Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

This request needs to be screened for TANF eligibility. As an existing participant in a TANF Poverty Mitigation grant–funded program, Utah County Human Services seeks state appropriations to continue and expand their family stabilization program. The program pairs families with a dedicated Family Resource Coordinator who helps them navigate systems, connect to community and public resources, and achieve goals related to housing stability, employment, education, and financial security. By addressing the benefits cliff and empowering families, the program supports TANF eligible low-income families in reaching long-term self-sufficiency and breaking the cycles of intergenerational poverty.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Ezra Nair

Organization: Utah County Commission

Position: County Administrator

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $5,000,000.00	$0.00
In-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Out-of-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Technology Purchases	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$5,000,000.00**	**$0.00**

Funding Sources:

Federal Funds

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (One-time)	$5,000,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$5,000,000.00**	**$0.00**

Is this a multi-year project?

Yes

Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

Yes

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

During the past six months of fully staffed implementation, the TANF Poverty Mitigation program served 120 individuals in Utah County, supported by three Family Resource Coordinators and two administrative staff. Sixty-five percent of individuals served demonstrated an increase in family resilience during this period. At the current funding level, Utah County can serve approximately 240–250 individuals annually. Due to high demand, the county's goal is to expand services to 500 individuals per year, which would require a total of 10 Family Resource Coordinators. Utah County would maintain the core program model while continuing to deliver measurable outcomes for participating families.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Health and Wellbeing

Agency:

250 / Department of Health and Human Services

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Local Government

Grant recipient

No

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?

This request would benefit TANF eligible low-income families seeking long-term stability and financial advancement.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

The TANF poverty mitigation program pairs families with a dedicated Family Resource Coordinator who helps them capitalize on existing state and nonprofit resources to meet their basic needs, build employment skills through education and training, and improve housing stability. Coordinators work closely with families to develop personalized plans with clear, achievable goals tailored to their unique needs. This individualized approach supports long-term stability and self-sufficiency by providing temporary assistance to have families break the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

Through Utah County's regular reporting, the Legislature will be able to measure the program's success through clearly defined, data-driven outcomes. In the short term, the program targets 75% of participating families increasing their resiliency scores and 25% increasing their household income to above 150% of the Federal Poverty Level which will no longer make the families dependent on TANF resources which will allow additional families to receive needed support. Program data is tracked weekly to monitor progress and guide service delivery. Results will continue to be shared through regular quarterly reports to ensure transparency and accountability.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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