

Estimating FY 2022 TV CSGs



In response to your questions about how to estimate your FY 2022 TV CSG, the following information may be used with this cautionary: Given the many factors in play such as the IRR, it is impossible to establish the actual amount of your station’s FY 2022 CSG award at this point.

1. Base Grant: The appropriation has increased this year to \$465,000,000. Base grants are calculated as 0.12% of the appropriation or \$558,000, an increase of \$24,000 over the prior year’s base grants. Remember television grantees in multi-provider markets (MPM) share a single base grant.

2. Incentive Grant: This portion of the CSG is more difficult to estimate. We do not know the IRR – or CPB’s match - until we know the full amount of NFFS reported by all grantees *and* the total funds available for the incentive grant pool. Both numbers are not available until this fall. To estimate, you could use 12 cents (last year’s rate was slightly more than 12 cents) and apply that to your *tiered* 2020 NFFS. You’ll apply 12 cents to each dollar up to \$3M, you’ll apply 12 cents to 92.5% of your NFFS over \$3M but less than \$20M, and you’ll apply 12 cents to 95% of your NFFS over \$20M. Grantees reporting NFFS of more than \$20M with NFFS that grew at a faster rate than the system’s year-over-year average may be subject to a cap on matched NFFS. For a more conservative estimate, use a smaller match like 11 cents.

3. Supplemental Grants: Universal Service Support Grants and Distance Service Grants (DSG) will increase slightly because the appropriation increased. If you receive a DSG, you will also see a change if you added or deleted a transmitter. The Interconnection Grants will be similar to what you received in 2021.

For more information, contact CSG@CPB.ORG.