

FEDERAL GRANT

# **CSBG — Community Services Block Grant**

A federal anti-poverty grant that funds CSC to help low-income families find work  
— free, no immigration check.

## WHAT IT IS

# Federal anti-poverty money — funds the agency, not cash

- **Federal** grant to reduce poverty and build self-sufficiency.
- Pays CSC to deliver job help — clients **pay no fee**.
- **No cash to clients** — it funds the service, not a benefit check.

## HOW MONEY FLOWS

# HHS → CSD → DPSS → CSC

- **HHS / OCS** (federal) → **CA CSD** (state lead agency)
- **LA County DPSS** — the county Community Action Agency
- → **38+ CBOs incl. CSC** via annual subcontract
- 2025: CA gave LA County **\$6.3M** → 4,100+ people served

# ROMA — and three report types

- **ROMA** = Results Oriented Management & Accountability.
- **FNPI** — family / individual outcomes (employment = Domain 1).
- **CNPI** — community-level outcomes.
- **SRV** — the countable services you deliver.

## DOMAIN 1 OUTCOMES

# Employment outcomes you report

- Got a job → **kept it 90 days** (record the start date).
- Job **at / above a living wage** (better placement).
- Already working → **more pay, hours, or benefits.**
- **Skills / credential** obtained.

## BILLABLE RULE

# When does it count?

- Billable = **income-eligible client** + counted under an **FNPI / SRV**.
- Co-funded program → screen each client, **allocate cost by ratio**.
- **Outreach & referral** need no income screening.

## THE INCOME RULE

# 200% FPL — not 125%

- Federal default is 125%, but **California uses 200% FPL.**
- Family of 1 = **\$31,920** · of 2 = **\$43,280**
- Family of 3 = **\$54,640** · of 4 = **\$66,000**
- Each add'l person **+\$11,360**. Use the current CSD table.

## DOCUMENTATION

# What a client provides

- Pay stub · tax return / W-2 / 1099 · employer letter.
- Benefit statement (SS / unemployment) · child-support records.
- **Zero income → sign an attestation; staff co-signs.**
- Plus ID, household size, residency. Re-check yearly.

## KEY ADVANTAGE

# Immigration status does NOT matter

- **Undocumented & non-citizen clients qualify.**
- CSBG is **not** a PRWORA "federal public benefit."
- No need to ask or verify status — **we only check income.**

# Verify → document → follow to 90 days

- **Verify income at the door** against 200% FPL.
- **Document** — build a complete, signed eligibility file.
- Count **SRVs**; track **FNPI outcomes**.
- Follow each placement to **90-day retention**; avoid double-counting.

# What it means for SGV families

- Status doesn't matter — a **trust point** for mixed-status families.
- 200% limit is **generous**; many working families qualify.
- Multi-earner homes: count all 18+ & CalWORKs/SSI — **not** CalFresh/Medi-Cal/housing.
- Cash-economy / zero income → attestation + your co-sign.

EXPLAIN IT SIMPLY

# The client script

- "It's a **free, government-funded** program to help you find work."
- "It's **not welfare cash**, and we **don't ask about immigration.**"
- "We only check your household income is under the limit."
- "Then we help with resume, job search, interviews — all free."

## WHERE TO CONFIRM

# Confirm internally before you rely on numbers

- CSC's **subcontract** — amount, scope, target units.
- Exact **FNPI / SRV codes** & whether a 180-day milestone applies.
- **Current-year income table** & reporting / invoice dates DPSS requires.