
Community Service Block Grant

2023 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.

CSBG funding spent in 2023:

	Fremont	Chaffee	Custer	Lake	UAACOG Admin	Total
CSBG	\$35,092.25	\$16,081.85	\$11,559.28	\$7,000.00	\$34,701.75	\$104,435.13

2023 CSBG recipients:

	Fremont	Chaffee	Custer	Lake	Total
Single Persons	16	18	14	5	53
2 Adults 0 Children	4	-	1	-	5
Single parent females	16	4	2	2	24
Single parent males	3	-	-	-	3
2 parent households	6	-	2	-	8
Total individuals in the home	108	31	29	11	179

Total 2023 CSBG services (includes all four counties):

Rent	Mortgage	Utilities	Temp Housing	Dental	Auto repair	Medical	Appliances	Vision
105	9	40	5	5	11	4	-	-

2023 anonymous testimony/ feedback from customer satisfaction surveys:

"It helped me get out of the hole."

"So much help I get \$1107 in SSI, rent and bills not much left. I thank you with all my heart."

"Samantha and Lyndsey have been amazing. I found myself getting custody of 4 grandkids 15-5 yrs and I couldn't have done it without the help of the community. Thank you!"

"Thank you so much for helping fix my car. It is now safe to drive and I no longer have to worry. I cannot get to and from interviews and work once I find another job. Samantha was such a wonderful help in making this happen and my son and I appreciate all you have done. Thank you and God Bless you. We are so grateful and feel beyond blessed."

"It was a blessing. I needed new tires and I wasn't sure how I was going to pay for them. You are Angels."

"We've struggled for months to keep our electric on and it only gotten further behind."

"Your help was greatly appreciated. I could not have done this without it."

"I was 'amazed' they could help me with my rent!"

"I was very pleased with the quickness, politeness and the help with keeping a roof over my head."

"I am on fixed income so it really helped me.

"The payment of my rent gives me a little breathing room."

"Thank you Samantha for caring enough to provide your time and help."