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*Community Service Block Grant*

*2022 Annual report for Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments*

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UAACOG receives Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) funding. This is Federal funding that is given to the State of Colorado through the Office of Community Services. The State of Colorado then grants that funding to local agencies. Our agency is a recipient of this important funding. With this funding we serve Fremont and Chaffee Counties and subgrant a portion of the funding to Lake County Public Health and Custer County Department of Human Services. The purpose of this funding is to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty. Currently our scope of services offers assistance with rent, mortgage, utilities (to include propane and firewood), medical costs, dental costs, minor car and home repairs. This funding has proven to be a valuable resource for the citizens in the four counties that we serve. With glowing and humbling customer service feedback, this funding has proven to improve the lives that received the benefit of the program. From eviction and foreclosure avoidance to improved physical and financial well-being. Currently this program offers to income qualified families a maximum grant of \$1000.00 once in five years paid directly to vendors. We also partner with other internal and external programs and agencies to further assist a client/ family's needs. These programs include Area Agency on Aging, Loaves and Fishes Ministries, Fremont County Sheriff's Office Victims Advocacy, Chaffee County COC, Section 8, Colorado Workforce Center, Head Start and more.

During the pandemic, the Office of Community Services provided additional funding to further support low-income individuals and families. This funding was called Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, also known as CARES. This funding was used to further support our four counties during an unprecedented time. CARES funding offered income qualified individuals and families a maximum grant of \$1500.00. The last of this funding was spent in 2022.

CSBG funding spent in 2022:

	Fremont	Chaffee	Custer	Lake	UAACOG Admin	Total
CSBG	\$60,230.27	\$5,166.00	\$6,423.81	\$9,000.00	\$36,954.22	\$117,774.30
CSBG CARES	\$6,605.74	\$10,935.54	\$3,249.00	\$2,914.00	\$18,396.82	\$42,101.10

*CSBG and CSBG CARES funding did not require any match in 2022.*

2022 CSBG recipients:

	Fremont	Chaffee	Custer	Lake	Total
Single Persons	28	4	7	2	41
2 Adults 0 Children	9	-	2	2	13
Single parent females	20	2	1	1	24
Single parent males	4	-	-	-	4
2 parent households	15	-	1	3	19
Total individuals in the home	187	10	21	25	243

2022 CSBG CARES recipients:

	Fremont	Chaffee	Custer	Lake	Total
Single Persons	2	4	3	-	9
2 Adults 0 Children	-	-	1	-	1
Single parent females	-	4	-	2	6
Single parent males	2	1	-	-	3
2 parent households	3	-	2	-	5
Total individuals in the home	20	21	12	9	62

Total 2022 CSBG services (includes all four counties):

Rent	Mortgage	Utilities	Temp Housing	Dental	Auto repair	Medical	Appliances	Vision
67	3	31	2	5	3	2	2	1

Total 2022 CSBG CARES services (includes all four counties):

Rent	Mortgage	Utilities	Temp Housing	Dental	Auto repair	Medical	Appliances	Vision
13	2	8	-	3	-	-	1	-

2022 anonymous testimony/ feedback from customer satisfaction surveys:

*"The funding 'kept' me from being homeless."*

*"Receiving this grant has given me a month of peace from worrying about how I will pay the mortgage. I can instead focus on my recovery from a long illness. I am grateful for receiving it and for the compassion and kindness I was treated with."*

*"Awesome help"*

*"My mom is on oxygen which causes her to get cavities. She doesn't have dental insurance. This emergency money helped save 3 teeth as well as paying for her x-rays, dental cleaning and fillings. She had not had a cleaning or dental care in a while."*

*"Everyone was so kind and understanding, helpful with my situation. The front desk lady asked me if there was anything else they could help me with, and Sam thought of other programs that could help me through my surgery and recovery. Very kind and didn't make me feel humiliated. Thank you!"*

*"Samantha Hughes is an asset to our community! She was very kind and helped me so much."*

*"Samantha was an awesome big help for our family."*

*"I needed dentures so badly and this helped immensely. Thank you so much!"*

*"By replacing my furnace, I will be warm this winter. Thank you very much."*