



CSBG and COVID

April 23, 2020

Income Guidelines

- The increase from 125% to 200% FPL, is effective as of 3/27/2020.
- Eligible applications are good for any of these contracts and may receive needed assistance for the remainder of this Program Year.
- Households who are over the 125% FPL must have a COVID-related need and be served from a COVID contract. Those at or below 125% may be served from any contract.

Regular CSBG Contracts

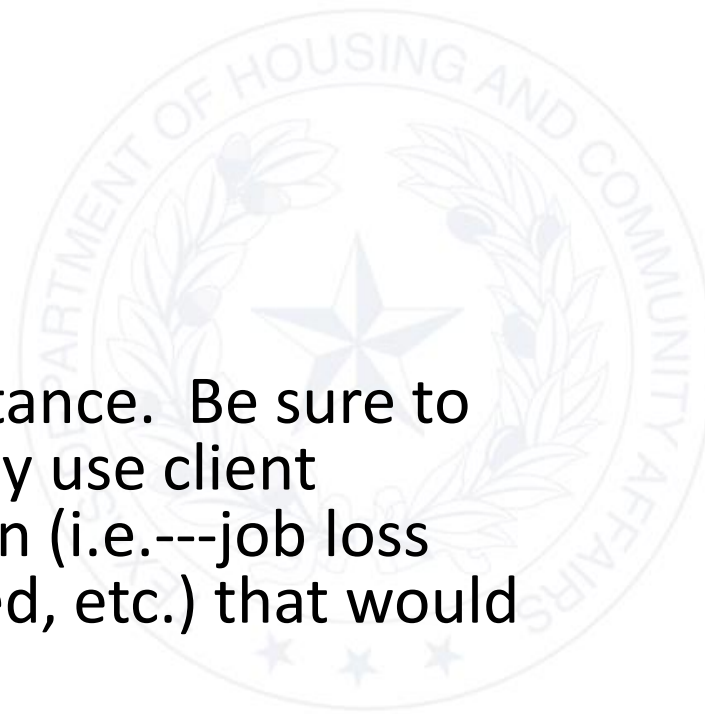
- These contracts are set aside for the purposes and goals of your PY20 CAP and should continue to serve those typical CSBG households.
- If a regular CSBG client needs additional, COVID-related assistance, use one of the two COVID contracts for that assistance..
- TOP reporting remains under the rule of 90 consecutive days above 125% FPL, in order to maintain the statistical integrity of that data. This means that only clients who have a starting income at or below the 125% FPL, are to be considered for case management toward TOP.



2019 CSBG Discretionary contracts

- 32 contracts are in the system under PY19 funds
- 7 are in the systems under PY20 funds
- Many are active and awaiting ED signature for access
- Others are routing and should be available within the week

These funds are under 200% FPL and specifically for COVID-related assistance.

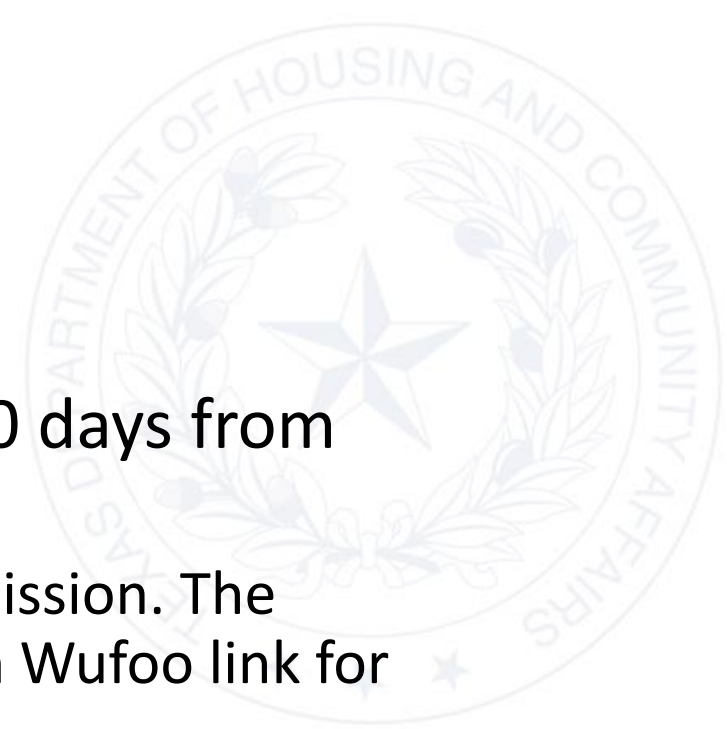


2020 CARES Contracts

- The CARES contracts are purposed for COVID-related assistance. Be sure to have why COVID caused the need in the client file. You may use client statements. If the client can provide backup documentation (i.e.---job loss notice, unemployment initiated, online schooling mandated, etc.) that would be best.
 - If a client needs employment services, provide services and report SRVs and any outcomes. However, if over 125% at initiation, do not report for TOP.
- The Department will issue your full award in a one-year contract, as it is anticipated that most COVID-related needs will be emergency assistance and will diminish over time once the health disaster is lifted.
- The Department is preparing contracts and readying for the release of these funds.

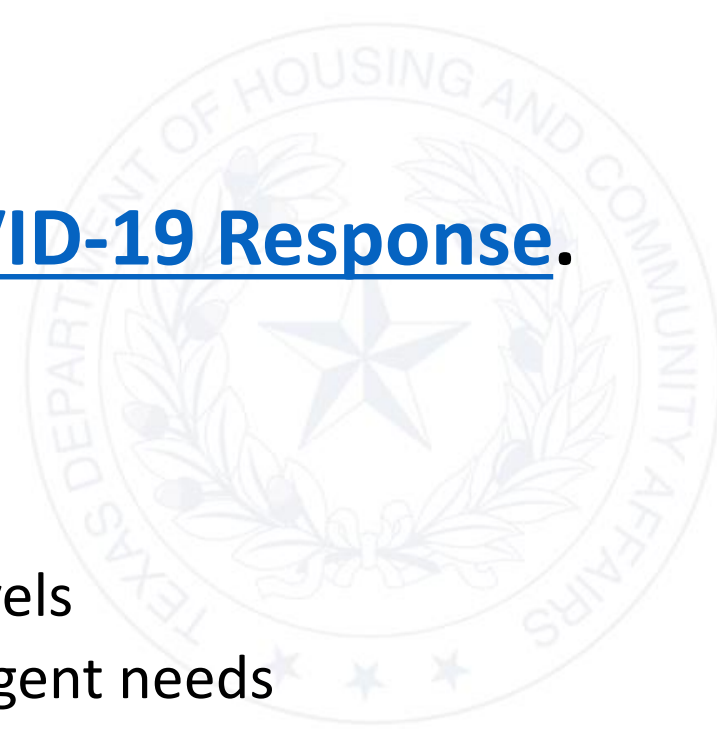
CARES Contract Requirements

- The Needs Assessment, CAP and Budget will be due 30 days from release of these contracts.
 - Recommend expecting the week of Memorial Day for submission. The Department will set a firm submission date in an email with Wufoo link for uploads once the contracts are released.
- Budgets: be cognizant of staff allocation if existing staff will be split between PY20 contract and CARES contract, and amending PY20 Budget as may be needed.



CSBG IM 2020-157 Immediate Guidance on COVID-19 Response.

- Immediate Priorities:
 - Protecting the healthy and well-being of staff
 - Ensuring continuity of CSBG funding at state and federal levels
 - Supporting a robust and flexible community response to urgent needs
- Some examples of areas of priority support may include:
 - Coordination and Delivery of Critical Services
 - Access to Facilities for Urgent Needs
 - Connection and Referral



Open Discussion





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