



Ways and Means Committee votes against Social Services Block Grant

This week the US House Ways and Means Committee voted on a bill that would eliminate the [Social Services Block Grant](#) (SSBG). The legislation (HR 4724) is one of several bills aimed at reducing the federal deficit.

Those voting for the elimination of SSBG argued that it duplicated other federal programs, had no accountability measures and states were not required to provide a financial match to receive the funds. CCAO sent a letter explaining how important SSBG funds are, noting that counties use the grant as a flexible funding source for child and adult protective services - two of our most vulnerable populations.

At the end of the day, the committee passed the measure along party lines. However there doesn't seem to be any momentum in the Senate to address it and if it reached the President's desk it would almost certainly be vetoed.

CCAO staff will continue to follow the legislation closely. If you have questions, please contact Policy Analyst Kate Neithammer at 614-220-7996 or kneithammer@ccao.org.