

Fiscal Year 2018 TV Station Grant Calculations (updated May 7, 2018)

CSG Expenditure period: 10/1/2017 - 9/30/2019

Background

The following is information regarding grant calculations for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Television Community Service Grants (CSG), Television Universal Service Support Grant, and Television Distance Service Grants. For more information regarding your CSG Grant, please review the documents located [here](#).

FY 2018 Appropriation

The FY 2018 CSG pool is based on a general CPB appropriation for FY 2018 of \$441,978,005. This appropriation amount reflects an advance appropriation of \$445,000,000, less impact of FY 2018 rescission **(0.6791%)**.

70 Percent in the First Payment

In accordance with the CPB Board's resolution of September 2012 and reaffirmed at the April 2016 Board meeting, CPB will once again provide each grantee with 70 percent of its annual CSG in its first payment. As stated on each grantee's FY 2018 CSG Agreement and Certification of Eligibility form, the grant offer is contingent upon CPB's receipt of its authorized appropriation for FY 2018 and is subject to decreases.

Incentive Rate of Return

The final Incentive Rate of Return (IRR) applicable to TV grantees is **0.1186051635**. Fluctuation in IRR from year to year is a function of total TV system non-Federal financial support (NFFS) and the CPB appropriation. There is a two-year lag between station financial data used for CSGs and the CPB fiscal year.

FY 2018 Base Grant Amounts

The following information is based on the current appropriation as outlined above. Base Grant: For FY 2018, the base is **\$486,175** (calculated as 0.11 percent of the appropriation of \$441,978,005). The base grant applies to all grantees except those in designated Multi-Provider Markets. Grantees in designated Multi-Provider Markets will divide equally one single base grant.

CPB Designated Multi-Provider Markets

A grantee had the largest NFFS in a Multi-Provider Market during FY 2016 is designated as the Primary station; a grantee whose NFFS was less than the Primary Grantee is designated as a Secondary Grantee. Secondary Grantees in multi-provider markets that qualify as a Minority Audience Service Station receive a full base grant.

Program Differentiation Incentive (PDI)

The PDI is being phased out beginning in FY 2018 at a rate of 25% per year through FY 2020, and will be fully phased out by FY 2021 as per [CPB Board of Directors Resolution dated April 4, 2016](#). However, during the phase out period, CPB will continue to provide an incentive to Secondary Grantees in CPB designated Multi-Provider Markets. In order to be eligible for a PDI during the phase out period, stations must not broadcast duplicate programming on their primary channels on the same day, with the exception of:

1. children's programming;
2. news programming;
3. one-time programming of local or national importance (e.g., emergency information or presidential speeches); and
4. stations must annually certify the same to CPB.

For FY 2018, weighted NFFS for qualifying grantees' NFFS is computed follows:

- Up to its first \$2 million, the NFFS is multiplied by a factor of 1.56.
- Between \$2 million and \$4 million, the NFFS is multiplied by a factor of 1.19.

[FY 2018 Television General Provisions and Eligibility Criteria \(General Provisions\)](#)

This document contains the requirements necessary for a CSG recipient to maintain CSG eligibility. The General Provisions also specify allowable use of and restrictions on a grantee's CSG. CPB has revised the General Provisions for FY 2018, which began on October 1, 2017.

Supplemental CSG Programs

The General Provisions also contain information relating to the supplemental CSG programs (Television Healthy Station Network Initiative Program, Television Universal Service Support Grant, and Television Distance Service Grant Program). In addition to the General Provisions, other critical compliance documents are available in the For Stations and Producers section of the CPB website.

CSG Formulas

The following information provides basic information regarding how the TV grants are calculated.

CSG	Grantee's FY 2016 NFFS (weighted NFFS for grantees receiving a PDI)	X IRR of 0.1186051635	+ Base Grant (or portion of shared base grant for grantees in a multi-provider market)
Interconnection Grant	Grantee's Final CSG	/ Total CSGs Awarded	X Interconnection Pool
Distance Service Grant (DSG)	The grant amount will be calculated based on a percentage of the standard amount for a TV CSG base grant, with grantees operating a larger number of transmitters receiving a larger grant up to a maximum grant equal to 80 percent for those stations operating 12 or more transmitters.		
Universal Service Support Grant (USSG)	The USSG is comprised of two components: 1) a rural grant, in which a station will receive additional grant support in proportion to the percentage of audience it serves that is rural as determined by US Census data; and 2) a small market grant, in which stations whose total non-duplicated and non-rural population served is less than one million will receive additional grant support proportional to the size of its population.		

Contact CPB

All questions about this information should be directed to the Office of Grants Administration at csq@cpb.org. Remember to always identify your station call letters and/or grantee ID number so that we can respond quickly to your inquiry.