

Fiscal Year 2025 TV Station Grant Calculations

CSG spending period: 10/1/2024 - 9/30/2026

Background

The following is information regarding grant calculations for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Television Community Service Grants (CSG), Television Universal Service Support Grants, Television Distance Service Grants, and Interconnection Grants.

FY 2025 Appropriation

The FY 2025 CSG pool is based on a general CPB appropriation for FY 2025 of \$535,000,000. Last year, CPB reserved 1% of its appropriation in advance of a potential rescission and calculated FY 2024 grants based on a revised amount. The 1% rescission did not occur in FY 2024 and CPB will distribute the \$2,628,281 of reserved TV CSG funds during FY 2025 grantmaking.

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 provide each grantee with 70 percent of its annual CSG in its first payment.

As stated on each grantee's FY 2025 CSG Agreement and Certification of Eligibility form, the grant offer is contingent upon CPB's receipt of its authorized appropriation for FY 2025 and is subject to decreases.

Incentive Rate of Return

The final Incentive Rate of Return (IRR) applicable to television grantees is **0.1341081708**. 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.

CSG Policy Changes

There are three calculation changes made for Television CSG FY 2025 grants, per the [CPB Board resolution, 2023 Television CSG Policy Recommendation, dated December 11, 2023](#). Details are available at this [link](#) and noted within the CSG Formulas section below.

FY 2025 Base Grant Amounts

The following information is based on the current appropriation as outlined above. Base Grant: For FY 2025, the base is **\$642,000** (calculated as 0.12 percent of the appropriation of \$535,000,000). 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.

Supplemental CSG Programs

The [FY 2025 Television CSG General Provisions and Eligibility Criteria](#) also contain information relating to the supplemental CSG programs (Television Universal Service Support Grant, Television Distance Service Grant Program, and the Interconnection Grants¹). 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 provides basic information on how the television CSGs are calculated.

CSG	Grantee's FY 2023 NFFS	X IRR of 0.1341081708 IRR is applied to each dollar of a grantee's NFFS up to \$3 million, to 92.5% of NFFS over \$3 million but less than	+ Base Grant (or portion of shared base grant for grantees in a Multi-provider Market)
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¹ The Interconnection Grant spending period is one year, from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025.

		\$20 million, and to 80% of NFFS of \$20 million or more. ²																									
Interconnection Grant	Grantee's Final CSG	/ Total CSGs Awarded	X Interconnection Pool (\$4,000,000)																								
Distance Service Grant (DSG)	<p>The grant amount will be calculated based on a percentage of the standard amount for a television 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="background-color: #d9e1f2;">TV DSG PROGRAM</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;"># of Digital Transmitters</th> <th style="text-align: center;">% of CSG Base Grant</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 Grant	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 2.2% of the CPB appropriation or \$11.7M - 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 (\$11.75M)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rural Pool = \$8.775M (75%) ➤ SUU Pool = \$2.925M (25%) <p>USSG Calculation:</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; gap: 20px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid #0070c0; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; background-color: #0070c0; color: white; text-align: center;"> Rurality Factor X Rural Pool </div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">+</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #0070c0; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; background-color: #0070c0; color: white; text-align: center;"> Small Unique Urban Factor X SUU Pool </div> </div>																										

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² An additional mechanism ensures that the largest stations do not receive a disproportionate share of the incentive grant funds – for grantees with current year Base NFFS or 5-Year Average NFFS equal to or greater than \$35M, 5-Year Average NFFS is tiered and used for incentive grant calculations.

All questions about this information should be directed to csg@cpb.org. Remember to always identify your station call letters and/or grantee ID number so that we can respond quickly to your inquiry.