

## Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Pre-Expenditure Report– Zoom Public Hearing Transcript

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**Mac Golden:** Welcome everyone to the public hearing on the Social Services Block Grant Pre-Expenditure report. Misty Bowen Eubanks, the Chief Financial Officer of the Arkansas Department of Human Services, will be presenting information regarding the report and the grant. If you wish to make a public comment please utilize the raise hand, chat or QA feature via zoom and you will be recognized to give a public comment on the record. Any official response to the public comment will appear on the DHS proposed rule and Notice website after the public comment period concludes on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

If you any questions or need a copy of the proposed rule. So sorry not a rule; the notice or the expenditure report, please email [ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov) or call my office at 501.534.4138. I will now turn it over to Ms. Eubanks to present information regarding the report.

**Misty Eubanks:** Thank you Mac. I will now review our notice on the Social Services Block Grant Pre-Expenditure Report. The Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) hereby gives notice of the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Pre-Expenditure Report to the citizens of Arkansas for review and comment. The report reflects DHS's plans to expend SSBG funds for the 2024 state fiscal year, July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. 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 Pre-Expenditure Report is available for review at the Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Rules Promulgation, 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 the report at [ar.gov/dhs-proposed-rules](http://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 May 8, 2023. 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.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact the Office of Rules Promulgation at 501-534-4138.

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**Mac Golden:** Thank you, Ms. Eubanks. This recoding will be posted on the proposed rule notice website to review at any time. Also, the pre-expenditure can be found on the same website. If you wish to make a public comment at a later date, you may do so by May 8<sup>th</sup>. Please email [ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov). We will open the floor for public comments. If anyone would like to make a public comment, please do so by indicating by QA, chat, or the raise hand feature within Zoom. I will pause for 15 seconds.

**Mac Golden:** Please let the record reflect that no attendee wishes to make a public comment today. Again, as I mentioned, we will accepting public comments until May 8<sup>th</sup> and after May 8<sup>th</sup> any public comments we received we will post a response to it on our website. Thank you for attending today. We will now consider this public hearing close.