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Comments Due on CSBG Modified Model State Plan

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The deadline for submitting comments on the federal Office of Community Services' (OCS) revised CSBG State Model Plan Application is fast approaching. OCS is requesting feedback from the Community Action Network by Friday, March 27, 2015, which is the end of the 60 day comment period that began on January 26. A recent OCS [Dear Colleague Letter](#) and [webinar](#) provides information intended to help facilitate a review of the Plan. The proposed changes to the Plan include retaining but streamlining the existing content, creating an online version, and integrating into the Model State Plan the two other major OCS initiatives, the CSBG Organizational Standards and the State and Federal Accountability Measures. To learn more about OCS's proposed revisions to the Plan and to download a copy, read OCS's [CSBG Dear Colleague Letter Model State Plan Revision](#) issued on January 29, 2015. All comments should be submitted to infocollection@acf.hhs.gov as directed in the [Federal Register notice](#).

In Case You Missed It

The federal Office of Community Services (OCS) issued at the beginning of this year a final version of the CSBG Organizational Standards via [Information Memorandum \(IM\) 138](#). The Standards were slightly revised pursuant to comments from the Community Service Block Grant Working Group but mostly remained the same as the draft Standards that were issued last year. To see the changes incorporated in the final version of the Standards, view the Community Action Partnership's [National Update Webinar – IM 138 On Organizational Standards](#) from January 30, 2015. IM 138 provides state CSBG offices guidance on the roll-out of the Standards and helps the Community Action Network better understand when and how the Standards will impact them. Also, OCS issued draft State and Federal Accountability Measures via a [CSBG Dear Colleague Letter](#). OCS explains in the Letter that it expects these Measures to be implemented alongside the new CSBG Organizational Standards. OCS is issuing the Measures in draft form to acknowledge that significant changes were made to the measures since they were initially issued last year and to identify any significant implementation concerns prior to issuing the final guidance which it expects to do in late May/early June.

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