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SUBJECT: Allowable Use of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Funds for the National Association for State Community Service Programs (NASCSPP) 2023 Annual Training Conference

TO: CSBG Network

The Office of Community Services (OCS) is excited to celebrate “45 Years of Shaping the Future” with the National Association of State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP) during the NASCSPP 2023 Annual Training Conference - on September 25-29, 2023, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. OCS recognizes state budget challenges often force difficult decisions regarding training investments. Since staff training is an allowable Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) administrative expense, CSBG funds can be used for state administrators’ attendance at the NASCSPP 2023 Annual Training.

OCS will provide pertinent information at the Federal Partner Update session on **Wednesday, September 27th** from **9:30am – 10:30am ET**, as well as lead two sessions on **Thursday, September 28th** from **9am – 10:15am ET (Can You Reach Your PEEAK? – Assessing Readiness)** and from **10:45am – 12:00pm ET (Maximizing Performance Management and PEEAK Partnerships – Strengthening Relationships at Every Level of the Network)**. These sessions will focus on **Advancing Equity through Compliance** using the Performance Evaluation Accountability Accessibility and Knowledge (PEAAK) framework to explore promising practices related to administering CSBG. Specific information about these sessions will be detailed in the conference agenda.

Additionally, members of the OCS team will be available by appointment to meet with state administrators, giving priority scheduling to CSBG administrators with less than 3 years in the position. Instructions on how to schedule appointments are forthcoming.

We hope to see you at the NASCSPP conference and please know that OCS appreciates all you do to serve families navigating the challenges of poverty.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lanikque Howard
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