

Community Services Block Grant

Purpose of Funds: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Services, has identified that these dollars will be used in the areas of employment, education, better use of available income, housing, nutrition, emergency services and or health to combat the central causes of poverty. Special emphasis is being placed on using these dollars for employment, specifically, job training.

Receiving Department: Department of Human Services

Amount: \$1,712,602

Type of Grant: Formula

Estimated Jobs Created/Retained: 1 direct job will be created; 166 jobs will be created.

Number of People Served: 612 people will be served. The ways they will be served will vary from program to program. Some will be undergoing job training and be kept out of poverty and homelessness. Some veterans will be serviced as will many youth.

Public Process:

Denver Human Services prepared a proposal with the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board and presented to City Council Neighborhood, Community and Business Revitalization Committee on May 26, 2009. The plan was submitted to the Department of Local Affairs for approval.

Proposed Spending:

The Community Services Block Grant will provide aid to those struggling with unemployment and the problems related to job loss by giving money to the following projects through their grant agencies:

1. **Bayaud Industries, Inc.** – This community based organization will receive \$400,000 to provide paid job training and job placement for 40 individuals who are either homeless or transitioning out of homelessness. The goal is for at least 28 of these 40 individuals in the program to find competitive, unsubsidized employment after completing job training.
2. **Center for Work Education and Employment (Mi Casa and SHALOM)** – This community based organization will receive \$400,000 to provide training in high demand occupations such as the construction and medical service industries. It is estimated that 143 clients will receive services and 88 clients will acquire jobs because of this training.
3. **Denver Health** – This grant provides \$400,000 to Denver Health's Medical Coding Training Program which allows for 50 clients to be trained, 30 of which will be eligible for employment at Denver Health upon completion of the program.
4. **AmeriCorps** – AmeriCorps, a program within the Denver Department of Human Services, will receive \$151,000 to add 1 additional AmeriCorps staff member and also to provide for youth support services. This grant will enable AmeriCorps to serve an additional 200 youth and provide additional employment and support services for those they already serve.
5. **Denver Road to Work** – As a program within the Denver Department of Human Services, Denver Road to Work will receive \$50,000 in stipends and support services funding to serve 60 clients. These 60 community members will conduct paid job shadowing in order to gain experience. In addition, the grant provides bus passes and mental health coverage to enable community members to get to work and remain employed.
6. **Denver Veteran Services Program** – Denver Veteran Services Program, another program within the Denver Department of Human Services, will receive \$50,000 for support services that will be offered within the community for an estimated 75 veterans. Services include transportation to work and providing the necessary clothing and tools for veterans to do their jobs.
7. **Denver Office of Economic Development (OED)** – The Denver OED is an agency within the City of Denver's Division of Workforce Employment. The OED will receive \$260,466 from the Community Services Block Grant to conduct subsidized work experience training for an estimated 44 families who receive benefits from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.