay pre-payment accounts.

ECIP

- ❖ ECIP is defined as Emergency Crisis Intervention Program. This program is designed to assist in sudden, urgent, and unexpected situations.
- ❖ Maximum benefit for ECIP is \$1,000 and customers must meet the 150% poverty guideline.
- ❖ A termination or final notice alone does not constitute an emergency nor justify an ECIP payment. Files must clearly justify the emergency.
- ❖ Examples of an emergency include burn-outs, extreme increase in utility bill, job loss, unemployment, and vehicle/home repairs.