

# Fiscal Year 2021 Radio Station Grant Calculations

**CSG spending period: 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2022**

## Background

The following is information regarding grant calculations for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Radio Community Service Grants (CSG).

## FY 2021 Appropriation

The FY 2021 CSG pool is based on a general CPB appropriation for FY 2021 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 2021 CSG Agreement and Certification of Eligibility form, the grant offer is contingent upon CPB's receipt of its authorized appropriation for FY 2021 and is subject to decreases.

## Incentive Rate of Return

The final Incentive Rate of Return (IRR), applicable to Radio grantees, is **0.0478040952**. 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.

## CSG Policy Changes

Following year-long reviews in FY 2019 for both the television and radio CSG programs, the CPB board approved changes recommended by system consultation panels and CPB management. CPB staff, in turn, has made the approved changes to the CSG grant calculation formulas. Grantees received several communications regarding these changes during the past year; this memo should also serve as a reminder that these changes impacted the FY 2021 CSG amounts. For more information, please refer to [Television CSG Policy Changes](#) and the [Radio CSG Policy Changes](#).

## FY 2021 Base Grant Amounts

The following information is based on the current Radio CSG policy. The Base Grants are aligned with the Coverage Area Population (CAP) categories.

<b>CAP Category</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Base Grants</b>	\$90,000	\$85,000	\$75,000	\$60,000	\$50,000	\$35,000

## Unrestricted and Restricted

Most of the Radio CSG grant is unrestricted as outlined in the [FY 2021 Radio CSG General Provisions and Eligibility Criteria](#) (General Provisions). However, all Radio CSG recipients are required to spend a portion of the FY 2021 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 2021 Unrestricted Percentage: **73.03%<sup>1</sup>**

FY 2021 Restricted Percentage: **26.97%**

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<sup>1</sup> Grantees that receive Rural Support Grants will have a higher unrestricted percentage.

### Minority Audience Service Station Support<sup>2</sup>

A station is designated as a Minority Audience Service Station (MASS) 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 (RASS) 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.

CAP Category	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>CAP Range</b>	< 20,000	20,000 to < 100,000	100,000 to < 300,000	300,000 to < 1 million	1 million to < 3million	≥ 3 million
<b>Base Grant</b>	\$90,000	\$85,000	\$75,000	\$60,000	\$50,000	\$35,000
RASS or MASS	\$90,000	\$85,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Sole Service	x 1.25					
MASS	x 1.5					
<b>Incentive Grant</b>	Tiered <sup>3</sup> NFFS x IRR					
RASS	x 1.25					
MASS	x 1.25 up to \$5 million					
Both RASS and MASS	x 1.75					
<b>Rural Support Grant</b>	Coverage Area Population Density ≤ 40 persons/sq. km					
Both RASS and MASS	RSG x 1.5					

### Contact CPB

All questions about this information should be directed to [csq@cpb.org](mailto: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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 General Provisions.

<sup>3</sup> All grantees will receive an incentive match on Tiered NFFS which is a portion of Base NFFS: 90% of Base NFFS less than \$300,000; 100% of Base NFFS \$300,000 and greater."