

APPENDIX A
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
PUBLIC NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT INTENDED USE PLAN
FFY2026

The South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) hereby gives notice of the availability of the “FFY 2025 Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Pre-Expenditure Plan” 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 2026 federal fiscal year, October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

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 (30) days from the date it is posted.

Written comments about the FFY 2026 Pre-Expenditure Report may be submitted to the Office of Policy and Engagement, South Carolina Department of Social Services, 1535 Confederate Ave, Columbia, SC 29202 or submitted via email to Jan Nerud, Director of Policy and Engagement at jan.nerud@dss.sc.gov . Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at the Department of Social Services, Office of Policy and Engagement, Room 410-1, Columbia, SC 29202, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00AM and 5:00PM.

A copy of the final and complete FFY 2026 SSBG application and Post-Expenditure Report for FFY 2024 may be obtained after October 1, 2025, through written request to the SCDSS address listed above or may be accessed through the SCSDS Internet Site on the World Wide Web at <https://dss.sc.gov/about/data-and-resources/federal-reporting>

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SERVICES TO BE FUNDED IN TOTAL OR IN PART BY SSBG

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2026

Adult Protective Services:

Adult Protective Services are available to provide protective services to vulnerable adults who are victims of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation, and if possible, to help them resume their role as the primary protector of themselves.

*(Listed in SSBG Plan under federal definition **Protective Services – Adults**)*

Child Protective Services:

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:

Foster Care Services include assessment of abused, neglected, or abandoned children's needs; case planning and management to ensure children receive proper care in a licensed or approved environment; room and board or medical care; counseling of the child(ren), the child(ren)'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:

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:

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.

*(Listed in the SSBG Plan under the federal service definition **Prevention/Intervention Services**)*