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Social Services Block Grant 2020
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Q&A

- Q1- Dottie Gove: Has this plan changed from previous years or is it the same
A1- Similar, updated, no major changes
- Q2- Dottie Gove: BEAS block grant figure for last year?
A2- BEAS request for 2019 was \$4,786,464. Total SSBG Allocation to NH was \$6,537,095.
- Q3 - Dottie Gove: How does federal government determine amount State receives? NH is the second oldest state; can you ask for an aging population?
A3- SSBG funds are allocated to states according to the relative size of each state's population.
- Q4- Cheryl Steinberg: As people get older, could support services under BEAS include financial services? Could help keep them in their home.
A4- Thank you for the suggestion. BEAS will explore this approach and research if it is allowable under SSBG guidelines.
- Q5- Mary Ann Ferguson: If you have questions about the RFP or the grant should we send to Erika?
A5- Yes
- Q6 - Jennifer Ho-Sue: Another essential service is transportation. It' a barrier- even if for doctor appointments. Can this be funded using SSBG?
A6- Yes, states may choose transportation as an allowable expenditure of SSBG.
- Q7- Jennifer Seyer - Is Department open to expanding the number of organizations that they are contracting with relating to Title XX? BDS Title XX services programming for elders—how to make it easier for people to understand, public gets confused.
A7- See Section B parts 1 and 2 of the narrative for a description of how New Hampshire determines use & distribution of SSBG funds.

1. Description of Criteria for Distribution - Describe the State's criteria for allocation of SSBG funds to State entities.

The State uses a combination of historical data and current programmatic budget/needs to determine the allocation of SSBG funds to divisions. Requests for funding are submitted to the Department by divisions (OLRS, DLTS, and DCYF), our SSBG application is submitted, in accordance with ACF guidance, and upon notice, the funds are distributed to divisions based on that combination.

2. Distribution and Use of Funds - Describe the planning process for determining the State's use and distribution of SSBG funds.

As described above, the Department's divisions will submit a request for use of SSBG funds for programmatic activities. The requests are incorporated into the State's SSBG application. Upon notice of award, the department will review the divisional requests to determine the use of the funds – based on historical data and programmatic need.

Q8- Dottie Gove: Plan starts July first, application due Sept. Why?

A8- Federal ACF allow states to either report on the federal or the state fiscal year. NH chooses to report on SFY.

Q9- MaryAnn Ferguson- if granted funding, granted in Sept, can unused funds go in the next fiscal year.

A9- Carry over or forward (when appropriate) are included on line 30 of state's Pre-Expenditure Report.

Q10- Heidi Petzold- is this for one or two year expenditure

A10- One year