



Radio Community Service Grant

For Fiscal Year 2021

New Applicant Guidelines

CPB distributes most of its funds in support of public broadcasting directly to public radio and television stations in the form of Community Service Grants (CSGs). Below is a brief overview of the Radio CSG Program and application requirements.

The Radio CSG Program is designed to help noncommercial educational radio stations expand the quality and scope of services to their communities. CSGs must be used for general station operations and programming expenses. Approximately 25 percent of the CSG must be used exclusively for the acquisition, production, promotion and/or distribution of national programming. All stations must meet a variety of legal, managerial, staffing, and operational criteria each year.

Application and Supporting Documents

Please review the Radio CSG Application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, the [FY 2020 Radio Community Service Grant General Provisions and Eligibility Criteria \(General Provisions\)](#), and [these policies](#)¹ to understand eligibility requirements for funding, as well as annual requirements for remaining eligible should your station be admitted to the Radio CSG Program. All stations admitted to the Radio CSG Program must demonstrate compliance with all criteria at the time of application.

Please refer to the General Provisions and the following documents when completing the application:

1. Annual Financial Reporting Guidelines (FY 2019 Version)
Location: <https://www.cpb.org/stations/frg/>
2. Communications Act Compliance
Location: <https://www.cpb.org/stations/certification/>

Application Procedure for Fiscal Year 2021

To apply for a Radio CSG, the Radio CSG Application for FY 2021 and all related exhibits must be completed and returned to CPB. A submitted application does not guarantee that a grant offer will be made. The application forms and attachments (and other measures deemed necessary by CPB management) will be used to determine the eligibility of the station. CPB reserves the right to request additional information from the applicant that may help determine eligibility for CSG funding. For example, additional information could be requested in the following areas:

- programming;
- station operations;

¹ The CPB Board of Directors adopted changes to FY 2021 radio CSG policy on December 9, 2019.

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- technical capacity; and
- financial viability.

All information provided to CPB in connection with the application is subject to CPB's independent verification and CPB, in its sole discretion, will determine whether a station is eligible. Eligible applicants are accepted into the Radio CSG Program in the order their applications were received, with priority status given to eligible Sole Service applicants, eligible Minority Audience Service Station applicants, and applicants providing the first public radio service in their coverage area. CPB will accept a limited number of stations into the Radio CSG Program during CPB's FY 2021 grant year, contingent upon receipt of its federal appropriation at its current level and based on current radio CSG policy.

Applications must be submitted to the Director, Radio CSG Policy & Administration at CSG@cpb.org no later than August 13, 2020 at 5 PM Eastern Time.

If you have questions, please contact CSG@cpb.org.