

**Social Services Block Grant Pre-Expenditure Report Zoom Public Hearing Transcript**  
**5/29/2024 @ 10:00 a.m. CST**

**Mac Golden:** Good morning, everyone. Welcome to a public hearing regarding the 2025 state fiscal year Social Services Block Grant. The Chief Financial Officer of The Department Human Services, Renee Ikard, will be announcing a notice regarding the Social Services Block Grant Pre-Expenditure Report and Intended Use Plan. Then we will open the floor for public comments.

Please utilize the raise hand feature in Zoom, if you would like to make a public comment. You then will be recognized and unmuted to give a public comment on the record. Please remember all official responses to the public comments will appear on the DHS proposed rule website after the public comment period concludes on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The notice will now be read.

**Renee Ikard:** The Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) hereby gives notice of the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Intended Use Plan and Pre-Expenditure Report to the citizens of Arkansas for review and comment. The report reflects DHS's plans to expend SSBG funds for the 2025 state fiscal year, July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. This notice is given pursuant to the requirements of Title XX, Section 2004 of the Social Security Act (as enacted in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 [P.L. 97-35] and codified at 42 U.S.C. 1397c).

The SSBG documents mentioned above will be available for review at the Department of Human Services Office of Policy and Rules, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South Building, 7th and Main Streets, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access and download this notice on the DHS website at [ar.gov/dhs-proposed-rules](https://ar.gov/dhs-proposed-rules).

Public comments must be submitted in writing at the above address or at the following email address: [ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov). All public comments must be received by DHS no later than June 5, 2024. Please note that public comments submitted in response to this notice are considered public documents. A public comment, including the commenter's name and any personal information contained within the public comment, will be made publicly available and may be seen by various people.

A public hearing will be held by remote access through Zoom. Public comments may be submitted at the hearing. The details for attending the Zoom hearing appear at [ar.gov/dhszoom](https://ar.gov/dhszoom).

The Arkansas Department of Human Services is in compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act and is operated, managed and delivers services without regard to religion, disability, political affiliation, veteran status, age, race, color or national origin. Thanks for your time.

**Mac Golden:** Thank you so much. Please let the record reflect we have one attendee for today's public hearing. If that attendee would like to make a public comment at this time, please utilize the raise hand feature. And, I'll pause for a few seconds to give you time to do so. [Pause]

It does not appear the attendee wishes to make a public comment today. We thank everyone for attending, and we will now go off the record.