

Fiscal Year 2020 TV Station Grant Calculations

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

Background

The following is information regarding grant calculations for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 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 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 TV grantees is **0.1179986616**. 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 2020 Base Grant Amounts

The following information is based on the current appropriation as outlined above. Base Grant: For FY 2020, 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 FY 2018 NFFS in a Multi-provider Market 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)

FY 2020 was the final year of the 3-year phase out of this program per the [CPB Board of Directors Resolution dated April 4, 2016](#).

The FY 2018 NFFS for qualifying grantees in Multi-Provider Markets was computed as follows (and is referred to as Weighted NFFS for grant calculation purposes):

- Up to its first \$2 million, the NFFS was multiplied by a factor of 1.19
- Between \$2 million and \$4 million, the NFFS was multiplied by a factor of 1.06.

FY 2020 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 2020, which began on October 1, 2019.

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 0.1179986616.	+ 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 (\$3,983,560)																								
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 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.</p> <p>USSG Pool = 2% of CPB appropriation (\$8.9M) ➤ Rural Pool = \$6.8M (75%)</p>																										

	<p>➤ SUU Pool = \$2.2M (25%)</p> <p>USSG Calculation:</p> <p>Rurality Factor × Rural Pool + Small Unique Urban Factor × SUU Pool</p>
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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.