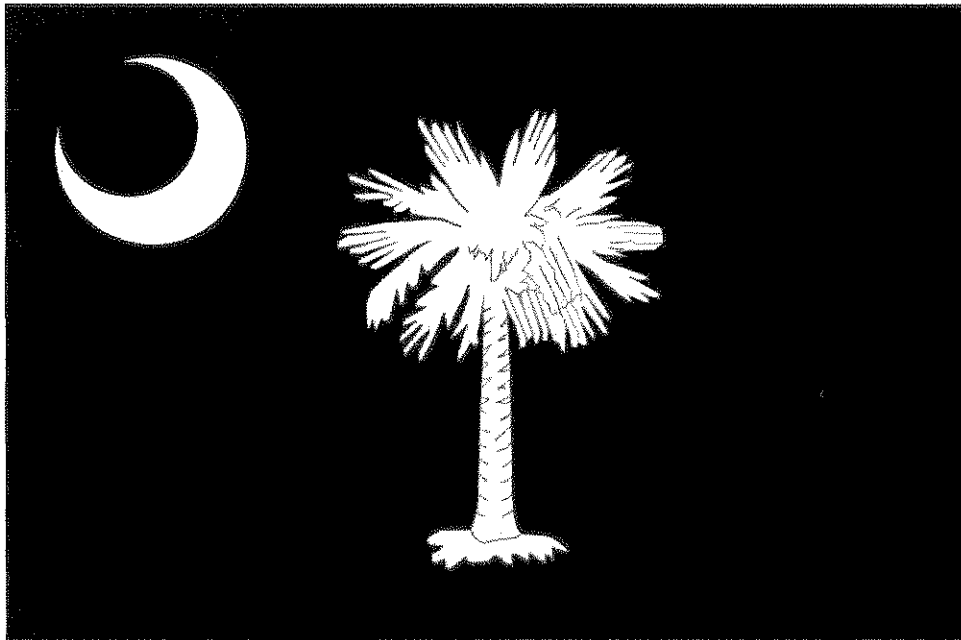


**SOUTH CAROLINA
SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM PLAN
FOR
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2020
OCTOBER 1, 2019 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**



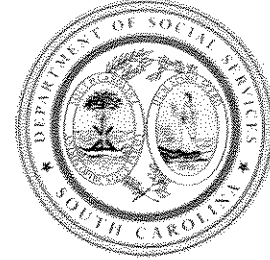
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Michael Leach
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August 14, 2019

Mr. Lynwood McDaniel, Jr., MPP
Social Services Program Specialist
Office of Community Services
Administration for Children and Families
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Washington, DC 20201

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

I am pleased to submit South Carolina's Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Plan for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020. This report includes the Pre-Expenditure Plan for FFY 2020; the amended Pre-Expenditure Plan for FFY 2019; the Post-Expenditure Report for FFY 2018; a description of the services funded with SSBG; the criteria for determining eligibility for services; and demographic data for the recipients of services funded with SSBG.

SSBG is a critical source of funding for services needed by South Carolina's most vulnerable citizens. If you have any questions about South Carolina's Plan, please contact Mr. Rick Knight at 803-898-9030.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Michael Leach", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Leach
State Director

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Enclosure

INTRODUCTION

The federal government has allocated funds to state social services programs since the mid – 1950's. In 1956, the Social Security Act authorized the federal government to fund 50 percent of state social services expenditures based upon the belief that, through the provision of social services, the unemployed could achieve economic independence. In 1962, the federal match rate increased to 75 percent and broadened eligibility. This amendment allowed state social service departments to purchase services from other state agencies. In the years that followed, spending increased from \$194 million to \$1.6 billion.

In 1967, amendments were enacted requiring states to provide to train and motivate the unemployed, strengthen the family unit, and give states the authority to purchase services from private providers. Additionally, states were required to provide child day care services and homemaker services.

Congress limited federal spending for social services to \$2.5 billion annually in 1972. Then, in 1975, Congress amended the Social Security Act by adding a new provision, Title XX, which replaced the prior federal social services programs and set forth five broad national statutory goals:

- Achieve or maintain economic self-support to prevent, reduce, or eliminate dependency.
- Achieve or maintain self-sufficiency, including reduction or prevention of dependency.
- Prevent or remedy neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults unable to protect their own interests or preserve, rehabilitate, or reunite families.
- Prevent or reduce inappropriate institutional care by providing for community-based care, home-based care or other forms of less intensive care.
- Secure referral or admission for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate, or providing services to individuals in institutions.

During President Ronald Reagan's administration, Section 2352 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 amended Title XX to establish the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). The implementation of SSBG included federal funding reductions. In 1982, the block grant funds distributed to states were 19 percent below the 1981 funding level of \$35 million for South Carolina. From 1983 through 1991, South Carolina's SSBG funding fluctuated from \$33.5 million to \$39.3 million and remained at the higher level through 1995.

In 1996, Congress reduced funding by 15 percent and as a result, South Carolina's funding level was reduced to \$33.4 million. At the time of this reduction, Congress agreed to restore SSBG to its 1995 level; however, in 2001, the legislation to enact that promise did not pass. Over the last few years, South Carolina's allotment has remained between \$23.6 million and \$25.3 million. During FFY 2013, the Budget Control Act of 2011, P.L. 112-25, commonly referred to as Sequestration, reduced South Carolina's SSBG allotment from \$25.3 million to a little over \$24 million. Although the Sequestration applies only to mandatory spending after FFY 2013, the

Office of Community Services (OCS) advised South Carolina to base the SSBG Plan for 2014 on the reduced level of \$24,091,843. However, the state's actual allotment for FFY 2014 was \$23,606,812, about \$500,000 less. The final allotments since FFY 2014 are listed below.

- FFY 2015 - \$23,669,547
- FFY 2016 - \$23,878,248
- FFY 2017 - \$23,974,433
- FFY 2018 - \$24,241,985
- FFY 2019 - \$24,460,011

In the absence of a federal budget by the date of the plan, South Carolina used the FFY 2019 allotment of \$24,460,011 for the pre-plan amount for 2020.

The Social Services Block Grant Program provides flexible funding to assist States in providing a wide range of services to children and families, at-risk adolescents and young adults, vulnerable adults, and persons with disabilities. SSBG funds are to enable each State to furnish social services best suited to meet the needs of the individuals residing within the State. The Office of Community Services (OCS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), administers the SSBG Program and provides technical assistance to the States. The federal oversight agency calculates state allocations for SSBG in proportion to each State's population. States have substantial discretion in the use of SSBG funds. Each State determines what services to provide, who is eligible to receive them, and how to expend funds within the requirements of Federal laws.

Although States have this flexibility, Federal Public Law 97-35 prohibits the use of SSBG funds for the following:

- To purchase or improve land, or the purchase, construction, or permanent improvement, other than minor remodeling, of any building or other facility.
- To provide cash payments for costs of subsistence or for the provision of room and board, unless: (1) the costs of subsistence occur during rehabilitation, (2) room and board are provided for the short term as an integral part of a social service, or (3) temporary emergency shelter is provided as a protective service.
- To pay wages to any individual as a social service, other than payment of wages of welfare recipients employed in the provision of childcare services.
- To provide medical care other than family planning services, rehabilitation services, or initial detoxification of an alcoholic, or drug-dependent individual, unless it is an integral but subordinate part of a social service.
- To provide social services, except services provided in and by employees of any hospital, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or prison, to any individual living in such an institution.
- To provide for any educational service which the state makes generally available to its residents without cost and without regard to their income.

- To pay for any child day care services, unless such services meet applicable standards of state and local law.
- To provide cash payment as a service.
- To pay for any item or service other than an emergency item or service furnished.

Additional provisions, conditions, Codes of the Federal Registry (CFR), and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars are also required in order for States to receive their SSBG Allotments. These requirements may be found at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/ssbg>.

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

On July 26, 2019, SCDSS posted the following notice of the SSBG Pre-Expenditure Plan for FFY 2020 at <https://dss.sc.gov/about/data-and-resources/annual-progress-and-services-reports/>.

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PRE-EXENDITURE PLAN

FFY 2020

The South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) hereby gives notice of the availability of the “FFY 2020 Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Pre-Expenditure Report” to the citizens of South Carolina for review and comment. The report reflects plans of the SCDSS/State of South Carolina to expend SSBG funds for the 2020 federal fiscal year, October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

This notice is given pursuant to the requirements of Title XX, Section 2004 of the Social Security Act (as enacted in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 [P.L. 97-35] and codified at 42 U.S.C. 1397c). Comments regarding this notice will be accepted for a period of thirty days from the date it is posted.

Written comments about the FFY 2020 Pre-Expenditure Report may be submitted to the Adult Advocacy Division, South Carolina Department of Social Services, Post Office Box 1520, Columbia, SC 29202-1520. Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at the Department of Social Services, Adult Advocacy Division, 5th floor – Room 507, 1535 Confederate Avenue Extension, Columbia, South Carolina, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

A copy of the final and complete FFY 2020 SSBG application and Post-Expenditure Report for FFY 2018 may be obtained after October 1, 2019, through written request to the SCDSS address listed above or may be accessed through the SCDSS Internet site on the World Wide Web at <https://dss.sc.gov/about/data-and-resources/annual-progress-and-services-reports>.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

State Administrative Agency

SCDSS is the designated agency for South Carolina to serve children, families, and adults in need of protection, financial assistance, food assistance, and child care. SCDSS's structure consists of county and regional offices throughout the state that directly provide protective services to adults and children; foster care and adoption services for children; temporary financial assistance to needy families (TANF/Family Independence); food stamps (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP); and child care vouchers to priority populations who are in school, training, or employed.

Agency Mission: The mission of the South Carolina Department of Social Services is, *“To serve South Carolina by promoting the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and vulnerable adults, helping individuals achieve stability and strengthening families.”*

SCDSS Strives to:

- a. Promote the safety and well-being of children and vulnerable adults; promoting permanency for children.
- b. Help preserve the family unit by enhancing the capability of individuals and families to provide for their own needs.
- c. Ensure the DSS workforce is supported in their efforts to provide high-quality service that is responsive and engaged; and,
- d. Foster trust, collaboration, and communication with stakeholders to improve outcomes for children, families, and vulnerable adults.

The following page includes a list of SCDSS strategic goals and objectives categorized by program area.

Program Area	Supported Agency Strategic Planning Goal	Agency Objective
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	To promote the general welfare and safeguard the health and well-being of the state's low-income citizens by providing benefits to help recipients purchase food.	Decrease food insecurity by providing benefits and services to low-income individuals.
Early Care and Education (Child Care Services)	<p>Child Care Vouchers – To assist eligible low-income families to become and remain employed with the help of affordable, accessible, quality child care services.</p> <p>Child Care Licensing – To protect the health and well-being of children attending child care settings.</p>	<p>Increase access to safe, affordable, quality child care for working families.</p> <p>Improve the quality of child care in the state.</p>
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	To provide assistance to families while they are transitioning into employment so that they will become self-sufficient.	Increase opportunities for employment by providing necessary supports.
Foster Care and Adoptions	Strengthen permanency services to promote timely reunification, guardianship, or adoption.	Ensure timely permanency for those children who are in the foster care system in South Carolina.
Child Protective and Preventative Services	Enhance prevention and intervention resources to ultimately reduce the reoccurrence of child maltreatment and unnecessary out-of-home placements.	Improve prevention and intervention resources to prevent the occurrence and reoccurrence of childhood maltreatment, reduce out-of-home placement and overall well-being of children and families in South Carolina.
Adult Advocacy (Adult Protective Services and Domestic Violence)	To protect vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by investigating and providing temporary assistance until risk is minimized and services are secured.	Ensure timely and effective intervention and support services.
Child Support Enforcement	To ensure that children receive needed financial support from the noncustodial parent.	Increase child support collections.

STATE OFFICE and DEPARTMENTS

As the only state agency designated to administer SSBG funds, SCDSS procures SSBG services from state agencies, public and private providers, universities, and other entities. SCDSS administers these funds based upon a priority plan for services. Without additional funding, SCDSS has made mandated services, such as Child and Adult Protective Services, and continuity of priority services, such as Home Based services (Homemaker and Personal Care Assistant services), its primary focus in the distribution of SSBG funds.

Staff in SCDSS state office divisions of Adult Advocacy, Human Services, Cost Allocation, Budgets, and Executive Management work together in administering SSBG funds for SCDSS direct operations and allocating funding for services purchased through contracts and grants. Funds are also directly allocated to County offices for purchase of prevention/intervention services, such as counseling, payment of utilities, and other services to prevent a child's placement in foster care, to prevent the foster care placement from disrupting, and to facilitate permanency for children through ameliorating the problems that brought them to the agency's involvement or to facilitate adoption.

FISCAL OPERATIONS

South Carolina DSS program staff, in collaboration with SCDSS Budget staff, annually develops a program plan for allocating SSBG funds. Through the planning process, the state seeks to allocate social service resources in a fiscally accountable manner to address and ensure that SSBG meets the priority service needs of the state. SCDSS Executive staff reviews and approves the Plan. Consistent with state and federal requirements, citizens receive assistance to achieve, restore, and maintain a level of health, social, and economic well-being. As SSBG funding is a capped resource, the ability to develop new programs and address more needs of the state is limited. Continuity of priority services and the provision of mandated services is the State's primary focus in development of the Pre-Expenditure Plan.

South Carolina does not hold a public hearing for comment on the SSBG Plan; however, the citizens of the state and service providers can review and comment on the Pre-Expenditure Plan via the SCDSS website. A hard copy of the Pre-Expenditure Plan is also available for review at SCDSS, 1535 Confederate Avenue Extension, Columbia, SC, Room 507. The public can e-mail questions and comments to program staff charged with preparing the plan.

Program areas within SCDSS are required to develop budget projections to ensure allocation of financial resources meets strategic objectives; that budgeted operations are within available funding; and that the agency derives maximum benefit from all available funding sources. The budget process requires an

analysis of resource allocation and funding needed for budgeted operations. This process includes a review of necessary expenditures from the cost allocation manager through the senior management levels of the Agency.

SCDSS allocates costs to the SSBG program based upon a federally approved Public Assistance Cost Allocation Plan revised effective July 1, 2012. Payroll expenditures are charged directly to the program or are allocated using approved cost allocation bases. Service delivery site interviewers and/or staff completes a Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) or self-directed time studies. The Random Moment Time Study is an email based web application conducted by an independent contractor. Staff are randomly sampled throughout the applicable period and responses are electronically recorded. Quality control measures are built into the system to ensure reliability of the sample.

SCDSS follows the State Procurement Code in contracting with entities to provide SSBG services. SCDSS issues Requests for Proposals (RFPs) or Requests for Bids for most of its purchased services. In the procurement process, potential providers must submit line item budgets for service delivery. Through this competitive process, the agency awards contracts for one year, with the option to renew for an additional four years.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS

SOCIAL SERVICES DELIVERY SYSTEM

South Carolina uses a goal-directed target group approach in the social services delivery system. This approach provides a conceptual framework within which SCDSS can identify a recipient's service needs and can develop, implement, and evaluate service plans with optimum participation of the recipients. The South Carolina Department of Social Services determines eligibility for services that support Adult and Child Protective Services and Foster Care for Children.

Eligibility Process

South Carolina utilizes a three-step process for determining eligibility for the SSBG program based on client need for the service, income eligibility for SSBG services, and target group. Applicants must meet the three criteria to be eligible. Even though a family or individual may be eligible, the provision of service depends upon availability of the service at the time.

Target Group Criteria

The first step of determining eligibility is identification of an applicant as a member of at least one of the target groups. Each target group is defined in terms of a problem or barrier experienced by SSBG service applicants.

The problem provides the parameters for developing a specific goal and measurable objectives. The target groups are prioritized, with Target Group 1 having the highest priority (see chart on next page).

<p>Target Group 1:</p> <p>Goals:</p> <p>Objective:</p>	<p>Individuals unable to protect their own interest from abuse, neglect, or exploitation.</p> <p>To protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect, or exploitation.</p> <p>To investigate and assess all reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.</p>
<p>Target Group 2:</p> <p>Goals:</p> <p>Objective:</p>	<p>Family units experiencing or in immediate risk of disruption.</p> <p>To eliminate or alleviate causes of family disruption.</p> <p>To maintain the family unit or arrange for a permanent, alternate family placement.</p>
<p>Target Group 3:</p> <p>Goals:</p> <p>Objective:</p>	<p>Individuals with functional impairments or handicaps that restrict their ability to independently perform age-appropriate activities.</p> <p>To enable functionally impaired individuals to achieve and maintain their maximum potential for independent living.</p> <p>To enable clients to remain in their own homes or other residential facility or to enable clients released from institutions to resettle in the community.</p>
<p>Target Group 4:</p> <p>Goals:</p> <p>Objective:</p>	<p>Individuals unable to achieve or maintain some degree of economic self-support because of their lack of job-related skills and/or their responsibility for caring for dependent family members.</p> <p>To enable individuals to achieve or maintain employment.</p> <p>To enable clients to achieve or maintain employment due to the provision of services to dependent family members.</p>
<p>Target Group 5:</p> <p>Goals:</p> <p>Objective:</p>	<p>Individuals and families unable, due to lack of age-appropriate skills, to function effectively in home management or personal care and hygiene.</p> <p>To enable individuals or families to achieve and/or maintain self-sufficiency.</p> <p>To prevent client regression to a more severe condition as evidenced by reclassification to Target Group 1 or 2, or to achieve or maintain some degree of self-sufficiency.</p>

Income Criteria

The second step of the eligibility process involves determining the income level of the applicant. Applicants must have a total family gross income at or below 200 percent of the poverty guidelines, or must need services provided by the state that are without regard to income. The SSBG Income Standards for FFY 2020 are included below.

SSBG INCOME STANDARDS **Effective OCTOBER 1, 2019 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

FAMILY SIZE	GROSS FAMILY INCOME MONTHLY	GROSS FAMILY INCOME ANNUALLY
1	\$2,082	\$24,980
2	\$2,818	\$33,820
3	\$3,555	\$42,660
4	\$4,292	\$51,550
5	\$5,028	\$60,340
6	\$5,765	\$69,180
7	\$6,502	\$78,020
8	\$7,238	\$86,860

Note: For each additional family member above 8, add \$737 monthly or \$8,840 annually. Information and referral services, as well as any other SSBG services offered in conjunction with protective services, are available without regard to income. (Source: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/02/01/2019-00621/annual-update-of-the-hhs-poverty-guidelines>.)

Need Criteria

The third step of the eligibility process requires determining an applicant's need for the service. In addition to being a member of one of the target groups and meeting the income criteria, applicants must also demonstrate a need for the specific service.

Fees

All services in the SSBG Plan are provided without cost to eligible individuals. SCDSS allows providers of the Older American Act services to accept Voluntary Contributions from clients as long as there is no coercion on the part of the provider to collect the contributions and no negative impact on clients who do not contribute.

Group Eligibility Criteria

Group eligibility assumes that the majority of the recipients of a particular service, a specific community, or a service site would be eligible for service if the eligibility criteria were applied. This assumption allows authorized contractors to provide services to any recipient who meets the specific characteristics established by the administering agency. Therefore, recipient eligibility is determined by the group eligibility requirements instead of the three eligibility criteria outlined earlier.

Definition of SSBG Family

An SSBG Family includes the following members:

- One or more adults and children related by blood or law and residing in the same household
- Stepparents
- Military spouses not residing in the same household
- Adult children 18-21 years of age living away from home to further their education if their parents claim them as dependents on their income tax return

Definition of Adult and Child

In the SSBG program, an adult is defined as an individual eighteen years of age or older who receives services based on need. This includes emancipated minors and married minors. An individual 17 years of age or younger is defined as a child.

SSBG SERVICES

This section describes the SSBG services that SCDSS funded during FFY 2018. Demographics and other data provided in the charts for these services come from reports generated by the SCDSS Child and Adult Protective Services (CAPSS) case management system, cost allocation data, provider reports, and historical information. The following CAPSS reports provide demographic and client count data for services directly provided by SCDSS and those services for which SCDSS determined client eligibility during FFY 2018:

- SS310-R01 – SSBG Client Profile Report
- SS190-R05 – SSBG Clients and Units Summary, SCDSS Provided and Purchased Services
- SS260-R01 – SSBG Clients and Units, Office Summary
- SS130-R02 – SSBG County Flex Funds Client Summary
- SS280-R01 – Homemaker Support Services for Adult Protective Program Service
- SS280-R02 – Homemaker Support Services for Child Protective Service
- SS280-R03 – Homemaker Support Services for Foster Care Program Service
- SS130-R05 – Flex Fund Clients – Program and Support Services Summary
- SS130-R06 – Flex Fund Clients – Support Services Summary – Federal Fiscal Year - Cumulative

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Reported on Post-Expenditure Report as Protective Services – Adult

Adult Protective Services (APS) are provided to individuals who are 18 years of age or older and are victims of actual or potential abuse, neglect, or exploitation. This maltreatment may be caused by others or may be self-inflicted. The Omnibus Adult Protection Act of the South Carolina Code of Laws authorizes the Department of Social Services to investigate all reports and provide services. Services are provided to meet the adults' basic needs and to ensure their safety. In some cases, emergency caretakers are utilized to sit with the individual temporarily. In FFY 2018, SCDSS staff completed assessments for abuse, neglect, or exploitation for 9,641 persons. Of the 3,057 persons that received protective services as a result of substantiated reports, 272 received emergency personal care assistance services. Also, of the 3,057 recipients of treatment services, 74% were 60 years of age and older, and 14% were 85 years and older. SCDSS provides this service at the county level in all 46 counties of the state.

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 18	
Total Persons Served: 3,057	SSBG Expenditures: \$11,685,775

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Reported on Post-Expenditure Report as Protective Services – Children

Child Protective Services (CPS) are provided to families whose children have been abused or neglected. State law requires the Department of Social Services to assess reports of child abuse/neglect to determine their validity. This includes determining whether the child is at risk and determining the need for supportive services for the family. In addition to investigating abuse/neglect and providing counseling and offering other treatment services to parents and children, the case managers are advocates for the child and family to law enforcement and the family court. During FFY 2018, SCDSS directly provided CPS treatment services to 15,876 persons throughout the state. SCDSS assessed 42,703 reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of children during FFY 2018.

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 18	
Total Persons Served: 15,876	SSBG Expenditures: \$5,216,439

FLEX FUNDS

Reported on Post-Expenditure Report as Prevention & Intervention

Flex Funds provide flexible and easily accessible resources to Department of Social Services staff in child protective services, foster care, and adoption services to assist them in their efforts to preserve, strengthen, or reunite families with children who are receiving, or are at risk of receiving, child welfare services. The service goals for Flex Funding include preventing placement in foster care; preventing disruptions in foster or pre-adopt families; reunification of a child with family or relatives; preventing abuse from occurring or recurring; and facilitating adoption. This service is provided on a state-wide basis by SCDSS. Services include assistance with housing; electric bills; counseling; drug assessment and treatment services; medical services when Medicaid is not available and the services are an integral part of the service plan; wrap-around services; and short term child care services (no more than 2 weeks).

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 18	
Total Persons Served: 46,043	SSBG Expenditures: \$3,769,839

FOSTER CARE SERVICES

Reported on Post-Expenditure Report as Foster Care Services - Children

Foster Care Services provide an alternative family life experience for abused, neglected, or dependent children. These services may include assessment of the child's needs; case planning and management to assure that the child receives proper care in a licensed or approved environment; room and board or medical care; counseling of the child, the child's parents and foster parents; and referral and assistance in obtaining other necessary supportive services. SCDSS provides this service in all 46 counties of the state. During FFY 2018, 8,490 children received this service.

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 18	
Total Persons Served: 8,490	SSBG Expenditures: \$1,352,726

HOMEMAKER SERVICES

Reported on Post-Expenditure Report as Home-Based Services

Homemaker Services are provided to adults and children receiving protective services. Activities include light house cleaning, meal planning, marketing and food preparation, personal care and home management, budgeting, child rearing skills, and assistance in following treatment plans prescribed by a physician. This service is also provided to foster children and their foster families and families receiving child protective services in all 46 counties of the state. SCDSS provided this service to 258 clients. Of these clients, 131 received services through contracts with quasi-public and private for-profit providers.

SERVICE FACTS FOR FFY 18	
Total Persons Served: 258	SSBG Expenditures: \$1,172,429

Pre and Post – Expenditure Reports

Pre-Expenditure Plan for FFY 2020

Amended Pre-Expenditure Plan for FFY 2019

Post-Expenditure Report for FFY 2018

SERVICES TO BE FUNDED IN TOTAL OR IN PART BY SSBG FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2020

Adult Protective Services are available to protect vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and if possible, to help them resume their role as primary protector of themselves. (Listed in SSBG Plan under federal definition **Protective Services - Adults**.)

Child Protective Services are provided to families whose children have been abused or neglected and also includes temporary emergency placement of children as a service component. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal definition **Protective Services - Children**.)

Foster Care Services include assessment of abused, neglected, or abandoned children's needs; case planning and management to assure that children receive proper care in a licensed or approved environment; room and board or medical care; counseling of the child, the children's parents and foster parents; and referral and assistance in obtaining other necessary supportive services. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition **Foster Care Services – Children**.)

Homemaker Services are offered to adults and children receiving protective services. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under the federal service definition **Home Based Services**.)

Prevention/Intervention Services are those services or activities designed to provide early identification and/or timely intervention to support families and prevent or ameliorate the consequences of abuse, neglect, or family violence. Component services and activities include time-limited clinical interventions designed to defuse crises that threaten a child's stability within the home environment, case management, and developmental and parenting skills training.

Part A. Estimated Expenditures and Proposed Provision Method

OMB NO.: 0970-0234

STATE: South Carolina	FISCAL YEAR: 2020	REPORT PERIOD: 10/1/2019-9/30/2020
Contact Person: Rick Knight	Phone Number: 803-898-9030	
Title: Program Coordinator	E-Mail Address: rick.knight@dss.sc.gov	
Agency: SC Dept. of Social Services	Submission Date: 9/1/2019	

Service Supported with SSBG Expenditures	SSBG Expenditures		Expenditures of All Other Federal, State and Local funds**	Carry Over of Funds Transferred into SSBG from Previous FY	Total Expenditures	Provision Method		Do your total expenditures include ALL other federal, state, and local funds for this service category?
	SSBG Allocation	Funds transferred into SSBG*				Public	Private	
1 Adoption Services								
2 Case Management								
3 Congregate Meals								
4 Counseling Services								
5 Day Care--Adults								
6 Day Care--Children								
7 Education and Training Services								
8 Employment Services								
9 Family Planning Services								
10 Foster Care Services--Adults								
11 Foster Care Services--Children	1,778,243				1,778,243	X	X	
12 Health-Related Services								
13 Home-Based Services	777,828				777,828	X	X	
14 Home-Delivered Meals								
15 Housing Services								
16 Independent/Transitional Living Services								
17 Information & Referral								
18 Legal Services								
19 Pregnancy & Parenting								
20 Prevention & Intervention	3,287,425				3,287,425	X	X	
21 Protective Services--Adults	12,230,006				12,230,006	X	X	
22 Protective Services--Children	5,082,790				5,082,790	X	X	
23 Recreation Services								
24 Residential Treatment								
25 Special Services--Disabled								
26 Special Services--Youth at Risk								
27 Substance Abuse Services								
28 Transportation								
29 Other Services***								
30 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES	23,156,292				23,156,292			
31 Administrative Costs	1,303,719							
32 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	24,460,011							

* From which block grant(s) were these funds transferred? N/A

** Please list the sources of these funds:

*** Please list other services:

Part B. Estimated Recipients

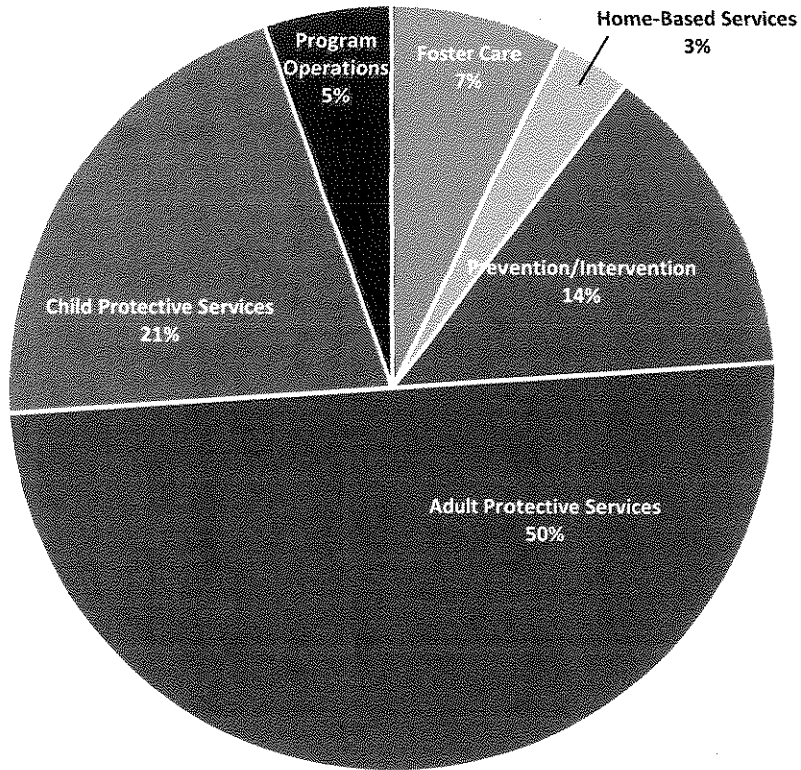
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STATE: South Carolina

FISCAL YEAR: 2020

Service Supported with SSBG Expenditures	Children	Adults			Total Adults	Total	Actual (A), Estimated (E), Sampled (S) data?	Duplicated (D) or Unduplicate d (U) Counts?	Please enter the eligibility criteria for this Service Category	State will submit eligibility criteria to OCS by email
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1 Adoption Services										
2 Case Management										
3 Congregate Meals										
4 Counseling Services										
5 Day Care--Adults										
6 Day Care--Children										
7 Education and Training Services										
8 Employment Services										
9 Family Planning Services										
10 Foster Care Services--Adults										
11 Foster Care Services--Children	11,160					11160	E	U	At or below 200% poverty	
12 Health-Related Services										
13 Home-Based Services		51	120	0	171	171	E	U	At or below 200% poverty	
14 Home-Delivered Meals										
15 Housing Services										
16 Independent/Transitional Living Services										
17 Information & Referral										
18 Legal Services										
19 Pregnancy & Parenting										
20 Prevention & Intervention	40,154					40154	E	U	At or below 200% poverty	
21 Protective Services--Adults		832	2,368	0	3,200	3200	E	U	At or below 200% poverty	
22 Protective Services--Children	15,469					15469	E	U	At or below 200% poverty	
23 Recreation Services										
24 Residential Treatment										
25 Special Services--Disabled										
26 Special Services--Youth at Risk										
27 Substance Abuse Services										
28 Transportation										
29 Other Services***										
30 SUM OF RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	66,783	883	2,488	0	3,371	70,154	E	U	At or below 200% poverty	

Planned Expenditure
FFY 2020



AMENDED SERVICES TO BE FUNDED IN TOTAL OR IN PART BY SSBG FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019

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Part A. Estimated Expenditures and Proposed Provision Method

OMB NO.: 0970-0234

STATE: South Carolina	FISCAL YEAR: 2019	REPORT PERIOD: 10/1/2018-9/30/2019
Contact Person: Rick Knight	Phone Number: 803-898-9030	
Title: Program Coordinator	E-Mail Address: rick.knight@dss.sc.gov	
Agency: SC Dept. of Social Services	Submission Date: 9/1/2018	

Service Supported with SSBG Expenditures	SSBG Expenditures		Expenditures of All Other Federal, State and Local funds**	Carry Over of Funds Transferred into SSBG from Previous FY	Total Expenditures	Provision Method		Do your total expenditures include ALL other federal, state, and local funds for this service category?
	SSBG Allocation	Funds transferred into SSBG*				Public	Private	
1 Adoption Services								
2 Case Management								
3 Congregate Meals								
4 Counseling Services								
5 Day Care--Adults								
6 Day Care--Children								
7 Education and Training Services								
8 Employment Services								
9 Family Planning Services								
10 Foster Care Services--Adults								
11 Foster Care Services--Children	1,378,048				1,378,048	X	X	
12 Health-Related Services								
13 Home-Based Services	1,498,155				1,498,155	X	X	
14 Home-Delivered Meals								
15 Housing Services								
16 Independent/Transitional Living Services								
17 Information & Referral								
18 Legal Services								
19 Pregnancy & Parenting								
20 Prevention & Intervention	3,840,407				3,840,407	X		
21 Protective Services--Adults	11,369,293				11,369,293	X	X	
22 Protective Services--Children	5,395,527				5,395,527	X	X	
23 Recreation Services								
24 Residential Treatment								
25 Special Services--Disabled								
26 Special Services--Youth at Risk								
27 Substance Abuse Services								
28 Transportation								
29 Other Services***								
30 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES	23,481,430				23,481,430			
31 Administrative Costs	760,555							
32 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	24,241,985							

* From which block grant(s) were these funds transferred? N/A

** Please list the sources of these funds:

*** Please list other services:

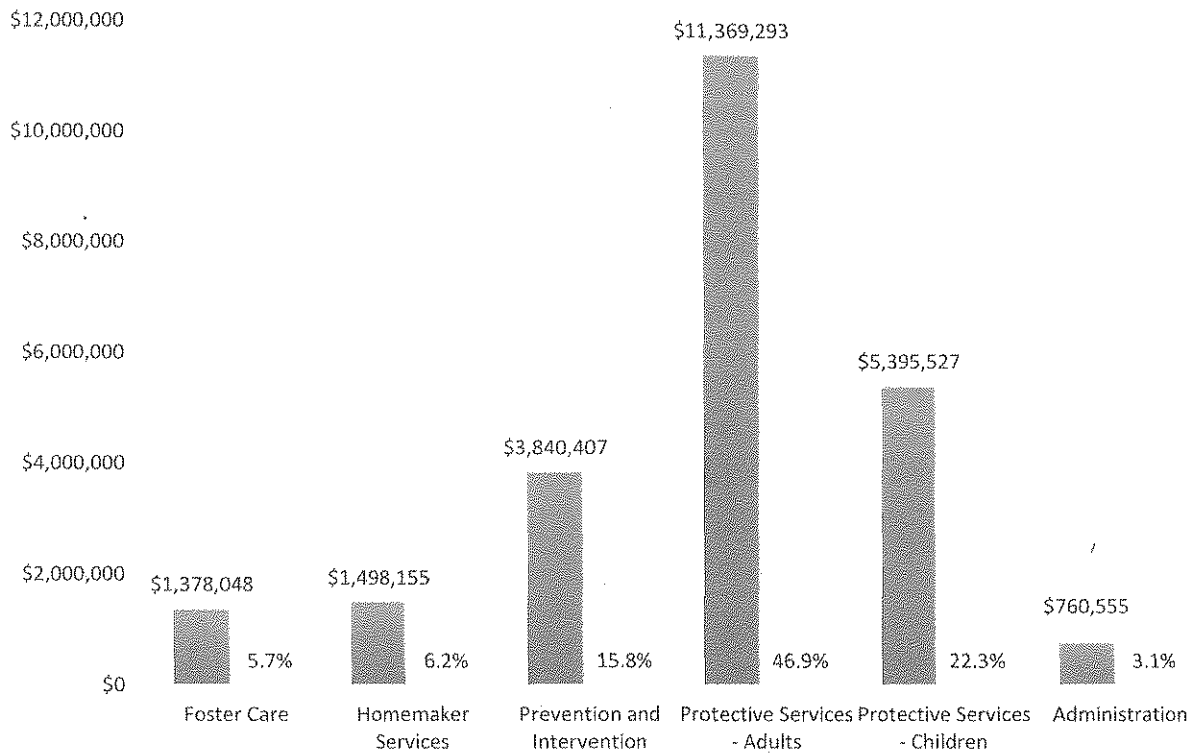
Part B. Estimated Recipients

OMB NO.: 0970-0234

STATE: South Carolina
FISCAL YEAR: 2019

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5 Day Care--Adults										
6 Day Care--Children										
7 Education and Training Services										
8 Employment Services										
9 Family Planning Services										
10 Foster Care Services--Adults										
11 Foster Care Services--Children	7088					7088	E	U	At or below 200% poverty	
12 Health-Related Services										
13 Home-Based Services		71	220	3	294	294	E	U	At or below 200% poverty	
14 Home-Delivered Meals										
15 Housing Services										
16 Independent/Transitional Living Services										
17 Information & Referral										
18 Legal Services										
19 Pregnancy & Parenting										
20 Prevention & Intervention	5611					5611	E	U	At or below 200% poverty	
21 Protective Services--Adults		1019	3098	8	4125	4125	E	U	At or below 200% poverty	
22 Protective Services--Children	18110					18110	E	U	At or below 200% poverty	
23 Recreation Services										
24 Residential Treatment										
25 Special Services--Disabled										
26 Special Services--Youth at Risk										
27 Substance Abuse Services										
28 Transportation										
29 Other Services**										
30 SUM OF RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	30809	1090	3318	11	4419	35228	E	U	At or below 200% poverty	

SSBG Amended Planned Expenditure By Service - FFY 2019



AMENDED SERVICES FUNDED IN TOTAL OR IN PART BY SSBG FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2018

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Pregnancy and Parenting Services are available to expectant mothers under age 21 years who are in need of out-of-home placement to ensure the health and safety of the mother and unborn child, and to help with concerns related to pregnancy. (Listed in the SSBG Plan under federal service definition for **Other Services**)

Part A. Expenditures and Provision Method

OMB NO.: 0970-0234

EXPIRATION DATE: 11/30/2018

STATE: South Carolina	FISCAL YEAR: 2018 Post Expenditure	REPORT PERIOD: 10/1/17-9/30/18
Contact Person: Rick Knight	Phone Number: 803-898-9030	
Title: Program Coordinator II	E-Mail Address: rick.knight@dss.sc.gov	
Agency: SC Dept of Social Services	Submission Date: 3/21/2019	

Service Supported with SSBG Expenditures	SSBG Expenditures		Expenditures of All Other Federal, State and Local funds**	Total Expenditures	Provision Method	
	SSBG Allocation	Funds transferred into SSBG*			Public	Private
1 Adoption Services						
2 Case Management						
3 Congregate Meals						
4 Counseling Services						
5 Day Care--Adults						
6 Day Care--Children						
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Services--Adults						
11 Foster Care Services--Children	\$1,352,726			\$1,352,726	X	X
12 Health-Related Services						
13 Home-Based Services	\$1,172,429			\$1,172,429	X	X
14 Home-Delivered Meals						
15 Housing Services						
16 Independent/Transitional Living Services						
17 Information & Referral						
18 Legal Services						
19 Pregnancy & Parenting	\$6,260			\$6,260		X
20 Prevention & Intervention	\$3,769,839			\$3,769,839	X	X
21 Protective Services--Adults	\$11,685,775			\$11,685,775	X	X
22 Protective Services--Children	\$5,216,439			\$5,216,439	X	X
23 Recreation Services						
24 Residential Treatment						
25 Special Services--Disabled						
26 Special Services--Youth at Risk						
27 Substance Abuse Services						
28 Transportation						
29 Other Services***						
30 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES	\$23,203,468			\$23,203,468		
31 Administrative Costs	\$1,038,517					
32 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$24,241,985					

* From which block grant(s) were these funds transferred?

** Please list the sources of these funds:

*** Please list other services:

Part B. Estimated Recipients

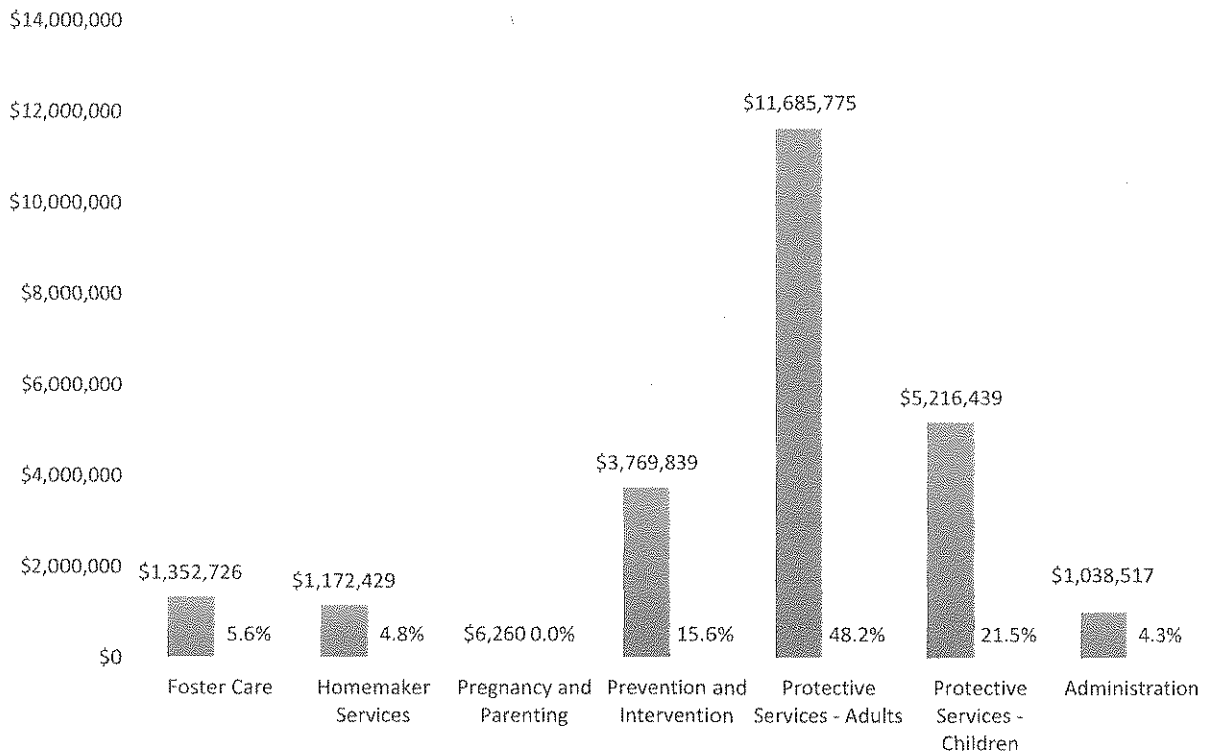
OMB NO.: 0970-0234

EXPIRATION DATE: 11/30/2018

STATE: South Carolina
FISCAL YEAR: 2018 Post Expenditure

Service Supported with SSBG Expenditures	Children	Adults			Total Adults	Total
		Adults Age 59 Years & Younger	Adults Age 60 Years & Older	Adults of Unknown Age		
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2 Case Management						
3 Congregate Meals						
4 Counseling Services						
5 Day Care--Adults						
6 Day Care--Children						
7 Education and Training Services						
8 Employment Services						
9 Family Planning Services						
10 Foster Care Services--Adults						
11 Foster Care Services--Children	8490					8490
12 Health-Related Services						
13 Home-Based Services		78	180	0	258	258
14 Home-Delivered Meals						
15 Housing Services						
16 Independent/Transitional Living Services						
17 Information & Referral						
18 Legal Services						
19 Pregnancy & Parenting		10			10	10
20 Prevention & Intervention	46046					46046
21 Protective Services--Adults		786	2271	0	3057	3057
22 Protective Services--Children	15876					15876
23 Recreation Services						
24 Residential Treatment						
25 Special Services--Disabled						
26 Special Services--Youth at Risk						
27 Substance Abuse Services						
28 Transportation						
29 Other Services***						
30 SUM OF RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	70412	874	2451	0	3325	73737

SSBG Expenditures - FFY 2018



APPENDICES

Assurances, Certifications and Audit

APPENDIX A

CERTIFICATION AND ASSURANCES

Non-Discrimination

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000 D et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 706), and the regulations at 45 CFR Parts 80 and 84, the Title XX agency assures that no individual shall be subjected to discrimination under this plan on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or handicap.

The Social Services Block Grant agency has methods of administration to assure that each program or activity for which it receives federal financial assistance will be operated in accordance with Title VI regulations and with regulations issued pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The state agency will amend its methods of administration from time to time as necessary to carry out the purposes for which this statement is given.

Drug-Free Workplace

In accordance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act, S.C. Code Ann. 44-107-10 et seq. (1976 as amended) and the Federal Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988 as set forth in 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart F (1994), the Social Services Block Grant agency certifies that it will comply with all requirements.

Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

In accordance with 45 CFR Part 76, the Social Services Block Grant agency certifies that it will comply with all requirements.

Lobbying

In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 1352, the Social Services Block Grant agency certifies that funds received will not be expended to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered federal actions: the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

Environmental Tobacco Smoke

Public Law 103227, Part C Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro Children Act of 1994, requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of an indoor facility routinely owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely and regularly for provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity. By signing and submitting this application the applicant/grantee further agrees that it will comply with the requirements of the Act. The applicant/grantee further agrees that it will require the language of this certification be included in any sub-awards which contain provisions for the children's services and that all sub-grantees shall certify accordingly.



Michael Leach
State Director

APPENDIX B

SINGLE AUDIT

The State Auditor's Office contracted with a private auditing firm to conduct the Single Audit in Compliance with OMB Circular 133 for SSBG funds administered by the Department of Social Services for the period ending June 30, 2018. The entire audit report is located on the Office of the State Auditor's website at the web address listed below.

<https://osa.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/18-Single-Audit-Report.pdf>.

Please see the following pages for information extracted from the audit which serves as proof that this function is completed.



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Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for
Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal
Control over Compliance; and Report on Schedule of
Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

March 8, 2019

The Honorable Henry D. McMaster, Governor
and
Members of the General Assembly
Columbia, South Carolina

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have jointly audited the State of South Carolina's (the State) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the State's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018. The State's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

The State's basic financial statements included the operations of certain agencies and component units that have been excluded from the schedule of expenditures of federal awards because each of the entities engaged other auditors to perform an audit in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996. As described in Note 1, these agencies and component units expended \$2,684,468,513 in federal awards during the year ended June 30, 2018.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the State's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the State's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the State's compliance.

The Honorable Henry D. McMaster, Governor
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March 8, 2019

Basis for Qualified Opinion on the 5 Major Federal Programs Identified in the Following Table

As identified in the following table and as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, the State did not comply with requirements regarding the following:

State Administering Agency	Finding Number	CFDA Number	Federal Program/Cluster	Compliance Requirement
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services	2018-006	93.775 93.777 93.778	Medicaid Cluster	Eligibility
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services	2018-006	93.767	Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	Eligibility
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Department of Natural Resources, Sea Grants Consortium	2018-031 2018-035 2018-038	Various	Research and Development Cluster	Subrecipient Monitoring
South Carolina Adjutant General	2018-040	97.036	Disaster Grants – Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	Subrecipient Monitoring
South Carolina Commission for the Blind	2018-045 2018-046 2018-047	84.126	Rehabilitation Services – Vocational Rehabilitation Grants to States	Eligibility Reporting Special Tests

Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the State to comply with the requirements applicable to those programs.

Qualified Opinion on the 5 Major Federal Programs Identified Above

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the State complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the identified major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Unmodified Opinion on Each of the Other Major Federal Programs

In our opinion, the State complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its other major federal programs identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs for the year ended June 30, 2018.

The Honorable Henry D. McMaster, Governor
and
Members of the General Assembly
March 8, 2019

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed other instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2018-001 through 2018-005, 2018-007 through 2018-018, 2018-020 through 2018-021, 2018-023, 2018-024, 2018-026, 2018-029, 2018-032 through 2018-034, 2018-042, and 2018-043. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

The State's responses to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs and Appendix B – Agency Corrective Action Plans to Findings and Recommendations. The State's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the State is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the State's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the State's internal control over compliance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2018-006, 2018-011, 2018-031, 2018-035, 2018-038 through 2018-040, and 2018-044 through 2018-048 to be material weaknesses.

The Honorable Henry D. McMaster, Governor
and
Members of the General Assembly
March 8, 2019

A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questions costs as items 2018-001 through 2018-005, 2018-007 through 2018-010, 2018-012 through 2018-030, 2018-032 through 2018-034, 2018-036, 2018-037, and 2018-041 through 2018-043 to be significant deficiencies.

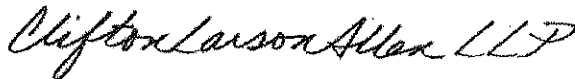
The State's responses to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs and Appendix B – Agency Corrective Action Plans to Findings and Recommendations. The State's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses. The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have jointly audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the State of South Carolina as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated November 15, 2018 which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Columbia, South Carolina
March 8, 2019



Baltimore, Maryland
March 8, 2019

**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards by Federal
Grantor and CFDA Number**

Schedule 1

Grantor/CFDA/CFDA Title	Pass-Through Grant Number	Federal Expenditures	Subrecipient Expenditures
NonCluster Programs			
93.634 ACA Support for Ombudsman and Beneficiary Counseling Programs for States Participating in the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative			
Direct		223,214	3,438
93.634 ACA Support for Ombudsman and Beneficiary Counseling Programs for States Participating in the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative Total		223,214	3,438
93.645 Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program			
Direct		9,518,825	-
93.645 Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program Total		9,518,825	-
93.658 Foster Care Title IV-E			
Direct		41,890,180	-
93.658 Foster Care Title IV-E Total		41,890,180	-
93.659 Adoption Assistance			
Direct		20,833,595	-
93.659 Adoption Assistance Total		20,833,595	-
93.667 Social Services Block Grant			
Direct		20,468,497	-
93.667 Social Services Block Grant Total		20,468,497	-
93.669 Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants			
Direct		91,951	-
93.669 Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants Total		91,951	-
93.671 Family Violence Prevention and Services/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services			
Direct		1,876,291	1,434,332
93.671 Family Violence Prevention and Services/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services Total		1,876,291	1,434,332
93.674 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood			
Direct		1,070,432	-
93.674 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood Total		1,070,432	-
93.745 PPHF: Health Care Surveillance/Health Statistics – Surveillance Program Announcement: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Financed in Part by Prevention and Public Health Fund			
Direct		68,019	-
93.745 PPHF: Health Care Surveillance/Health Statistics – Surveillance Program Announcement: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Financed in Part by Prevention and Public Health Fund Total		68,019	-
93.752 Cancer Prevention and Control Programs for State, Territorial and Tribal Organizations financed in part by Prevention and Public Health Funds			
Direct		119,413	88,162
93.752 Cancer Prevention and Control Programs for State, Territorial and Tribal Organizations financed in part by Prevention and Public Health Funds Total		119,413	88,162
93.757 State and Local Public Health Actions to Prevent Obesity, Diabetes, Heart Disease and Stroke (PPHF)			
Direct		3,744,162	1,422,959
93.757 State and Local Public Health Actions to Prevent Obesity, Diabetes, Heart Disease and Stroke (PPHF) Total		3,744,162	1,422,959



HENRY McMASTER, GOVERNOR
JOAN B. MEACHAM, ACTING STATE DIRECTOR

March 8, 2019

Department of Health and Human Services

The South Carolina Department of Social Services respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Audit period: June 30, 2018

The findings from the schedule of findings and questioned costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the schedule.

FINDINGS—FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM AUDIT

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

2018-011 Child Support Enforcement – CFDA No. 93.563

Recommendation: We recommend that the Department continue its process of implementing a data processing and retrieval system that complies with Section 454 (24) (B) of the Act.

Explanation of disagreement with audit finding: There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Action taken in response to finding: The contract for the statewide child support system has been assigned to Conduent, and the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OSCE) approved our current project contract in August 2015. The project timeline for system development, testing and implementation is four years, consisting of the following:

- Three-year design, development and testing phase.
- Completed system implementation at DSS with four (4) pilot counties going live on September 30, 2018 and an additional 14 counties going live on February 4, 2019.
- Complete state-wide system implementation across the remaining 28 counties by September 30, 2019.

Name(s) of the contact person(s) responsible for corrective action: Jimmy Early, Project Director

Planned completion date for corrective action plan: September 30, 2019

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

2018-012 Child Support Enforcement – CFDA No. 93.563

Recommendation: We recommend that the Department strengthen its internal control process for reviewing program expenses charged to the federal awards to ensure that they are incurred during the grant period of performance.

Explanation of disagreement with audit finding: There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Action taken in response to finding: Procedures will be implemented for proper monitoring of expenditures charged to the program, and staff will be re-trained on the period of performance for each program to ensure the expenditures charged to federal awards are incurred during the proper grant period of performance.

Name(s) of the contact person(s) responsible for corrective action: Mary Long, Grants Accounting Manager

Planned completion date for corrective action plan: June 30, 2019

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

2018-013 Child Support Enforcement – CFDA No. 93.563

Recommendation: We recommend that the Department review its internal controls over issuance of subrecipient subawards to ensure that the information communicated is in compliance with the Federal guidelines.

Explanation of disagreement with audit finding: There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Action taken in response to finding: The Finance Department will work in concert with the Procurement Department to ensure that every subaward is clearly identified to the subrecipient as a subaward and includes the federally required information at the time of the subaward.

Name(s) of the contact person(s) responsible for corrective action: Susan Roben, Controller

Planned completion date for corrective action plan: June 30, 2019

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

2018-014 Child Support Enforcement – CFDA No. 93.563

Recommendation: We recommend that the Department continue to implement a process to collect and report the amount of program funds passed through to subrecipients during the year on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and to verify that the amount is supported by the accounting system.

Explanation of disagreement with audit finding: There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Action taken in response to finding: Procedures have already been implemented to ensure that the correct data is captured in the agency's general ledger in order to report the proper total amount of subrecipient expenditures.

Name(s) of the contact person(s) responsible for corrective action: Mary Long, Grants Accounting Manager

Planned completion date for corrective action plan: June 30, 2019

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

2018-015 Child Support Enforcement, Child and Adult Care Food Program – CFDA No. 93.563, 10.558

Recommendation: We recommend that the Department strengthen its internal controls and processes to ensure that quarterly reports are free from error prior to submission of the report.

Explanation of disagreement with audit finding: There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Action taken in response to finding: Staff will be re-trained on the proper completion of the FNS-777 and OCSE-396 reports.

Name(s) of the contact person(s) responsible for corrective action: Susan Roben, Controller

Planned completion date for corrective action plan: June 30, 2019

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

2018-016 Child and Adult Care Food Program – CFDA No. 10.558

Recommendation: We recommend that the Department strengthen its internal controls and processes to ensure that reimbursement claims submitted more than 60 days after the end of the covered claim period are not paid without Federal grantor approval.

Explanation of disagreement with audit finding: There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Action taken in response to finding: The agency has implemented a policy prohibiting significant changes to the automated application system which impact the renewal process if the changes cannot be finalized by June 30. This change will ensure that the changes to the system do not cause a delay in institutions being able to submit renewal applications. Institutions which do not submit the renewal applications for program year 2020 (most applications for program year 2019 have already been received) in a timely manner will not be allowed to submit claims for reimbursement after 60-days from the claim month unless DSS approves a one-time exception to the due date or DSS receives approval from USDA to process the claim.

Name(s) of the contact person(s) responsible for corrective action: Mary A. Young, Program Director

Planned completion date for corrective action plan: February 28, 2019

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

2018-017 Child and Adult Care Food Program – CFDA No. 10.558

Recommendation: We recommend that the Department review its internal controls to ensure that compliance with timely notification of subrecipient application approval or disapproval is adequately documented either within its online application system or otherwise.

Explanation of disagreement with audit finding: There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Action taken in response to finding: The CACFP unit will maintain an Excel spreadsheet to monitor and document approval activity to ensure applications are approved or denied within 30 days of receipt of a complete application. Furthermore, the agency will begin identifying the requirements for the approval notices to be handled within the automated system for renewal applications.

Name(s) of the contact person(s) responsible for corrective action: Mary A. Young, Program Director

Planned completion date for corrective action plan: June 30, 2019

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