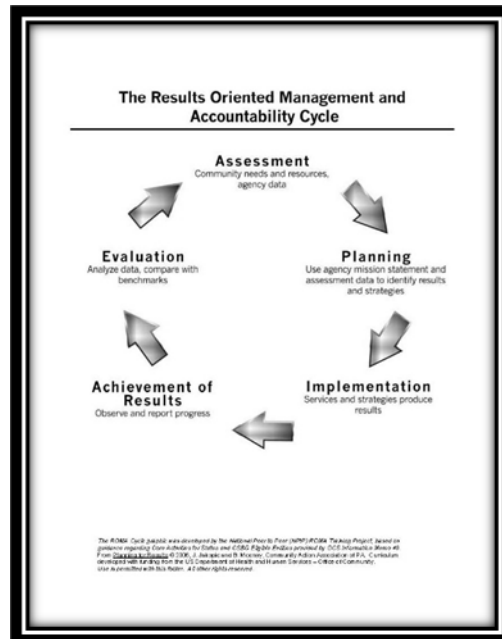


## CSBG Application Plan for 2026

### Summary Overview

Our CSBG Work Plan describes how programs utilize the Results Orientated Management and Accountability Cycle in programmatic planning.



### Assessments- Barriers

Barriers are identified that clients face. Major barriers identified through community assessments, client surveys and staff input include:

- Respondents identified a need for home repairs such as a roof, walls, hot water heater, air conditioner, or foundations.
- Families need affordable housing
- Families need rent and utility assistance.
- Families need case management to gain self-sufficiency.
- Dental care is delayed due to cost.
- Individuals can not locate health care providers.
- Uninsured individuals need access to vaccinations.
- Individuals do not have access to transportation.
- Parents need affordable childcare options.

- Homebuyers need down payment assistance to purchase a home.
- Individuals face food insecurity.
- Individuals need job training programs.
- Seniors need assistance to remain independent in their homes.
- Families need assistance to decrease the utility cost burden.
- The agency will collect community needs through partnerships and facilitating discussions.
- The Agency needs to improve marketing.

## Planning- Major Changes and Implementation

This section talks about how the agency is addressing some of the barriers identified:

- Agency funds will be used to address needed home repairs.
- Affordable Housing through the Affordable Housing Program will continue as well as continued work with partners on the development of affordable units in our region. Down Payment Assistance will also contribute to addressing home purchasing barriers.
- CSBG discretionary funds will be combined with other Federal, State, County and United Way funds to keep families in their current homes with eviction and disconnection prevention.
- Case Management will provide support to families on their journey to self-sufficiency.
- The Agency will pursue dental options for both adults and children, as well as maintaining the list of health care providers in our region.
- The Agency will provide vaccinations to uninsured individuals.
- Multiple transportation opportunities are implemented by the Agency:
  - RYDE transit continues to partner and pursue route expansion between towns to address the needs of rural individuals as well as door to door delivery within city limits in multiple locations.
  - Community Services is able to assist with repairs and purchases of cars for families in our region.
  - Fuel and punch cards are utilized in locations across our region to assist individuals to meet employment, medical or educational transportation needs.
- Early Head Start and Head Start will address the childcare options in our region.
- Food Security is also addressed with multiple programs in the Agency:
  - Mobile Pantries and the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Pantry provide food boxes to individuals in Buffalo County.
  - Pantries in Franklin, Minden, Lexington, and Superior operate to assist folks as well as the Agency is the fiscal agent for 3 additional pantries in our region: Western Frontier, Red Willow County and Wilcox.

- CSFP and the North Platte, Minden and Peterson Senior Centers will provide nutrition to elderly folks across our region.
- WIC will provide women and children nutritional information and the ability to purchase nutritious food in their local stores.
- The Agency also have plans in place at the Department levels to address marketing of programs.

### Planning- Needs to Strategies

This section goes into more depth about how our programs are responding to community needs. It also reviews all of the Needs Assessments that we use to help with future planning for the agency.

Along with the full community needs assessment and its annual updates, the agency also conducts annual Customer Satisfaction surveys, which ask clients about their perceived needs and how those needs are or are not met by agency programs. The surveys include both quantitative and qualitative data, giving the agency a full understanding of what clients think needs to be improved, how they think our agency is helping, and how satisfied they are with the services they did receive. Mid also conducts Stakeholder and Funder Surveys every two years which asks for both quantitative and qualitative data. Our Three-Year Community Needs Assessment was completed in May of 2022.

### IMPLEMENTATION-PARTNERS

The Work Plan lists 657 community partners and breaks out the type of organization, type of partnership, what needs the partner addresses, the area the partner covers, and what program the partner is connected to.

### IMPLEMENTATION – PROGRAMS

This section focuses on how we are responding to area needs and what current programs are working to meet those needs in the areas of Employment, Education, Income, Nutrition, Housing, Health, and Transportation.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT BUDGET

The anticipated budget for the 2025 is \$636,683.92. 70% of the budget goes to support personnel costs for our Community Services, Commodities/Food Bank, and Senior Center staff.

## ACHIEVEMENT OF RESULTS/EVALUATION

All programs are evaluated using the National Performance Indicators which are reviewed by staff and board. The Work Plan identifies all Program Directors responsible for tracking and reporting outcomes for their program. The Work Plan also discusses how we report out on our achievement of results. We also list all of the ROMA trainings for staff in the past year.

## AUDITS AND MONITORING

We also report out on all program audits and monitoring reports for last year. This year we had the agency single audit, Organizational Standards monitoring, Senior Volunteer Program audit, Weatherization Monitoring, NAHTP Monitoring, WIC Financial Review and Management Evaluation, 403b Audit and a CSBG Audit.

## DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

This year in the Work Plan we also submitted an additional \$10,000 grant request to help support rent and utility assistance to households in the 125% federal poverty guideline range and possibly update our reporting database system depending on the costs.