



**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES  
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**NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program.

**PURPOSE:** To obtain input regarding the Department of State's CSBG Application and Plan.

**Tuesday  
September 17, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
Hearing Room B  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, New York 12247**

**ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY**

Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds are awarded to grantees in all counties in New York State. Community Action agencies, community-based organizations, and Native American tribes or tribal organizations receive CSBG funds to provide advocacy, outreach, services and programs for economically disadvantaged persons in their local communities.

This hearing will focus on the New York State Department of State's CSBG Application and Plan. The Plan delineates the manner in which funds will be expended and how the State will meet the federal CSBG program requirements.

Copies of the Department of State's draft CSBG Plan may be obtained from the Department of State website, prior to the hearing at <https://dos.ny.gov/reports-management-plans-and-guides> or by contacting:

New York State Department of State  
Division of Community Services  
99 Washington Avenue Suite 1020  
Albany, NY 12231  
518-474-5741

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Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes duration. Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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Persons wishing to present testimony at the public hearing on the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program are requested to complete and return this reply form by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 13, 2024, for those seeking to testify in person, and by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, for those seeking to submit written testimony only. Please return this form by mail, email, or fax to both:

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- I plan to attend the public hearing on The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program to be conducted by the Joint Committees on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.
- I plan to make a public statement at the above hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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