

Department of Workforce Services



**Update on the use of the Temporary Assistance to
Needy Families funds**

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Subcommittee*

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What is TANF?

- Flexible federal block grant to states
- In order to receive TANF funds - Programs must meet at least one of **four purposes of TANF**:
 1. Provide assistance to needy families
 2. End dependence of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work and marriage
 3. Prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies
 4. Encourage formation and maintenance of two-parent families

Update on status of TANF-funded items approved during 2014 General Session

Amount	SFY15	SFY16	SFY17	SFY18	Item Name
8,193,200	\$2,048,300	\$2,048,300	\$2,048,300	\$2,048,300	Child care competitive rate subsidy
2,179,200	\$2,179,200				Afterschool programs to address IGP
1,500,000	\$1,500,000				Refugee services
1,500,000	\$1,500,000				Mental health early intervention for children and youth
1,000,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	Children's Center for preschool children with MH needs
1,000,000	-	-	-	-	Supported Employment - WAIVER DENIED BY FEDERAL GOVT
750,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000		Family Resource Facilitator Higher Education Navigator Program
566,600	\$566,600				Child care for 60 days during temporary unemployment
300,000	\$300,000				The Marriage Commission
150,000	\$150,000				Hyrum Community Resource Center - direct services to families
104,000	\$104,000				Garland Community Resource Center - services of self-reliance
50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000			Weber County Youth Impact Program - youth services
17,293,000	8,873,100	2,573,300	2,548,300	2,298,300	Total New TANF Funding Authorized During 2014 General Session

Update on DWS' Efforts to Seek a Waiver of TANF requirements

“The Legislature intends the Department of Workforce Services seek a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services during the 2014 Interim. The purpose of the request is to waive federal TANF requirements with regard to supported employment services provided to individuals with disabilities who might otherwise meet the TANF purposes of: provide assistance to needy families so that children can be cared for in their own homes, reduce the dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work and marriage, and encourage the formation and maintenance of two parent families.”

-H.B. 2 Intent Language

DWS' Request For a Waiver is Denied.

“Utah has asked whether it may use TANF funds to pay for supported employment for disabled “single adults.” The state clarified that supported employment would be a non-assistance program combining a hands-on job coach with paid employment and we understand “single” to be synonymous with “childless” in this instance. This type of employment program would further the second TANF purpose (end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage; see section 401(a)(2) of the Social Security Act; 45 CFR 260.20(b)). However, in order to be an allowable TANF activity, beneficiaries must be parents, either custodial (i.e., with a child in the home) or non-custodial, or a pregnant woman. Childless adults would not be eligible.”

-Response from Health and Human Services

Legislative Directive to Spend TANF Reserve

“The Legislature intends the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) actively seek ways to use available Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding to increase services to families in need statewide...”

The Request For Grant Process

- June 2014, DWS released a TANF request for grants with an August 1st application deadline.
- Applicants were required to submit a letter of intent several weeks prior to the application deadline
- We received 780 letters of intent from potential applicants
- We received 242 complete applications by the deadline

Applications Received

TANF Services Under Purposes 1 and 2	Apps	TANF Services Under Purposes 3 and 4	Apps
Addiction Intervention Support	2 5	Financial Responsibility/Education	24
Adult Mentoring/Peer Support	2 1	Out-of-Wedlock Pregnancy Prevention	5
Basic Technology Skills	9	Parenting/Relationship Skills	38
Domestic Violence Prevention	13	Youth Mentoring	47
Employment Retention/Job Training	11		
Expungement Assistance	3		
Fatherhood Initiatives	5		
Family Preservation	20		
Pre-K/School Readiness	11		
Rural Transportation	2		
Skills Training - Transitioning/Incarceration	8		
		Total Apps	242

PROGRAMS AWARDED TANF GRANTS

Service	TANF Purpose	Allocation from \$50M	Number of Orgs.
Addiction Intervention Support	1&2	\$5,875,841.00	9
Adult Mentoring	1&2	\$3,451,581.00	9
Basic Technology	1&2	\$493,653.00	1
Domestic Violence	1&2	\$297,380.00	1
Employment Retention	1&2	\$857,334.00	2
Expungement Assistance	1&2	\$691,737.00	2
Family Preservation	1&2	\$5,540,108.00	9
Fatherhood Initiatives	1&2	\$965,758.00	3
Financial Responsibility	3&4	\$2,706,079.00	10
Parenting Relationship Skills	3&4	\$5,104,448.00	14
Pregnancy Prevention	3&4	\$233,712.00	1
PreK School Readiness	1&2	\$3,354,286.00	7
Rural Transportation	1&2	\$384,062.00	1
Skills Training for Incarceration	3&4	\$1,736,237.00	3
Youth Mentoring	3&4	\$10,272,109.00	23
Combined Services under one Org.	All	\$8,900,000.00	8
Total:		\$50,864,325.00	103