



The Community Services Block Grant: "Small States"

Under current law, the Community Services Block Grant provides that each state receives at least a minimum allotment of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the amount appropriated for the Community Services Block Grant Act in years when the amount available for states, after certain set-asides are made, exceeds \$345 million. The \$345 million threshold was reached beginning in 1991. Thus, in each year since 1991, states have been guaranteed a minimum allotment of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of CSBG appropriations.

This provision is typically referred to as the "small-state minimum" and under current law applies to 12 states:

Alaska
Delaware
Hawaii
Idaho
Montana
Nevada

New Hampshire
North Dakota
South Dakota
Utah
Vermont
Wyoming

The CSBG legislation that passed the House of Representatives in the 117th Congress, would maintain the small-state minimum at $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% but would raise it in years when the amount available for states, after set-asides, exceeds \$900 million. In such years, states would be guaranteed a minimum allotment of $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% of CSBG appropriations remaining after set-asides are made. In addition to the 12 states now covered the increased minimum would apply to *Maine, Nebraska, New Mexico and Rhode Island*.