Estimating FY 2025 Radio CSGs

To estimate your radio CSG for the next year, use these guidelines with caution: given the numerous changes affecting CSG amounts this year, it is impossible to establish the actual amount of your FY 2025 CSG award at this point.

1. Base Grant: The base grant is based on your CAP category. A table listing the estimated base grants by CAP category is on the right; these are based on the federal appropriation that CPB anticipates it will receive. Your station’s CAP can be found in the Grantee Profile section of the Integrated Station Information System. MASS grantees, multiple your base grant by 1.5.

2. Incentive Grant: Use your total NFFS multiplied by an estimated 5 cents match. Remember to use the NFFS tiering. With the revised radio CSG policies effective in FY 2025, 100% of your NFFS up to $3,000,000 is matched, 95% of your NFFS from $3M to $15M is matched, and 80% of NFFS $15M and greater is matched. For rural, minority, and sole service grantees, total reported NFFS is increased using multipliers.

3. Rural Service Grant: RSG is dependent on the number of rural stations each year and how many of them are MASS. You may want to use average of the last 3 years and be conservative in your estimate.

Consider your category and special designations to determine if you receive the RSG and multipliers on your base grant or NFFS. The radio CSG calculation accommodates a broad range of grantees with different CAPS and designations with too many variables to discuss thoroughly here.

If you develop an FY 2025 CSG estimate before CPB has approved the FY 2023 NFFS that you submitted, remember that a CPB desk review may result in an adjustment to your NFFS. If that is the case, you will want to adjust your FY 2025 CSG estimate accordingly.

If you have questions, contact CSG@CPB.ORG.