

LEGAL GRANTS
(Block Grants)
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES
Division of Community Services
Legislative Public Hearing

The Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Community Services will be conducting the Legislative Public Hearing on the Community Services Block Grant and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Programs under Title 26 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, as amended. The hearing for the 2018 programs is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium at the Mississippi Department of Human Services, 750 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

The Community Services Block Grant provides funds for a range of activities to ameliorate the causes and effects of poverty. For Fiscal Year 2018, at least 90 percent of the funds allocated to the State through these grants will be contracted to non-profit community action agencies, migrant seasonal farm worker organizations or community-based organizations that meet the eligibility requirements as described in Section 675 of the Community Services Block Grant Act, as amended. The eligibility requirements for the program are outlined in the application process.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program assists eligible households to pay the costs of home energy bills and other energy-related services, for example, wood, kerosene, electricity, gas, heaters, blankets, fans and air conditioners. For Fiscal Year 2018, at least 90 percent of the funds allocated to the State through these grants will be contracted to private, nonprofit, and public agencies designated in accordance with Public Law 97-35, as amended. The eligibility requirements for the program are outlined in the application process.

Copies of the state plans are available for review at the Mississippi Department of Human Services by calling 601-359-4768 or 1-800-421-0762.

Inquiries, comments or suggestions regarding the block grant plans and/or eligibility requirements must be received on or before July 25, 2017 by the Division of Community Services, P. O. Box 352, Jackson, Mississippi 39205. Public comments will be reviewed before finalizing the 2018 State Plans for these programs.