

**Proposed Information Collection Activity;
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Annual Progress Report
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Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. (UDMO) is one of sixteen Community Action Agencies in Iowa. UDMO is dedicated to helping build stronger communities by addressing the effects of poverty on individuals and families. The UDMO Administrative Team appreciates the review of the CSBG reporting measures and the attempts to reduce the burden for tracking and reporting.

After our review of the proposed changes, the UDMO team notes the following:

- There are some indicators that need additional clarification and are noted below.
- The removal of some NPI's is concerning, in that, once removed, will that eventually be a service not allowed to be supported by CSBG funds.

Following are UDMO comments specific to each indicator.

Service: Employment

1d. – This indicator is burdensome, unclear where this info can be reported and tracked in any current data systems

Suggested Edits:

Take current 2.1 CSBG 1.a # of unemployed adults who obtain employment and make that 1d to track the outcome of becoming employed.

Post-Employment Heading

UDMO can separate unemployed and employed that are receiving this service in the current data system.

Service: Education

2a. – Clarify if this is cumulative or a point in time count of children

2b. – Clarify if this is cumulative or a point in time count of children

2d. – Many programs track early childhood services, but do not differentiate what program (HS, EHS, Childcare)

2e. – UDMO does not collect this data

2f. – UDMO does not collect this data on young adults vs. adults (18+)

2g. – UDMO does not collect this data

2h. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data

2i. – UDMO does not collect this data

2j. – UDMO does not collect this data

2k. – UDMO does not collect this data

2l. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data

2m. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data

2n. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data

2o. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data

2p. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data

2q. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data

2r. – Define evidenced-based home visiting to clarify what programs qualify under this FNPI.

UDMO tracks and can report this data

Service: Training and Counseling , Benefit Coordination and Advocacy, Services Supporting Income and Asset Building

3a. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data

3b. – UDMO does not offer programming that provides this service

3c. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data

3d. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data

Service Area: Housing Services

4a. – UDMO tracks and can report this data

4b. – UDMO does not offer programming that provides this service

4c. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data

- 4d. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data (Outreach, LIHEAP, Housing)
- 4e. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data
- 4f. – Define if this includes Weatherization or not, if it does UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data
- 4g. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data

Service Area: Health and Nutrition Services

- 5a. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data
- 5b. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data
- 5c. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data
- 5d. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data
- 5e. – UDMO does not offer programming that provides this service
- 5f. – UDMO does not offer programming that provides this service
- 5g. – UDMO does not offer programming that provides this service
- 5h. – UDMO does not offer programming that provides this service
- 5i. Define older adults, what age range? – UDMO does not offer programming that provides this service
- 5j. – UDMO does not offer programming that provides this service
- 5k. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data
- 5l. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data
- 5m. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data
- 5n. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data (Free Dental Clinic)
- 5o. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data (HS/EHS, Free Dental Clinic)
- 5p. – UDMO does not offer programming that provides this service
- 5q. – UDMO does not offer programming that provides this service
- 5r. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data
- 5s. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data
- 5t. – Suggestion to report **number of Individuals accessing or receiving** instead of the number of kits. UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data regarding number of individuals.
- 5u. – Suggestion to report **number of Individuals accessing or receiving** instead of the number of diapers/supplies. UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data regarding number of individuals.

5v. – Wording in this measure is confusing, “utilizing” (change to accessing)

5w. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data

Service: Civic Engagement and Community Involvement Services

Needs clarification. Is this section directed at community members or individuals who use community action services?

6a. – UDMO does not offer programming that provides this service at this time

6b. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data

6c. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data,

- Please include more examples to clarify if this is trainings, books, classes and what services are offered by individual States.

6d. – Is this community members or consumers of community action services.

Service: Transportation

7a. – UDMO tracks and **CAN** report this data

7b. – UDMO does not separate this from 7a.

7c. – UDMO does not separate this from 7a.

7d. – UDMO does not separate this from 7a.

7e. – UDMO does not separate this from 7a.

UDMO currently does not report Module 4: Community Level FNPI

In conclusion, the Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. CSBG and Administrative team's main concerns are:

1. The vagueness of some measures and recommends for items to be better clarified/defined to ensure proper tracking and reporting.
2. The removal of some measures, will this lead to those key services being eliminated from allowable services to be supported by CSBG funding in the future.

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