

Fiscal Year 2019 TV Station Grant Calculations (updated February 5, 2019)

CSG Expenditure period: 10/1/2018 - 9/30/2020

Background

The following is information regarding grant calculations for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Television Community Service Grants (CSG), Television Universal Service Support Grant, Television Distance Service Grants, and Interconnection Grants. For more information regarding your CSG award, please review the documents located [here](#).

FY 2019 Appropriation

The FY 2019 CSG pool is based on a general CPB appropriation for FY 2018 of \$445,000,000.

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 2019 CSG Agreement and Certification of Eligibility form, the grant offer is contingent upon CPB's receipt of its authorized appropriation for FY 2019 and is subject to decreases.

Incentive Rate of Return

The final Incentive Rate of Return (IRR) applicable to TV grantees is **0.1245142294**. 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 2019 Base Grant Amounts

The following information is based on the current appropriation as outlined above. Base Grant: For FY 2019, the base is **\$489,500** (calculated as 0.11 percent of the appropriation of \$445,000,000). The base grant applies to all grantees except those in designated Multi-provider Markets. Except for Minority Audience Service Stations, grantees in designated Multi-provider Markets will equally divide one single base grant.

CPB Designated Multi-provider Markets

A grantee that had the largest NFFS in a Multi-provider Market during FY 2017 is designated as the Primary station; a grantee with NFFS 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 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 2019, NFFS for qualifying grantees' NFFS is computed as follows (and is referred to as Weighted NFFS for grant calculation purposes):

- Up to its first \$2 million, the NFFS is multiplied by a factor of 1.38
- Between \$2 million and \$4 million, the NFFS is multiplied by a factor of 1.13.

FY 2019 Television General Provisions and Eligibility Criteria (General Provisions)

The [General Provisions](#) contain 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 2019, which began on October 1, 2018.

Supplemental CSG Programs

The [General Provisions](#) also contain information relating to the supplemental CSG programs (Television Healthy Network Initiative for Public Television Stations program, Television Universal Service Support Grant, and Television Distance Service Grant Program, as well as Interconnection Grants). In addition to the General Provisions, other critical compliance documents are available in the [Community Service Grants](#) section of the CPB website.

CSG Formulas

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

CSG	Grantee's FY 2017 NFFS (Weighted NFFS for grantees receiving a PDI)	X IRR of 0.1245142294	+ 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 (\$4,000,000)																								
Distance Service Grant (DSG)	<p>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.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">TV DSG PROGRAM</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;"># of Digital Transmitters</th> <th style="text-align: center;">% of CSG Base</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">3</td><td style="text-align: center;">5%</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">4</td><td style="text-align: center;">7.5%</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">5</td><td style="text-align: center;">10%</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">6</td><td style="text-align: center;">20%</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">7</td><td style="text-align: center;">30%</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">8</td><td style="text-align: center;">40%</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">9</td><td style="text-align: center;">50%</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">10</td><td style="text-align: center;">60%</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">11</td><td style="text-align: center;">70%</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">12 or more</td><td style="text-align: center;">80%</td></tr> </tbody> </table>			TV DSG PROGRAM		# of Digital Transmitters	% of CSG Base	3	5%	4	7.5%	5	10%	6	20%	7	30%	8	40%	9	50%	10	60%	11	70%	12 or more	80%
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Universal Service Support Grant (USSG)	<p>The pool for the USSG is 2% of the CPB appropriation or \$8.9M - with 75% of that earmarked for the rural pool and 25% for the small unique urban pool.</p> <p>The USSG is comprised of two components: 1) a rural grant, in which a station will receive additional grant support in proportion to the</p>																										

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.

USSG Pool = 2% of CPB appropriation (\$8.9M)

- Rural Pool = \$6.8M (75%)
- SUU Pool = \$2.2M (25%)

USSG Calculation:



Contact CPB

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