



STATUS REPORT OF SELECTED TANF APPROPRIATIONS

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ISSUE BRIEF

This brief provides status reports on various TANF appropriations from the 2017 General Session of the Legislature, as required by legislative intent language.

\$2,880,000 FOR KINDERGARTEN SUPPLEMENTAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

House Bill 168: "The Legislature intends that the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) authorize Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for three years for the Kindergarten Supplemental Enrichment Program (\$2,880,000 per year). This TANF funding is dependent upon availability of TANF funding and expenditures meeting the necessary requirements to qualify for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. The Legislature further intends that DWS report to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst no later than September 1st, 2017, regarding the status of these efforts.

Workforce Services contracted with the Utah State Board of Education to administer a grant application process for evidence-based kindergarten programs targeting at-risk students. Eligibility for this grant was determined by percentage of students experiencing intergenerational poverty or percentage of students qualifying for free/reduced lunch. Through a grant application process, forty-one schools were awarded grants ranging from \$30,000-\$120,000, serving an estimated total of 1200 additional students. A total of \$1,950,000 was awarded, or 68% of the total allocation for FY 2018.

\$939,000 FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LOCAL SHELTERS

Senate Bill 2, Item 86: The Legislature intends that up to \$939,000 in Excess TANF funds one time be used for Domestic Violence Local Shelters. The Legislature further intends that the Department of Workforce Services report the outcome of this TANF funding initiative to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst no later than September 1, 2017.

After a competitive application process, thirteen grants were awarded for the full \$939,00 that was appropriated. The grantees were:

1. Canyon Creek
2. Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse
3. Center for Women and Children in Crisis
4. The Dove Center
5. New Hope
6. New Horizons
7. Peace House
8. Safe Harbor
9. Seekhaven
10. South Valley
11. Valley Behavioral
12. YCC Family Crisis Center
13. YWCA

\$750,000 FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND MEDICAL CARE FOR VICTIMS

Senate Bill 2, Item 86: The Legislature intends that up to \$750,000 in excess one-time TANF funds be used for Sexual Violence Prevention and Medical Care for Victims. The Legislature further intends that the Department of Workforce Services report the outcome of this TANF funding initiative to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst no later than September 1, 2017.

Workforce Services contracted directly with the Utah Department of Health to administer a grant application process for sexual violence prevention programs, education, and outreach. Though intent language also specifies funding for medical care for victims, the contract excluded this services because federal regulation prohibits TANF spending on medical services. Twenty-seven different organizations received grant money through a competitive RFP process in amounts ranging from \$13,000-\$40,000, with a focus on under-served populations (rural, tribal, at-risk youth, LGBTQ+, Pacific Islander, and Latinx communities).

\$232,712 FOR OUT OF WEDLOCK PREGNANCY PREVENTION

Senate Bill 2, Item 86: The Legislature intends that the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) authorize TANF for three years up to \$232,712 per year to be used for Out of Wedlock Pregnancy Prevention. This TANF funding is dependent upon availability of TANF funding and expenditures meeting the necessary requirements to qualify for the federal TANF program. The Legislature further intends that the Department of Workforce Services report the status of this effort to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst no later than September 1, 2017.

After a competitive grant application process, Workforce Services awarded three grants. These programs will reach a total of 3,000 individuals through out-of-wedlock pregnancy prevention workshops, classes, and outreach. Funding was allocated for three-year contracts, totaling \$697,418 and using the full three-year amount of TANF funding appropriated for Out of Wedlock Pregnancy Prevention. Each program has outcome targets, which will be reported quarterly starting on October 31, 2017. The three programs funded are:

1. Father and Families Coalition
2. Center for Pregnancy Choices
3. Red Rock Center for Independence