

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

CSBG:

- Increased Demand for Eviction Support: Appointment availability for client assistance has expanded due to the increased need for eviction prevention following the end of the Court-Based Rental Assistance Program (CBRAP) on June 22, 2026. At this time, CBRAP has not provided an anticipated reopening date.
- PY26 Homeless Prevention: The program ended on June 30, 2026. All direct client assistance funds were fully exhausted.
- PY27 Homeless Prevention: We were awarded \$1,110,414 from IDHS for the new program year. These funds will provide eligible households with security deposits, rent arrears, utility assistance, and mortgage assistance. The program runs from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, or until funds are exhausted.
- Organizational Standards: The Organizational Standards submission was completed on June 30, 2026, and is currently under review by our Grants Manager.
- CSBG Bylaws Compliance: Our current CSBG Bylaws do not align with our approved Tripartite Board composition. The Grants Manager approved a 90-day extension for board vacancies through July 31, 2026. I will be requesting an additional extension through October 31, 2026, to allow time to finalize the bylaw revisions.
- Scholarship Program: Thank you to everyone who volunteered to participate in scholarship interviews on July 9, 2026. The Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held on July 30, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers with the Mayor.

CSBG 2026 January -December

Work Programs	Target	Quarter 1 Jan 1- March 31	Quarter 2 April 1- June 30	Quarter 3 Jul 1- Sept 30	Quarter 4 Oct 1- Dec 31	Total	Percent to Target
Work Program 01.011: Skills Training Goal: 26 income eligible persons will complete training in a field that provides a living wage.	23	14	15			29	126%
Work Program 02.062: Scholarship Goal: 12 income eligible persons will receive scholarship	10	0	0			0	0%
Work Program 03.011: Training (Getting-Ahead) Goal: 10 income eligible persons will graduate.	8	0	7			7	88%
Work Program 04.031: Utility Assistance Goal: 10 Income eligible persons will apply for utility assistance. 10 of those who apply will have their needs meet through Community Action.	10	2	1			3	30%
Work Program 04.041: Housing Goal: 85 income eligible persons will apply for deposit/rent for up to three months for financial assistance. 73 households will successfully stabilize their housing.	73	28	41			69	95%

Work Program 04.051 Life Safety Goal: 30 income eligible households will apply for home repair. 27 of those will have their met through Community Action.	27	5	11			16	59%
Work Program 07.021 Eligibility Determination Goal: 150 household will be screened for risk factors and linked to appropriate services.	145	16	23			39	27%
*Figures reflect up to 6/30/2026							

**FY2026 Homeless Prevention
July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026**

Projected to be served	Target	Quarter 1 July 1- Sept 30	Quarter 2 Oct 1- Dec 31	Quarter 3 Jul 1- Sept 30	Quarter 4 April 1- June 30	Total	Percent to Target
Total number of Household to be served in FY 26.	250	84	141	71	113	409	164%
Work Program 02.062: Scholarship Goal:12 income eligible persons will receive scholarship	190	41	67	30	59	197	104%
Total number of households to receive mortgage assistance.	10	1	7	4	4	16	160%
Total number of households to receive utility assistance.	10	3	3	1	1	8	80%
Work Program 04.041: Housing Goal: 85 income eligible persons will apply for deposit/rent for up to three months for financial assistance. 73 households will successfully stabilize their housing.	180	39	64	36	49	188	104%
Work Program 04.051 Life Safety Goal: 30 income eligible households will apply for home repair. 27 of those will have their met through Community Action.		17	62	31	57	167	
*This is not asked in the HP application							
*Figures reflect up to 06/30/2026							

HOMELESSNESS:

07/01/2026	Unsheltered	Total
Veterans	0	4
Chronically homeless	2	2
Youth (16-24)	3	26
Families w/children	3	33
Single adult(s)	42	133
Total	50	198

- Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (IMPACT) program: PY5 wrapped up in May. All positions have been filled now. We had a goal of serving 50 people this program year and served 65.
- HUD CoC grants: the FY2026 HUD NOFO is out. There is a good chance that our area will lose up to 40% of our current housing programs due to the changes with the grant and the scoring. Although we could lose current programs, there is an opportunity for new funding as well. We are working closely with our partners at the Northern IL Homeless Coalition to figure everything out. The grant is still facing possible litigation.
- State grants: ESG, Rapid Rehousing, Shelter Diversion, and IL Homeless Response Collaborative FY27 grants are all completed with funding being available as of today.
 - Office for Preventing & Ending Homelessness has asked us to host their Quarterly Meeting of the Community Advisory Council on Homelessness (CACH) which will take place 9/2/26 from 10-12.
- Street outreach: continues once a week nightly and during weekdays. We are possibly looking to update some of our policies/procedures to make our numbers more accurate.
- On 5/12-13 Tina and Veronica spoke at the IL Summit regarding their work in the 100 Day Shelter Diversion Challenge. Angie, as part of her appointment to the statewide Community Advisory Council on Homelessness, was a panelist in the opening plenary.
- 6/23-24, Tina, Veronica, Becky, Joel, and Angie took part in the 100 Day Challenge Sustaining workshop where they worked along with coaches and other community partners on a plan for sustaining their wins and moving forward to prevent people from entering homelessness.
- Through our IDHS-Capacity Building grant, we are going to be engaging with local business (starting with the River District) to bring more community members into the Homeless Coalition and make them part of the solution & assist them so that we can reduce the criminalization of the homeless.
- We are currently involved in two separate “challenges”.
- 100 Day Shelter Diversion Challenge—Has completed but we are in the 90-day sustaining phase now. We have our final meeting on 9/30. The state and our coaches were very happy with our work. Our final number was 136 (48 families w/children, 44 households over 50 yo, 44 households served by Rockford Township) well surpassing our goal of 60. Other agency partners are very excited about this work, looking at ways they can better support us and provide more services to client to help stabilize them for the future.
- Unsheltered Sprint: Goal of housing 10 unsheltered people per month. Working with stakeholders for this goal. We just received the award for \$75,000 to assist with gaps and flex funding for this process.

LIHEAP:

- As of June 30, 2026, LIHEAP has provided benefits to 10,166 households and taken 10,679 applications since October 1, 2025.
- Applications will continue to be accepted through August 15, 2026, including at our partner sites.
- Two outreach events are scheduled for July 8 and July 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at City Hall (flyer attached).

PIPP:

- As of June 30, 2026, 771 households are enrolled in PIPP, down from 854 at the beginning of the program year. We continue to neutralize missed-payment interventions due to the billing issues experienced this program year.

Furnace Program:

- The Furnace Program ended on May 31, 2026.
- As of May 31, 2026, we issued 68 furnace vouchers and fully exhausted all available program funds for the program year.

WEATHERIZATION:

- PY26 officially ended 6/30/26. Grant and job closeouts continue.
- We were able to hire another Weatherization Specialist I and he started last month. He will be starting the IHWAP Certification Program next week.
- We are currently interviewing for another Weatherization Specialist I.
- The Weatherization RFQ will be open soon and an informational meeting is being held next week for interested contractors.



LiHeap Outreach Team will be on-site for In-Person walk-in applications:

9:00 a.m. – Noon

➤ **Wednesday, July 8th, 2026 &
Wednesday, July 22nd, 2026**

**Rockford City Hall
425 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61104
(844) 710-6919 Ext. 4**

YOU MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WHEN YOU APPLY

(Additional documentation may be required depending on your circumstances)

- **PHOTO ID** issued by a third party, such as driver's license, state ID, work ID, college ID, FOID card (no copies)
- **PROOF OF GROSS INCOME** from all household members 18 years and older for the **30-DAY PERIOD** before your application date. This includes TANF and other public benefits, as well as wages from a job and other forms of income (such as SSI, SSDI, etc.) **IMPORTANT! IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS NO (ZERO) INCOME**, you must provide proof that the household receives PUBLIC benefits, such as SNAP/Link, public housing verification, or a letter from someone who is helping to support you.
- **CURRENT/MOST RECENT HEAT AND ELECTRIC BILLS**, both front & back, that includes name and address, issued within the last 30 days. Disconnect notices are not accepted in place of bills.
- **SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS – IT CANNOT BE A COPY OR AN APPLICATION FOR A CARD.** Certified birth certificates are accepted in place of Social Security Cards for children under the age of 6 months. Hospital birth certificates are NOT accepted (unless a child is under 1 month old).
- **IF A UTILITY IS INCLUDED IN THE RENT**, a copy of the rental agreement showing which utility/utilities are included, the monthly rental amount, and property owner contact information.

PY 2026 INCOME GUIDELINES

Household Size	Total household 30 day gross income (before taxes taken out) no more than:
1	\$3,332
2	\$4,357
3	\$5,382
4	\$6,407
5	\$7,432
6	\$8,457
7	\$8,649
8	\$8,842

For households with more than 8 members, add \$688 for each additional member for 30-day income. These figures are based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines of 200% of poverty.