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Administration for Children and Families
Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE)
330 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20201
Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer

Dear ACF Reports Clearance Officer,

It should first be noted that Westmoreland Community Action supports the Office of Community Services (OCS) in collecting quality data about the impact that both CSBG CARES and CSBG Disaster funding have in communities across the country. However, we do have some concerns regarding the proposed reporting tools and process of reporting this data. Westmoreland Community Action would like to highly recommend that the reporting not be separated for the following reasons:

- Programmatic treatment of CSBG is not appropriate because CSBG is not a program.
- We believe that separate reporting is not appropriate; we can do all necessary reporting in the existing CSBG Annual Report. Using the current report will help to reinforce the focus on collecting quality data.
- We are in a pandemic and a separate report will require the implementation of new systems and processes on the state and local level and asking for this added administrative effort in the middle of the pandemic would create an additional burden on the network and is not appropriate at this time. In many cases, local agencies don't have the time for an additional report and many states lack the needed capacity to administer the report.

Westmoreland Community Action continues to applaud and actively support the federal investment and national commitment to reducing poverty in our nation that the CSBG and OCS programs represent. We look forward to continuing to work with OCS to improve and strengthen the supplemental reporting process.

Sincerely,

Mandy Welty Zalich
CEO

Westmoreland Community Action



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