

Fiscal Highlights

Legislature funds \$57 million of new requests with TANF - Stephen C. Jardine

The Department of Workforce Services (DWS) administers the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program - a flexible funding source for states to assist needy families. During the 2016 General Session the Legislature authorized \$57 million in TANF funds to assist Utah families in need. The list of items authorized includes:

2016 General Session

#	Amount	SFY15	SFY16	SFY17	SFY18	SFY19	Item Name
1	\$33,000,000			\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000	Access to High Quality School Readiness Programs (S.B. 101)
2	\$4,500,000			\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	Crisis/Respite Nurseries
3	\$6,750,000			\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	Homeless Reform Initiative (H.B. 436)
4	\$324,000			\$108,000	\$108,000	\$108,000	Lethality Assessment Protocol
5	\$787,000			\$787,000			Domestic Violence Shelters
6	\$450,000			\$450,000			Homeless Children Supplemental Education Funding
7	\$430,000			\$430,000			Succeed at the Club
8	\$500,000			\$500,000			UPSTART
9	\$600,000			\$600,000			Sexual Violence/Assault Funding
10	\$300,000			\$300,000			The Marriage Commission
11	\$464,000		\$249,000	\$215,000			Abstinence and Personal Responsibility Education
12	\$6,000,000			\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	Access to Recovery (Department of Human Services)
13	\$3,000,000			\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Home Visiting Program (Department of Health)
14	\$100,000			\$100,000			Mental Health Early Intervention Evaluation (Department of Human Services)
	\$57,205,000	\$0	\$249,000	\$21,240,000	\$17,858,000	\$17,858,000	Total New TANF Funding Authorized During 2016 General Session

Background:

Utah receives an annual TANF block grant of \$75.6 million. During the 2014 General Session, DWS indicated it had \$107 million in excess TANF spending authority beyond its annual block grant amount. This additional spending authority is referred to here as TANF reserve. In response, the Legislature reviewed potential uses of this TANF reserve during its 2014, 2015, and 2016 General Sessions and authorized a total of \$76.1 million for programs that qualified by meeting one of the four specified TANF purposes (see Table 4 in Appendix B of *Workforce Services TANF Funds - 2016 General Session* issue brief found at: le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00002205.pdf.)