



Social Services Block Grant Fact Sheet

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026

Overview:

The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) is administered at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through its administrative division, the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services. The Department of Social Services (DSS) is designated as Connecticut’s principal state agency for the allocation and administration of the block grant.

SSBG provides funding to states to: increase economic self-sufficiency; prevent or address neglect, abuse, or the exploitation of children and adults; prevent or reduce inappropriate institutionalization; and secure referrals for institutional care, where appropriate. The federal legislation gives the state significant discretion in providing a wide range of services.

Federal Block Grant Appropriations:

- FFY 2026: \$17,225,500 (projected)
- FFY 2025: \$17,225,500
- FFY 2024: \$17,217,186
- FFY 2023: \$17,344,439

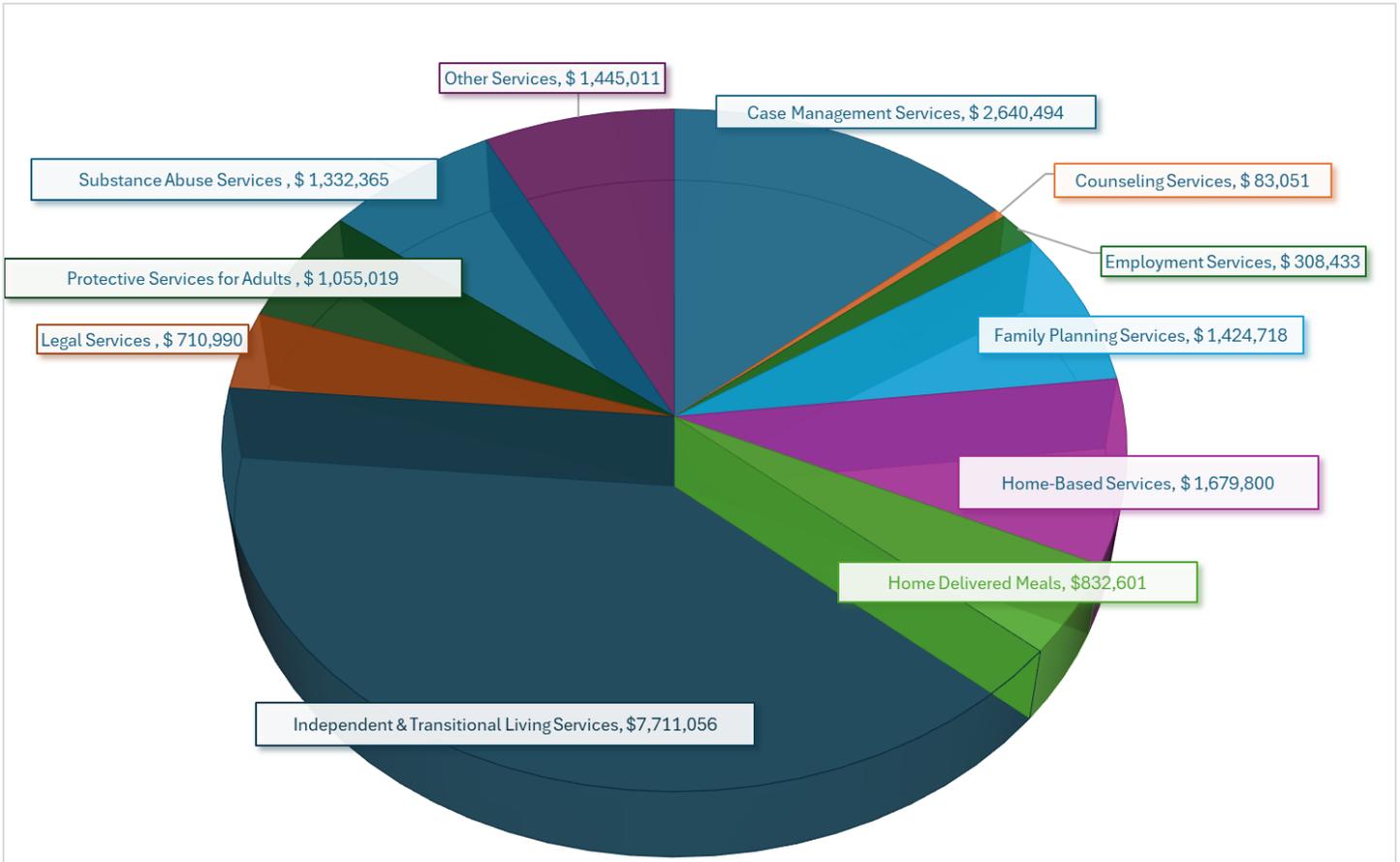
Income Eligibility:

Households must have annual incomes at or below 150% of the federal poverty level (\$48,225 for a family of 4), unless explicitly exempted from the income requirement in the approved allocation plan.

150% Federal Poverty Level Guidelines	
Household Size	Annual Amounts 2025*
1	\$23,475
2	\$31,725
3	\$39,975
4	\$48,225
5	\$56,475
6	\$64,725
7	\$72,975
8	\$81,225

* Source: Federal Register, Vol.90, No.11, January 17, 2025.

Although the federal funding for FFY 2026 has not yet been finalized, the FFY 2026 allocation plan assumes a federal funding allocation for Connecticut of \$17,225,500, which is equal to the state’s final FFY 2025 block grant allocation. The FFY 2026 allocation plan proposes to expend \$19,223,538, which includes \$1,998,038 in federal block grant carryforward funds. Funding will be expended during FFY 2026 on 11 eligible service categories. Below is a chart by service category:



Entity Types Funded with SSBG Resources:

- DSS:
 - 34 private non-profit service providers
 - Fatherhood Initiative (Office of Child Support Services)
 - Office of Community Services
 - Social Work Services
- Sister state agencies:
 - Department of Aging and Disability Services
 - Department of Housing
 - Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services