

To: Interested Parties
From: Frederick Sneesby, Administrator, Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), RIDHS
Date: 8/11/2024
Re: Public Hearing for review of the Rhode Island Social Services Block Grant Intended Use Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2025

In accordance to Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) 42-35 and 42 USC 9008, notice is hereby given that the Department of Human services proposes the following DHS State Plan:

2025 Social Services Block Grant

The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) is funded through the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of Social Services Block Grant funding is “to furnish services directed at the goals of:

- (1) achieving or maintaining economic self-support to prevent, reduce, or eliminate dependency;
- (2) achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency, including reduction or prevention of dependency;
- (3) preventing or remedying neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults unable to protect their own interests, or preserving, rehabilitating or reuniting families;
- (4) preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care by providing for community-based care, home-based care, or other forms of less intensive care; and
- (5) securing referral or admission for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate or providing services to individuals in institutions.”

This proposed intended use plan for SSBG funds for the federal fiscal year 2025 is accessible on the DHS website <http://www.dhs.ri.gov> or available in hard copy upon request (401) 462-1669. A public hearing will be held to consider the proposed plan on Friday, August 23, 2024 at 10:00 AM, conducted by the RI Department of Human Services, **at the RI Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, Building #57, 25 Howard Avenue, 1st Floor Room #110, Cranston, RI 02920 in the West Wing Conference Room.** Persons wishing to testify may do so by attending the hearing.

You may also submit written testimony by Wednesday, August 21, 2023 to Frederick Sneesby, Social Services Block Grant Administrator, Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, 25 Howard Avenue, Cranston RI 02920, or email to frederick.sneesby@dhs.ri.gov.

The hearing will begin at 10:00 A.M. and will conclude when the last speaker finishes testimony or at 12:00 noon, whichever comes first. The RI Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals with hearing impairments may request an interpreter’s presence by calling 711 or RI Relay at 1-800-745-6575 (Voice) or 1-800-745-5555 (TTY). Requests for this service must be make at least 72 hours in advance of the Hearing date.

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