

Fiscal Year 2020 Radio Station Grant Calculations (updated 12/2/2019)

CSG Expenditure period: 10/1/2019 - 9/30/2021

Background

The following is information regarding grant calculations for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Radio Community Service Grants (CSG). For more information regarding your CSG Grant, please review the documents located [here](#).

FY 2020 Appropriation

The FY 2020 CSG pool is based on a general CPB appropriation for FY 2020 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 2020 CSG Agreement and Certification of Eligibility form, the grant offer is contingent upon CPB's receipt of its authorized appropriation for FY 2020 and is subject to decreases.

Incentive Rate of Return

The final Incentive Rate of Return (IRR), applicable to Radio CSG Levels C and D, is **0.0500967788**. Fluctuation in IRR from year to year is a function of total radio 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 2020 Base Grant Amounts

The following information is based on the current appropriation as outlined above.

- Level A: \$100,000
- Level B: \$72,313
- Level C: \$72,313
- Level D: \$57,850

Unrestricted and Restricted

Most of the Radio CSG grant is unrestricted as outlined in the General Provisions. However, all Radio CSG recipients are required to spend a portion of the FY 2020 CSG on national program production and acquisition costs. Specifically, the restricted portion must be used exclusively for the acquisition, production, promotion and/or distribution of national programming of high quality, diversity, creativity, excellence and innovation, with strict adherence to objectivity and balance in all programs or series of programs of a controversial nature.

FY 2020 Unrestricted Percentage: **73.33%**
FY 2020 Restricted Percentage: **26.67%¹**

Minority Audience Service Station Support²

¹ Grantees that receive Rural Support Grants will have a higher unrestricted percentage.

² The information provided under the Minority Audience Service Station and Rural Audience Service Station headings provides a basic overview of the qualifications necessary to receive support in these categories. More information is available in the [Radio CSG General Provisions and Eligibility Criteria](#).

A station is designated as a Minority Audience Service Station if it meets at least one of the criteria below.

- A measured minority audience composition (cume) greater than 51 percent averaged over the previous three consecutive measured quarters; or
- The station is licensed to a designated Historically Black College or University; or
- The station is licensed to: a) a Native American Tribe; b) a consortium of Native American Tribes; or c) an entity controlled by a Native American Tribe, its community of license is within recognized tribal lands, and a substantial portion of its coverage area includes tribal lands.

Rural Audience Service Station Support

A station is designated as a Rural Audience Service Station if it has a coverage area population density equal to or less than 40 people per square kilometer. Stations with this designation will receive a Rural Support Grant (RSG).

CSG Formulas

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

Level & Designation			CSG Formula		RSG		
Level	RASS?	MASS?	CSG Base Grant	CSG Incentive Grant	RSG?	RSG Formula	RSG Amount
A	✓		Base Grant	-	✓	RSG	\$23,360
A	✓	✓	Base Grant * 1.5	-	✓	RSG * 1.5	\$35,050
B			Base Grant	-	-	-	-
B	✓		Base Grant	-	✓	RSG	\$23,360
B		✓	Base Grant * 1.5	-	-	-	-
B	✓	✓	Base Grant * 1.5	-	✓	RSG * 1.5	\$35,050
C	✓		Base Grant	FY2018 NFFS * 1.25 * IRR	✓	RSG	\$23,360
C	✓	✓	Base Grant * 1.5	FY2018 NFFS * 1.75 * IRR	✓	RSG * 1.5	\$35,050
D			Base Grant	FY2018 NFFS * IRR	-	-	-
D		✓	Base Grant * 1.5	FY2018 NFFS * 1.5 * IRR	-	-	-

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.