



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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Tasia Williams, Senior Program Specialist
Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)
Office of Community Services
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
330 C Street, SW, 5th Floor, Mail Room 5425
Washington, DC 20201

Re: Maryland SSBG FY 2026 Pre-Expenditure Report - Transmittal Letter

Dear Ms. Williams:

Enclosed is the copy of Maryland's 2026 Social Services Block Grant, Pre-Expenditure Report. The report is being submitted in accordance with the federal requirements in Section 2004 (42 U.S.C. 1397c).

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Dr. Alger M. Studstill, Jr., Executive Director of our Social Services Administration at alger.studstill@maryland.gov.

In service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rafael López", is written over the typed name.

Rafael López
Secretary

V. Appendices

Appendix A.

Documentation of Public Hearing (e.g. copies of public hearing notices, letters, newspaper articles, etc.)

Press Release

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES RELEASES DRAFT SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT REPORT FOR 2026

Baltimore, MD (September 30, 2025) ... The Department of Human Services (DHS) Draft Social Services Block Grant Report for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 is now available for review and comments at the DHS website located at <http://dhs.maryland.gov>.

Beginning in October 2025, Maryland anticipates receiving from the federal government approximately \$29 million in Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds. These funds, combined with other federal, state and local funding, will provide a wide range of social services for Maryland residents. Some of the services provided by this funding include Adoption, Adult Protective Services, Foster Care, In-Home Aide Services, Intensive Family Services and Services to Families with Children.

Federal law requires the Department to produce the SSBG Report to explain program eligibility, the number of people served, the amount of funds spent, and the way service is provided. Comments and questions regarding the plan or its availability are due by October 31, 2025 and should be addressed to:

Dr. Alger M. Studstill, Jr.
Executive Director
25 S. Charles Street, 11th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201

Appendix B. Certifications Attached

Appendix C. Proof of Audit

Federal Law requires that "Each State shall, not less often than every two years, audit its expenditures from amounts received (or transferred for use) under this title. Within 30 days following the completion of each audit, the State shall submit a copy of the audit to the legislature of the State and to the Secretary. (Sec. 2006 [42 U.S.C. 1397e]

An independent auditor completed its Single Audit of the State of Maryland for the year ending June 30, 2023 and determined that there were no audit findings related to the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). SSBG was audited as a major program in 2023, and Maryland was in compliance with SSBG requirements and internal controls in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. A copy of the 2023 State Single Audit is available from the Department on request.

VII. Additional Data or Information (as needed)