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The Honorable Russell Vought
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Office of Management and Budget
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The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Director Vought and Secretary Kennedy,

We write to demand that the Trump administration immediately release the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds, and to request that the Office of Management and Budget promptly disburse the quarterly allotments owed to states, tribes, and territories. These funds are essential for supporting low-income New Yorkers with services that help families maintain housing, access child care, secure employment, and meet basic needs.

New York's network of 48 Community Action Agencies (CAAs) provides critical, locally driven assistance to residents in every region of the state. These agencies recently served more than 23,000 New Yorkers without health coverage, over 33,000 individuals with disabilities, more than 24,500 low-income seniors, over 342,000 children living in poverty, and more than 3,000 veterans and active-duty military personnel. CSBG funding is central to sustaining these services.

A further delay in the release of CSBG funding would be disastrous for our communities. The CSBG funding allocations that have been released up until now covered only October 21, 2025, through January 30, 2026. No further funds for FY26 have been distributed. For the remainder of FY26 quarter two and all of FY26 quarter three, more than \$27.7 million is owed to New York. Time and time again, Congress has provided the necessary appropriations for CSBG, most recently in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-75), and as such, OMB must immediately release this funding to New York.

Delays in releasing CSBG allotments are straining local agencies and jeopardizing the support that low-income families and individuals rely on. Further delaying the release of CSBG funds would only exacerbate the harm that has been done to our communities in New York. We appreciate your attention to this matter and request a prompt update on the steps OMB will take to ensure that New York and all other states receive their FY26 CSBG allocations without further delay.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator