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SECTION 1: CSBG Administrative Information

For the purposes of the CARES Act, the Office of Community Services is accepting an abbreviated State Plan as a supplement to provide additional information to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 CSBG State Plan.

1.1. Identify the Submission Date of your FFY2020 CSBG State Plan: [08/31/2018]

Note: This information can be found on the Report Status Page of your most recently submitted CSBG State Plan.

If you submitted a two-year plan in FFY2019, please provide that date.

If you submitted a plan in FFY2020, please provide that date.

1.2. Lead Agency: Update the following information in relation to the lead agency designated to administer CSBG in the state, as required by Section 676(a) of the CSBG Act. Information should reflect the responses provided in the Application for Federal Assistance, SF-424M.

Has information in regards to the state lead agency changed since the last submission of the state plan? ☒ **Yes** ☐ No

If yes, provide the date of change and select the fields that have been updated **[Date Picker and Check all the apply]**

☐ Lead Agency

☒ **Authorized Official**

☐ Zip Code

☒ **Email Address**

☐ Department Type

☐ Street Address

☒ **Work Number**

☐ Website

☐ Office

☐ City

☐ Fax Number

1.2a. Lead agency: **Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)**

1.2b. Cabinet or administrative department of this lead agency [Check One and narrative where applicable]

☐ Community Affairs Department

☐ Community Services Department

☐ Governor's Office

☐ Health Department

☐ Housing Department

☐ Human Services Department

☐ Social Services Department

☒ **Other, describe: Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development**

1.2c. Cabinet or Administrative Department Name: Provide the name of the cabinet or administrative department of the CSBG authorized official

Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

1.2d. Authorized official of the lead agency. The authorized official could be the director, secretary, commissioner etc. as assigned in the designation letter attached under item 1.3.). The authorized official is the person indicated as authorized representative on the SF-424M. **[Narrative, 50 Characters each]**

Name Jennifer Maddox Title Undersecretary

1.2e. Street Address: 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300

1.2f. City: Boston

1.2g. State: MA

1.2h. Zip Code: 02114

1.2i. Work Telephone Number and Extension (if applicable): (617) 573 - 1100

1.2j. Fax Number: (617) 573 - 1120

1.2k. Email Address: Jennifer.Maddox@mass.gov

1.2l. Lead Agency Website: www.mass.gov/dhcd

1.3. Designation Letter: Attach the state's official CSBG designation letter. A new designation letter is required if the chief executive officer of the state and/or designated agency has changed. **[See attached]**

1.4. CSBG Point of Contact: Provide the following information in relation to the designated state CSBG point of contact. The state CSBG point of contact should be the person that will be the main point of contact for CSBG within the state.

Has information regarding to the state point of contact changed since the last submission of the state plan? ☐ Yes ☒ **No**

If yes, provide the date of change and select the fields that have been updated **N/A**

1.4a. Agency Name: Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development

1.4b. Point of Contact Name:

Name Louis Martin Title Director

1.4c. Street Address: Division of Community Services, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300

1.4d. City: Boston

- 1.4e.** State: [MA](#)
- 1.4f.** Zip Code: [02114](#)
- 1.4g.** Work Telephone Number: [\(617\) 573 - 1402](#)
- 1.4h.** Fax Number: [\(617\) 573 - 1460](#)
- 1.4i.** Email Address: louis.martin@mass.gov
- 1.4j.** Agency Website: www.mass.gov/dhcd

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SECTION 2: State Legislation and Regulation

For the purposes of the CARES Act, the Office of Community Services accepts the data submitted by the state in Section 2 of the most recently submitted CSBG State Plan (as dated in Section 1 of this Supplemental State Plan).

2.1. Emergency Legislation or Regulation (Optional): If applicable, please describe any special state legislation or regulation that directly impacts the implementation of CSBG CARES supplemental funding, including any emergency procedures to amend any existing legislation or regulation described in the accepted FFY2020 CSBG State plan (as dated in Section 1 of this state plan).

☐ No, there is no special state legislation or regulation that directly impacts the implementation of CSBG CARES supplemental funding.

☒ **Yes, there is special state legislation or regulation that directly impacts the implementation of CSBG CARES supplemental funding as described below: [Narrative, 3000 characters]**

“An Act to Address Challenges Faced By Municipalities and State Authorities Resulting From COVID-19”: <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2020/Chapter53>). The subject legislation essentially expanded an Executive Order issued by Governor Baker on 3/12/20 temporarily modifying the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law. The legislation includes an emergency provision making it easier for nonprofits to function remotely during the state of emergency and for 60 days afterward and also allowed for nonprofit boards to take certain actions regardless of what their bylaws say.

SECTION 3: State Plan Development and Statewide Goals

For the purposes of the CARES Act, the Office of Community Services accepts the data submitted by the state in Section 3 of the most recently submitted CSBG State Plan (as dated in Section 1 of this Supplemental State Plan).

- 3.1. State Plan Goals:** Describe the state's CSBG-specific goals for state administration of CSBG as it directly relates to the CSBG CARES funding. **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

Working closely with the State Association (MASSCAP) and the network's 23 Community Action Agencies (CAAs), the state's primary goals as it relates to CSBG CARES funding under the Plan are as follows:

- 1.) Allocate 93% of CSBG CARES funds (3% more than the normal 90% for CSBG) passed through to CAAs so they have additional resources to respond as quickly as possible to emerging needs of low-income individuals/families and communities.
- 2.) Provide \$235,000 in FFY20 Discretionary Funds to support the network in addressing food insecurity across the Commonwealth which was significantly exacerbated due to COVID-19.
- 3.) Deliver training and technical assistance in support of network efforts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (COVID-19).
- 4.) Meet regularly with MASSCAP to plan for and collaborate on policies/procedures related to CARES funding and the network's COVID-19 response. Meetings to include participation in monthly Communities of Practice, bi-monthly meetings with the Executive Committee, bi-annual meetings with the Executive Directors, and occasional meetings with the DHCD Undersecretary.
- 5.) Attend CSBG related trainings and conferences to stay informed on the most recent developments impacting our network as it pertains to COVID-19 and CARES funding. Trainings and conferences to include, at minimum, those coordinated by the National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP), the Regional Performance and Innovation Consortium (RPICs), New England Community Action Partnership (NECAP), National Community Action Partnership (NCAP), as well as CAPLAW.

Note: For examples of "goals," see State Accountability Measure 1Sa(i).

3.2. Eligible Entity Involvement Describe the specific steps the state took in developing the State Plan to involve the eligible entities. **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

Prior to posting the draft plan, DHCD solicited and considered informal input from the CAA network through multiple means, including meetings with the state association (MASSCAP) and its Executive Committee members. While drafting the Plan, DHCD also analyzed and considered CAA performance management data as well as planned COVID-19 response efforts reported in network Community Action Plans. Finally, the draft Plan was posted on DHCD's website, along with written notification of the public comment period. Testimony received during the public comment period was considered before the plan was finalized and submitted to HHS for approval.

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Section 4: CSBG Hearing Requirements

For the purposes of the CARES Act, the Office of Community Services accepts the data submitted by the state in Section 4 of the most recently submitted CSBG State Plan (as dated in Section 1 of this Supplemental State Plan).

The CSBG CARES Supplemental State Plan is considered to be a plan revision, consistent with Section 676(e) of the CSBG Act (Revisions and Inspection).

- 4.1. Public Inspection:** Describe how the CSBG CARES Supplemental State Plan has been made available for public inspection within the state to facilitate public review and comment. **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**.

The draft plan was posted for public inspection beginning August 13, 2020 on DHCD's website: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/community-services-block-grant-csbg>.

Note: For the purposes of this CSBG CARES Supplemental State Plan, a public hearing is not required. However, the state should notify eligible entities and other known stakeholders that this plan is available for a public review and comment, and post publicly, e.g., on the state's public website, for a reasonable timeframe.

Although, a reasonable timeframe is not specified in the statute, for purposes of the CSBG CARES Supplemental State Plan, OCS recommends a minimum of 10 business days.

SECTION 5: CSBG Eligible Entities

For the purposes of the CARES Act, the Office of Community Services accepts the data submitted by the state in Section 5 of the most recently submitted CSBG State Plan (as dated in Section 1 of this Supplemental State Plan).

- ☐ As the Authorized Official for CSBG, I confirm that there are **no changes** to the CSBG Eligible Entities as submitted in Section 5 of the most recently submitted CSBG State Plan (as dated in Section 1).
- ☒ As the Authorized Official for CSBG, I confirm that **yes, there were changes** to the CSBG Eligible Entities as submitted in Section 5 of the most recently submitted CSBG State Plan (as dated in Section 1).

If there were changes to the CSBG Eligible Entity list, please update within Section 7.2 of this State Plan accordingly:

Designation and Re-Designation: add at the end of the table

De-Designations and Voluntary Relinquishments: do not remove the entity. Rather just add zero to the appropriate line.

Mergers: Do not remove the eligible entities. Rather just add zero to the appropriate line.

OCS reserves the opportunity to request more information at a later date.

5.1. CSBG Eligible Entities: In the table below, indicate whether eligible entity in the state public or private, the type(s) of entity, and the geographical area served by the entity.

CSBG Eligible Entity	Geographical Area Served (by county) [Provide all counties]	Public or Nonprofit	Type of Entity (choose all that apply)
Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. (ABCD)	Suffolk & Middlesex	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Action, Inc. (ACTION)	Essex	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Berkshire Community Action Council, Inc. (BCAC)	Berkshire	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Community Action Pioneer Valley, Inc. (CAPV)	Franklin & Hampshire	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)

Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc. (CAAS)	Middlesex	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands, Inc. (CACCI)	Barnstable & Dukes	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Community Action, Inc. (CAI)	Essex	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC)	Suffolk	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc. (CEOC)	Middlesex	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Citizens for Citizens, Inc. (CFC)	Bristol	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Community Teamwork, Inc. (CTI)	Middlesex	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc. (GLCAC)	Essex	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
LEO, Inc. (LEO)	Essex	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Making Opportunity County, Inc. (MOC)	Worcester	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
North Shore Community Action Programs, Inc. (NSCAP)	Essex	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
People Acting in Community Endeavors, Inc. (PACE)	Bristol & Barnstable	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc. (QCAP)	Norfolk	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Self-Help, Inc. (SHI)	Plymouth, Norfolk & Bristol	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)

South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc. (SMOC)	Middlesex & Worcester	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Springfield Partners for Community Action, Inc. (SPCA)	Hampden	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. (SSCAC)	Plymouth	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. (VOC)	Hampden	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
Worcester Community Action Council, Inc. (WCAC)	Worcester	Nonprofit	Community Action Agency (CAA)
THE ADD-A-ROW FUNCTION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON THIS TABLE. ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE ELIGIBLE ENTITY LIST SHOULD BE MADE WITHIN THE MASTER LIST.			

Note: Whether nonprofit or public, entities that receive CSBG funds are generally considered to be Community Action Agencies for the purpose of administering CSBG. The only specific exceptions outlined in the CSBG Act are Limited Purpose Agencies, Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker organizations, and Tribes and Tribal Organizations.

Instructional Note: Limited Purpose Agency refers to an eligible entity that was designated as a limited purpose agency under Title II of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 for fiscal year 1981, that served the general purposes of a community action agency under Title II of the Economic Opportunity Act, that did not lose its designation as a limited purpose agency under Title II of the Economic Opportunity Act as a result of failure to comply with that Act and that has not lost its designation as an eligible entity under the CSBG Act.

Instructional Note: 90 percent funds are the funds a state provides to eligible entities to carry out the purposes of the CSBG Act, as described under Section 675C of the CSBG Act. A state must provide “no less than 90 percent” of their CSBG allocation, under Section 675B, to the eligible entities.

5.2. Total number of CSBG eligible entities: [\[23\]](#)

5.3. Special Circumstances [Optional]: If the state has any specific circumstances that will affect the allocation, such as a pending de-designation hearing for an eligible entity, please describe below:
[Select one and Narrative, 3000 characters]

Please note: Additional information should be sent directly to your Program Specialist.

- ☒ **No, special circumstances were implemented to the CSBG CARES Supplemental allocations.**
☐ Yes, special circumstances were implemented to the CSBG CARES Supplemental pending de-designation(s) for an eligible entity.

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SECTION 6: Organizational Standards for Eligible Entities

For the purposes of the CARES Act, the Office of Community Services accepts the data submitted by the state in Section 6 of the most recently submitted CSBG State Plan (as dated in Section 1 of this Supplemental State Plan), and seeks no additional information.

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SECTION 7: State Use of Funds

Eligible Entity Allocation (90 Percent Funds) [Section 675C(a) of the CSBG Act]

7.1. Formula: Select the method (formula) that best describes the current practice for allocating CSBG funds to eligible entities.

☒ **Historic**

- ☐ Base + Formula
- ☐ Formula Alone
- ☐ Formula with Variables
- ☐ Hold Harmless + Formula
- ☐ Other

7.2. Planned Allocation: Specify the percentage of your CSBG planned allocation that will be funded to eligible entities and “not less than 90 percent funds” as described under Section 675C(a) of the CSBG Act. In the table, provide the planned allocation for each eligible entity receiving funds for the fiscal year(s) covered by this plan.
[\$23,042,900 / 93%]

Planned CSBG 90 Percent Funds	
CSBG Eligible Entity	Funding Amount \$
Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. (ABCD)	9,553,584
Action, Inc. (ACTION)	428,597
Berkshire Community Action Council, Inc. (BCAC)	587,595
Community Action Pioneer Valley, Inc. (CAPV)	958,585
Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc. (CAAS)	548,422
Community Action Committee of Cape cod & Islands,	534,594
Community Action, Inc. (CAI)	444,728
Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC)	470,076
Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc.	652,113
Citizens for Citizens, Inc. (CFC)	818,023
Community Teamwork, Inc. (CTI)	769,634
Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc.	518,465
LEO, Inc. (LEO)	668,246
Making Opportunity Count, Inc. (MOC)	592,203
North Shore Community Action Programs, Inc. (NSCAP)	509,247
People Acting in Community Endeavors, Inc. (PACE)	723,549
Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc. (QCAP)	423,989
Self-Help, Inc. (SHI)	688,982
South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc. (SMOC)	467,772
Springfield Partners for Community Action, Inc. (SPCA)	783,458
South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. (SSCAC)	423,989
Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. (VOC)	525,378
Worcester Community Action Council, Inc. (WCAC)	951,671
Total	23,042,900

Administrative Funds [Section 675C(b)(2) of the CSBG Act]

- 7.3. Allocated Funds:** Specify the percentage of your CSBG planned allocation for administrative activities for the FFY(s) covered by this State Plan. **[\$1,238,866 / 5%]**
- 7.4 State Staff:** Provide the number of state staff positions to be funded in whole or in part with CSBG CARES funds for the FFY(s) covered by this State Plan. **[7]**
- 7.5 State FTEs:** Provide the number of state Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) to be funded with CSBG CARES funds for the FFY(s) covered by this State Plan? **[1]**

Use of Remainder/Discretionary Funds [Section 675C(b) of the CSBG Act]

- 7.6. Remainder/Discretionary Funds Use:** Does the state have remainder/discretionary funds, as described in Section 675C(b) of the CSBG Act? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If yes, provide the allocated percentage and describe the use of the remainder/discretionary funds in the table below. **[\$495,546 / 2%]**

Use of Remainder/Discretionary Funds		
Remainder/Discretionary Fund Uses (See 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act)	Planned \$ <i>Enter planned \$ for each item listed for the first FFY that this plan covers.</i>	Brief Description of Services and/or Activities
7.6a. Training/technical assistance to eligible entities		These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan Item 8.1.
7.6b. Coordination of State-operated programs and/or local programs		
7.6c. Statewide coordination and communication among eligible entities		
7.6d. Analysis of distribution of CSBG funds to determine if targeting greatest need		
7.6e. Asset-building programs		
7.6f. Innovation programs/activities by eligible entities or other neighborhood group		
7.6g. State charity tax credits		
7.6h. Other activities [Specify under Column 4]	\$495,546	Program priorities identified by the Undersecretary to address the impacts of the coronavirus crisis on low-income individuals and communities, including eviction prevention services.
Totals	\$495,546	

- 7.6 Summary of State Allocations:** Provide a total breakdown of planned amounts.
Please note that this table will automatically populate with the totals from 7.2, 7.3, and 7.6 above.

90 Percent Funds	Administrative Funds	Discretionary Funds	Total
\$23,042,900	\$1,238,866	\$495,546	\$24,777,312

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SECTION 8: State Training and Technical Assistance

- 8.1. Training and Technical Assistance Plan:** Describe the state’s plan for delivering CSBG-funded training and technical assistance to eligible entities under this State Plan by completing the table below. Add a row for each activity: indicate the timeframe; whether it is training, technical assistance or both; and the topic. (CSBG funding used for this activity is referenced under item 7.6a., Use of Remainder/Discretionary Funds.)

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 3Sc.

Training and Technical Assistance			
Planned Timeframe Dropdown Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY2020 FY2021 FY2022 Ongoing/Multiple Years All Years 	Training, Technical Assistance, or Both	Topic Dropdown Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiscal Governance/Tripartite Boards Correcting Significant Deficiencies Among Eligible Entities Reporting ROMA Community Assessment Strategic Planning Monitoring Communication Technology Other 	Brief Description of “Other”
Ongoing/Multiple Quarters	Both	Fiscal	
Ongoing/Multiple Quarters	Training	Governance/Tri-Partite Boards	
Ongoing/Multiple Quarters	Both	Organizational Standards - for eligible entities with unmet standards on TAPs and QIPs	
Ongoing/Multiple Quarters	Both	Correcting Significant Deficiencies among Eligible Entities	
Ongoing/Multiple Quarters	Both	Reporting	
Ongoing/Multiple Quarters	Training	ROMA	
Ongoing/Multiple Quarters	Both	Community Assessment	
Ongoing/Multiple Quarters	Both	Strategic Planning	
Ongoing/Multiple Quarters	Both	Technology	
Ongoing/Multiple Quarters	Both	Other	T/TA to address priority needs (included some topics selected above) identified the annual State T/TA Plan developed jointly with MASSCAP.

8.1a. Training and Technical Assistance Budget: The planned budget for the training and technical assistance plan (as indicated in the Remainder/Discretionary Funds table in item 7.6): **[\$0]**

8.1b. Training and Technical Assistance Collaboration: Describe how the state will collaborate with the State Association and other stakeholders in the planning and delivery of training and technical assistance. **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**

DHCD will collaborate with MASSCAP and other stakeholders in the planning and delivery of training and technical assistance as detailed in the T/TA Plans submitted to the Region 1 Regional Performance and Innovation Consortium Lead and the Organizational Standards Center of Excellence each year.

8.2. Training and Technical Assistance Organizations: Indicate the types of organizations through which the state plans to provide training and/or technical assistance as described in Item 8.1, and briefly describe their involvement. (Check all that apply.) **[Check all that applies and narrative where applicable]**

- ☐ CSBG eligible entities (if checked, provide the expected number of CSBG eligible entities to receive funds) **[Numeric response, 0 – 100]**
- ☐ Other community-based organizations
- ☒ State Community Action Association
- ☐ Regional CSBG technical assistance provider(s)
- ☒ National technical assistance provider(s)
- ☒ Individual consultant(s)
- ☐ Tribes and Tribal Organizations
- ☐ Other **[Narrative, 1000 characters]**

SECTION 9: State Linkages and Communication

Note: This section describes activities that the state may support with CSBG remainder/discretionary funds, described under Section 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act. The state may indicate planned use of remainder/discretionary funds for linkage/communication activities in Section 7, State Use of Funds, items 7.6(b) and (c).

Note: Only describe additional or unique partnerships related to CSBG CARES funding. Do not re-describe partnerships, linkages, and communications already noted in your regular CSBG State Plan.

- 9.1. State Linkages and Coordination at the State Level:** Describe the linkages and coordination at the state level that the state intends to create or maintain to ensure increased access to CSBG services to low-income people and communities under this State Plan and avoid duplication of services (as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(5)). Describe additional information as needed. **[Check all that apply from the list below and provide a Narrative, 5000 Characters]**

A new linkage was created between the CAAs that contract with the Community Services division of the State Housing office and local housing authorities (LHAs) that had limited staff to address resident needs during this pandemic. As a result, CAAs contacted those LHAs to offer support and be a point of contact for their residents.

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, Item 14.5. In addition, this information is associated with State Accountability Measure 7Sa and pre-populates the Annual Report, Module 1, Item G.1.

- ☐ State Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) office
- ☐ State Weatherization office
- ☐ State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) office
- ☐ State Head Start office
- ☐ State public health office
- ☐ State education department
- ☐ State Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) agency
- ☐ State budget office
- ☐ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ☐ State child welfare office
- ☒ **State housing office**
- ☐ Other

9.2. Communication with Eligible Entities and the State Community Action Association:
In the table below, detail how the state intends to communicate with eligible entities, the State Community Action Association, and other partners identified under this State Plan on the topics listed below.

For any topic that is not applicable, select *Not Applicable* under Expected Frequency.

Subject Matter	Expected Frequency Dropdown Options: •Daily •Weekly •Twice-Monthly •Monthly •Quarterly •Semi-Annually •Annually •Biannual •Triennial •As needed •Upon Request • Not Applicable	Format Select All That Apply: •Newsletters •Mailing •Meetings/Presentations •Blog •Email •Website •Social Media •Webinar •1:1 •Phone Calls •Public Notice •Letters/Hard Copies •	Brief Description of “Other” [Narrative, 250 characters]
State Monitoring Plans and Policies	As needed	Email Meetings/Presentations Other	Communications through E.Gov reporting system
Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Plans	As needed	Email 1:1 Phone Calls Other	Communications through E.Gov reporting system
State Interagency Coordination	As needed	Meetings/Presentations Email	
CSBG CARES Funding and Activities	As needed	Meetings/Presentations Email Other	Communications through E.Gov reporting system
ADD A ROW function Note: Rows will be able to be added for each additional training			

SECTION 10: Monitoring, Corrective Action, and Fiscal Controls

Monitoring of Eligible Entities (Section 678B(a) of the CSBG Act)

10.1. CSBG CARES Supplemental Monitoring Schedule: In the table below, provide how the state plans to monitor as it specifically relates to the CSBG CARES Supplemental.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sa(i).

CSBG Eligible Entity	CSBG CARES Monitoring Approach	Review Type	Target Year
This column will auto-populate from the CSBG Eligible Entity Master List	Dropdown Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site CSBG CARES Supplemental Only 	Dropdown Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onsite Review Desk Review 	Dropdown Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY2020 FY2021 FY2022
Action, Inc. (ACTION)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2021
Berkshire Community Action Council, Inc. (BCAC)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2021
Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands, Inc. (CACCI)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2021
Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2021
Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc. (GLCAC)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2021
LEO, Inc. (LEO)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2021
People Acting in Community Endeavors, Inc. (PACE)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2021
Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc. (QCAP)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2021
Self-Help, Inc. (SHI)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2021

South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc. (SMOC)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2021
Springfield Partners for Community Action, Inc. (SPCA)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2021
Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. (VOC)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2021
Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. (ABCD)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2022
Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc. (CEOC)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2022
Citizens for Citizens, Inc. (CFC)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2022
Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc. (CAAS)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2022
Community Action, Inc. (CAI)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2022
Community Action Pioneer Valley (CAPV)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2022
Community Teamwork, Inc. (CTI)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2022
Making Opportunity Count, Inc. (MOC)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2022
North Shore Community Action Programs, Inc. (NSCAP)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2022
South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. (SSCAC)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2022
Worcester Community Action Council, Inc. (WCAC)	Integrated into Regular CSBG Full On-Site	Onsite Review	FY2022

- 102. CSBG CARES Supplemental Monitoring Approach:** Describe how the state intends to implement monitoring policies and procedures as it relates directly to the CSBG CARES Supplemental. [Narrative, 3000 characters]

We will monitor the CSBG CARES Supplemental Funding in conjunction with our triennial onsite visits consistent with State mandated pandemic protocols and following the monitoring policies and procedures attached to our FY21-22 CSBG State Plan. CARES requirements will be incorporated into monitoring tools as appropriate. All agencies will receive triennial monitoring in either FY21 or FY22.

- 103. CSBG CARES Supplemental Initial Monitoring Reports:** If the state monitors for CSBG CARES Supplemental only, provide the number of calendar days by which the state must disseminate an initial CSBG CARES Supplemental monitoring reports to local entities? [60]

Note: This item is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sa(ii).

Note: If the state is integrating all CSBG CARES Supplemental monitoring into the *Regular CSBG Full On-Site*, the state should include an additional section specific to the CSBG CARES Supplemental monitoring. If the state is conducting a CSBG CARES Supplemental only monitoring, the state must create a CSBG CARES Supplemental monitoring report.

Corrective Action, Termination and Reduction of Funding and Assurance Requirements (Section 678C of the Act)

- 104. Closing Findings:** Is the state adding additional provisions to state monitoring procedures for addressing eligible entity findings/deficiencies, and the documenting closure of findings as it specifically relates to the CSBG CARES Supplemental? ☒ Yes ☐ No

10.4a. Closing Findings Procedures: If yes, describe the additional provisions here.

As indicated in our FY21-22 CSBG State Plan, if deficiencies are identified during monitoring of an eligible entity, they are documented in the Agency Assessment, DHCD's web-based system for tracking monitoring results. Where a deficiency is identified, the eligible entity proposes and submits a plan to address it through the Agency Assessment. Once DHCD reviews and accepts the plan, the system begins tracking the deliverable date. As the eligible entity works to resolve the deficiency, they submit updates on their progress and upload supporting documentation for DHCD through the system. Once the deficiency is resolved and appropriate supporting documentation is provided, the State accepts and closes it in the system.

Fiscal Controls and Audits and Cooperation Assurance

- 10.5. Fiscal Controls and Accounting:** As it relates specifically to the CSBG CARES Supplemental, describe any additional provisions to the state's fiscal controls and accounting procedures that will a) permit preparation of the SF-425 Federal fiscal reports (FFR) and b) permit the tracing of expenditures adequate to ensure funds have been used appropriately under the block grant, as required by Block Grant regulations applicable to CSBG at 45 CFR 96.30(a). **[Narrative, 3000 Characters]**

The state set up new appropriation 7004-2037 CSBG COVID-19 and new program code F202037 to track CSBG CARES funds separately from all other federal funds. DCS DHCD executed separate CSBG CARES contracts with the 23 CAAs. DCS DHCD encumbered CSBG CARES funds with the new appropriation/program code and pays CSBG CARES funds on separate invoices. Further, the Division includes COVID19 on CSBG CARES payment vouchers per MA Comptroller guidelines for tracking federal CARES funding. The above measures will allow CSBG CARES revenue and expenses to be reported separately on the annual SF425.

- 10.6. Single Audit Management Decisions:** As it relates specifically to the CSBG CARES Supplemental, describe any additional provisions to state procedures for issuing management decisions for eligible entity single audits, as required by Block Grant regulations applicable to CSBG at 45 CFR 75.521. **[Narrative, 3000 Characters]**

The same provisions used for issuing management decisions related to the regular CSBG program funds are being applied by the state for the CSBG CARES Supplemental funds. These provisions include that DHCD will comply with the federal mandate pursuant to § 200.501(d) of the OMB Super Circular. DHCD will be responsible for issuing a management decision within six months of acceptance of the audit report by the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. The eligible entity must initiate and proceed with corrective action as rapidly as possible and corrective action should begin upon receipt of the audit report.

- 10.7. Assurance on Federal Investigations:** The state will "permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with Section 678D" of the CSBG Act, as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(7) of the CSBG Act. ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

SECTION 11: Eligible Entity Tripartite Board

For the purposes of the CARES Act, the Office of Community Services accepts the data submitted by the state in Section 11 of the most recently submitted CSBG State Plan (as dated in Section 1 of this Supplemental State Plan), and seeks no additional information now or at a later date.

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SECTION 12: Individual and Community Income Eligibility Requirements

12.1. Required Income Eligibility: Provide the income eligibility threshold for services in the state. [Select one item below and numeric response where applicable.]

☒ **200% of the HHS poverty line**

☐ 125% of the HHS poverty line

☐ X % of the HHS poverty line (fill in the threshold): _____% [Numeric response]

☐ Varies by eligible entity [Narrative, 5000 characters]

12.1 a. Describe any changes to the state policy and/or procedures for income eligibility, such as treatment of income and family/household composition as originally described in your FFY2020 CSBG State Plan [as dated in Section 1 of this Plan].

☐ No changes were made to state policy and/or procedures for income eligibility

☒ **Yes, there are changes to state policy and/or procedures for income eligibility as described below: [Narrative, 5000 Characters]**

Pursuant to provisions in the CARES Act, we adopted the revised 200% threshold for FY2020 and FY2021. These changes were reflected in our CSBG CARES contract as well as an Information Memorandum issued to the network. Additionally, we are working to secure a temporary regulatory waiver to our State CSBG Regulation 760 CMR 29.00 which indicates a required income eligibility of 125% of Federal Poverty Level.

12.1 b. The change in the income eligibility threshold will apply to:

☐ CSBG CARES Supplemental ONLY

☒ **CSBG CARES Supplemental AND regular CSBG funds**

12.2. Income Eligibility for General/Short Term Services: Describe how the state ensures eligible entities generally verify income eligibility for those services with limited in-take procedures (where individual income verification is not possible or practical). An example of these services is emergency food assistance.

☒ **No changes were made to income eligibility verification.**

☐ Yes, there are changes to income eligibility verification as described below: [Narrative, 5000 Characters]

12.3. Community-targeted Services: Describe how the state ensures eligible entities' services target and benefit low-income communities for those services that provide a community-wide benefit (e.g., development of community assets/facilities, building partnerships with other organizations). **[Narrative, 5000 Characters]**

☐ No changes were made targeting services that provide community-wide benefit.

☒ **Yes, there are changes to targeting services that provide community-wide benefit as described below: [Narrative, 5000 Characters]**

When the coronavirus crisis hit, Massachusetts Community Action Agencies were in the midst of their 3 year needs assessment and strategic planning process and due to submit their FY21-23 Community Assessment Report & Strategic Plan (CARSP) to our office in July 2020. The FY21-23 CARSP was also expected to inform agencies FY21 Community Action Plans (CAPs) due this fall. Based on feedback and discussion with our network, DHCD extended the CARSP due date to allow for Community Assessment elements by the end of 2020, Strategic Plan elements by July 2021, and a delayed expectation for the CARSP to inform CAPs until FY22. In the interim, our office convened a workgroup of representatives from CAAs and our State Association (MASSCAP) who provided input on how to best report the network's coronavirus response. The workgroup helped identify the most common needs identified by agencies in the midst of the pandemic and developed a common statement (supported by national, state, and local level CAA data reported through various venues) which agencies are using in FY20-21 CAPs to identify their response to the priority needs of individuals/families and communities during the pandemic.

SECTION 13: Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) System

For the purposes of the CARES Act, the Office of Community Services accepts the information on the ROMA system submitted by the state in Section 13 of the most recently submitted CSBG State Plan (as dated in Section 1 of this Supplemental State Plan), and seeks no additional information on the state's ROMA system.

Please note that the state may describe state discretionary expenditures or additional training and technical assistance related to documentation and performance management for CSBG CARES Supplemental funding in Sections 7 and 8 of this Supplemental State Plan.

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SECTION 14: CSBG Programmatic Assurances and Information Narrative

(Section 676(b) of the CSBG Act)

14.1. Use of Funds Supporting Local Activities

CSBG Services

14.1a. 676(b)(1)(A) Describe how the state will assure “that funds made available through grant or allotment will be used –

- (A) to support activities that are designed to assist low-income families and individuals, including families and individuals receiving assistance under title IV of the Social Security Act, homeless families and individuals, migrant or seasonal farmworkers, and elderly low-income individuals and families, and a description of how such activities will enable the families and individuals--
 - (i) to remove obstacles and solve problems that block the achievement of self- sufficiency (particularly for families and individuals who are attempting to transition off a State program carried out under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act);
 - (ii) to secure and retain meaningful employment;
 - (iii) to attain an adequate education with particular attention toward improving literacy skills of the low-income families in the community, which may include family literacy initiatives;
 - (iv) to make better use of available income;
 - (v) to obtain and maintain adequate housing and a suitable living environment;
 - (vi) to obtain emergency assistance through loans, grants, or other means to meet immediate and urgent individual and family needs;
 - (vii) to achieve greater participation in the affairs of the communities involved, including the development of public and private grassroots partnerships with local law enforcement agencies, local housing authorities, private foundations, and other public and private partners to –
 - (I) document best practices based on successful grassroots intervention in urban areas, to develop methodologies for widespread replication; and
 - (II) strengthen and improve relationships with local law enforcement agencies, which may include participation in activities such as neighborhood or community policing efforts;

Please select the applicable response:

☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**

☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

Needs of Youth

14.1b. 676(b)(1)(B) Describe how the state will assure “that funds made available through grant or allotment will be used –

- (B) to address the needs of youth in low-income communities through youth development programs that support the primary role of the family, give priority to the prevention of youth problems and crime, and promote increased community coordination and collaboration in meeting the needs of youth, and support development and expansion of innovative community-based youth development programs that have demonstrated success in preventing or reducing youth crime, such as--
 - (i) programs for the establishment of violence-free zones that would involve youth development and intervention models (such as models involving youth mediation, youth mentoring, life skills training, job creation, and entrepreneurship programs); and
 - (ii) after-school child care programs;

Please select the applicable response:

☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**

☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

Coordination of Other Programs

14.1c. 676(b)(1)(C) Describe how the state will assure “that funds made available through grant or allotment will be used –

- (C) to make more effective use of, and to coordinate with, other programs related to the purposes of this subtitle (including State welfare reform efforts)

Please select the applicable response:

☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**

☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

State Use of Discretionary Funds

14.2. 676(b)(2) Describe “how the State intends to use discretionary funds made available from the remainder of the grant or allotment described in section 675C(b) in accordance with this subtitle, including a description of how the State

will support innovative community and neighborhood- based initiatives related to the purposes of this subtitle.”

Note: Any information provide in previous sections of this application will be considered to be a supplementary description of how the state plans to use funds as necessary for this assurance. Additional information does not need to be provided here.

Eligible Entity Service Delivery System

14.3a. 676(b)(3)(A) Describe “the service delivery system, for services provided or coordinated with funds made available through grants made under 675C(a), targeted to low-income individuals and families in communities within the State;”

Please select the applicable response:

☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**

☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

Eligible Entity Linkages – Approach to Filling Service Gaps

14.3b. 676(b)(3)(B) Describe “how linkages will be developed to fill identified gaps in the services, through the provision of information, referrals, case management, and followup consultations.”

Note: the state describes this assurance in the State Linkages and Communication section, item 9.3b of the regular CSBG State Plan.

Please select the applicable response:

☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**

☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

Coordination of Eligible Entity Allocation 90 Percent Funds with Public/Private Resources

14.3c. 676(b)(3)(C) Describe how funds made available through grants made under 675C(a) will be coordinated with other public and private resources.”

Note: the state describes this assurance in the State Linkages and Communication section, item 9.7 of the regular CSBG State Plan.

Please select the applicable response:

☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**

☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

Eligible Entity Innovative Community and Neighborhood Initiatives, Including Fatherhood/Parental Responsibility

- 14.3d. 676(b)(3)(D)** Describe “how the local entity will use the funds [made available under 675C(a)] to support innovative community and neighborhood-based initiatives related to the purposes of this subtitle, which may include fatherhood initiatives and other initiatives with the goal of strengthening families and encouraging parenting.”

Note: The description above is about eligible entity use of 90 percent funds to support these initiatives. States may also support these types of activities at the local level using state remainder/discretionary funds, allowable under Section 675C(b)(1)(F). In this application, the state indicates funds allocated for these activities under item 7.9(f) of the regular CSBG State Plan.

Please select the applicable response:

- ☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**
☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

Eligible Entity Emergency Food and Nutrition Services

- 14.4. 676(b)(4)** Describe how the state will assure “that eligible entities in the State will provide, on an emergency basis, for the provision of such supplies and services, nutritious foods, and related services, as may be necessary to counteract conditions of starvation and malnutrition among low-income individuals.”

Please select the applicable response:

- ☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**
☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

State and Eligible Entity Coordination/linkages and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Employment and Training Activities

- 14.5. 676(b)(5)** Describe how the state will assure “that the State and eligible entities in the State will coordinate, and establish linkages between, governmental and other social services programs to assure the effective delivery of such services, and [describe] how the State and the eligible entities will coordinate the provision of employment and training activities, as defined in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, in the State and in communities with entities providing activities through statewide and local workforce development systems under such Act.”

Note: The state describes this assurance in the State Linkages and

Communication section, items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3a, 9.4, 9.4a, and 9.4b of the regular CSBG State Plan.

Please select the applicable response:

☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**

☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

State Coordination/Linkages and Low-income Home Energy Assistance

14.6. 676(b)(6) Provide “an assurance that the State will ensure coordination between antipoverty programs in each community in the State, and ensure, where appropriate, that emergency energy crisis intervention programs under title XXVI (relating to low- income home energy assistance) are conducted in such community.”

Note: The state describes this assurance in the State Linkages and Communication section, items 9.2 and 9.5 of the regular CSBG State Plan.

Please select the applicable response:

☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**

☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

Federal Investigations

14.7. 676(b)(7) Provide “an assurance that the State will permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with section 678D.”

Note: the state addresses this assurance in the Fiscal Controls and Monitoring section, item 10.13 of the regular CSBG State plan.

Please select the applicable response:

☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**

☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

Funding Reduction or Termination (Not Applicable to CSBG CARES Supplemental Funds)

- 14.8. 676(b)(8)** Provide “an assurance that any eligible entity in the State that received funding in the previous fiscal year through a community services block grant made under this subtitle will not have its funding terminated under this subtitle, or reduced below the proportional share of funding the entity received in the previous fiscal year unless, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing on the record, the State determines that cause exists for such termination or such reduction, subject to review by the Secretary as provided in section 678C(b).”

Note: the state addresses this assurance in the Fiscal Controls and Monitoring section, item 10.7 of the regular CSBG State Plan. This assurance is not applicable to the disaster supplemental because funds must be distributed to eligible entities based on needs directly related to the disaster.

- ☒ **Check to acknowledge that Section 676(b)(8) is not applicable to the CSBG CARES Supplemental and that funds must be distributed based on the CSBG formula.**

Coordination with Faith-based Organizations, Charitable Groups, Community Organizations

- 14.9. 676(b)(9)** Describe how the state will assure “that the State and eligible entities in the State will, to the maximum extent possible, coordinate programs with and form partnerships with other organizations serving low-income residents of the communities and members of the groups served by the State, including religious organizations, charitable groups, and community organizations.”

Note: the state describes this assurance in the State Linkages and Communication section, item 9.6 of the regular CSBG State Plan.

Please select the applicable response:

- ☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**
☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

Eligible Entity Tripartite Board Representation

- 14.10. 676(b)(10)** Describe how “the State will require each eligible entity in the State to establish procedures under which a low-income individual, community organization, or religious organization, or representative of low-income individuals that considers its organization, or low-income individuals, to be inadequately represented on the board (or other mechanism) of the eligible entity to petition for adequate representation.”

Note: the state describes this assurance in the Eligible Entity Tripartite Board in Section 11.3 of the regular CSBG State Plan.

Please select the applicable response:

☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**

☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

Eligible Entity Community Action Plans and Community Needs Assessments

14.11. 676(b)(11) Provide “an assurance that the State will secure from each eligible entity in the State, as a condition to receipt of funding by the entity through a community services block grant made under this subtitle for a program, a community action plan (which shall be submitted to the Secretary, at the request of the Secretary, with the State plan) that includes a community-needs assessment for the community served, which may be coordinated with community-needs assessments conducted for other programs.”

Please select the applicable response:

☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**

☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

State and Eligible Entity Performance Measurement: ROMA or Alternate system

14.12. 676(b)(12) Provide “an assurance that the State and all eligible entities in the State will, not later than fiscal year 2001, participate in the Results Oriented Management and Accountability System, another performance measure system for which the Secretary facilitated development pursuant to section 678E(b), or an alternative system for measuring performance and results that meets the requirements of that section, and [describe] outcome measures to be used to measure eligible entity performance in promoting self-sufficiency, family stability, and community revitalization.”

Note: The state describes this assurance in the ROMA section, items 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, and 13.4 of the regular CSBG State Plan.

Please select the applicable response:

☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**

☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

Validation for CSBG Eligible Entity Programmatic Narrative Sections

14.13. 676(b)(13) Provide “information describing how the State will carry out the assurances described in this section.”

Note: The state provides information for each of the assurances directly in section 14 or in corresponding items throughout the State Plan.

Please select the applicable response:

☒ **No change to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan.**

☐ Adaptations to the standard assurance in the CSBG State Plan for the CSBG CARES

Supplemental are described below: **[Narrative, 3000 characters]**

☒ **By checking this box and signing the Cover Sheet SF-424M, the state CSBG authorized official is certifying the assurances set out above.**

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SECTION 15: Federal Certifications

The box after each certification must be checked by the State CSBG authorized official.

15.1. Lobbying

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

☒ **By checking this box, the state CSBG authorized official is providing the certification set out above.**

15.2. Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988: 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart, F. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.645 (a)(1) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central point is: Division of Grants Management and Oversight, Office of Management and Acquisition, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 517-D, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201.

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Instructions for Certification)

- (1) By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.
- (2) The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
- (3) For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.
- (4) For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.
- (5) Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need to be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
- (6) Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).
- (7) If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).
- (8) Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

Controlled substance means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

Conviction means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of

sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes;

Criminal drug statute means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

Employee means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All direct charge employees; (ii) All indirect charge employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and, (iii) Temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about - -
 - (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will - -
 - (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such

notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

- (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted - -
 - (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code) **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**

- ☐ Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here. Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)
- (a) The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;
- (b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

[55 FR 21690, 21702, May 25, 1990]

☒ **By checking this box, the state CSBG authorized official is providing the certification set out above.**

15.3. Debarment

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - - Primary Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

- (1) By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
- (2) The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant

shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

- (3) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
- (4) The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (5) The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- (6) The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
- (7) The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusive-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or

agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

- (8) A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.
- (9) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- (10) Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

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Primary Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
 - (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in

this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - - Lower Tier Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

- (1) By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- (2) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- (3) The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (4) The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- (5) The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- (6) The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- (7) A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

- (8) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- (9) Except for transactions authorized under paragraph five of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - - Lower Tier Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

☒ **By checking this box, the state CSBG authorized official is providing the certification set out above.**

15.4. Environmental Tobacco Smoke

Public Law 103227, Part C Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro Children Act of 1994, requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor routinely owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity by signing and submitting this application the applicant/grantee certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Act.

The applicant/grantee further agrees that it will require the language of this certification be included in any subawards which contain provisions for the children's services and that all subgrantees shall certify accordingly.

☒ By checking this box, the state CSBG authorized official is providing the certification set out above.

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