



Human Services Department
Income Support Division
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program
Fact Sheet

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is a block grant administered by the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). TANF provides cash assistance and work opportunities to needy families. The TANF program in New Mexico is referred to as the New Mexico Works (NMW) program.

1. History of TANF

- ▶ 1996 PRWORA replaced AFDC with TANF
- ▶ States develop and implement their own TANF cash and work program
- ▶ The Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) reauthorized TANF
- ▶ The DRA and related interim final rules issued by HHS introduced new requirements on states and stricter requirements on work program compliance

2. Funding

- ▶ Total Federal Grant – \$117,109.1
 - Base Grant \$110,578.1
 - Supplemental Grant \$6,531.0 – Expires 9/09
- ▶ Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Requirement at 75% - \$32,748.3
- ▶ In NM, TANF funds are appropriated by the Legislature

▶ SFY 09 Budget (In thousands)

PROGRAM	State Funds	Federal Funds	TOTAL
REVENUE SOURCES			
General Funds in HSD for TANF-MOE	3,525.0	0.0	3,525.0
Non MOE NMW Two Parent and Exempt	5,600.0	0.0	5,600.0
MOE-Other Agencies	31,408.0	0.0	31,408.0
TANF Block Grant	0.0	110,578.1	110,578.1
TANF Supplemental Grant	0.0	6,531.0	6,531.0
TANF Carryover	0.0	14,558.0	14,558.0
TANF Contingency		11,057,810	
TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES	40,533.0	131,667.1	172,200.1
STATE EXPENDITURES - USES			
Program Support ADMIN	0.0	2,042.1	2,042.1
ISD ADMIN	0.0	7,448.3	7,448.3
TOTAL - ADMIN	0.0	9,490.4	9,490.4
Cash Assistance	0.0	51,500.0	51,500.0
Clothing Allowance for School Age Kids	0.0	3,113.4	3,113.4
Diversion Payments (non-assistance)	0.0	234.0	234.0
Disregard (GF/MOE)	435.0	0.0	435.0
Wage Subsidy Program (non-assistance)	0.0	1,000.0	1,000.0
NMW Legal Immigrant (GF/MOE)	90.0	0.0	90.0
Non MOE NMW Two Parent and Exempt	5,600.0	0.0	5,600.0
Employment Retention Bonus	3,000.0	3,000.0	6,000.0
Subtotal, Cash Assistance	9,125.0	58,847.4	67,972.4
TANF Support Services			



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NMW Workforce Program	0.0	12,000.0	12,000.0
Substance Abuse Services	0.0	800.0	800.0
Strengthening Families	0.0	600.0	600.0
TANF Employment Related Costs	0.0	1,720.0	1,720.0
Transportation - JARC	0.0	800.0	800.0
PED - Pre-K Program	0.0	1,000.0	1,000.0
CYFD - Pre-K Program	0.0	1,000.0	1,000.0
CSW - Job Skills	0.0	1,440.0	1,440.0
CYFD -Domestic Violence Services	0.0	3,600.0	3,600.0
ALTSD - GOLD Mentor	0.0	750.0	750.0
CYFD - Childcare	0.0	32,419.3	32,419.3
CYFD - Add Childcare - 2008 Sp Session	0.0	7,200.0	7,200.0
SUBTOTAL, SUPPORT SERVICES	0.0	63,329.3	63,329.3
TANF MOE			
Public Education Department-GRADS	1,000.0	0.0	1,000.0
Public Education Department-Pre K & K3	1,500.0	0.0	1,500.0
TRD LITCR & CC Tax Credit	8,962.8	0.0	8,962.8
DOH - Family Planning & Vaccines	2,300.0	0.0	2,300.0
Mesilla Valley Community of Hope - VH	50.0	0.0	50.0
CYFD - Pre-K	500.0	0.0	500.0
CYFD - Head Start	0.0	0.0	0.0
CYFD - 4A/EA	6,106.0	0.0	6,106.0
CYFD - Child Care	8,094.0	0.0	8,094.0
CYFD - Community Based Services	2,895.2	0.0	2,895.2
HSD - LIHEAP	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL MOE	31,408.0	0.0	31,408.0

3. TANF Program Elements

▶ The Four Goals of TANF

- Provide assistance for needy families
- End dependence of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage
- Reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies
- Encourage formation of two-parent families

▶ TANF Federal Requirements

- Cash assistance time limit of 60 months
- Work requirement for most cash recipients
- Recipients face payment sanctions and termination of benefits for not meeting work requirement
- Individual Responsibility Plans required for all cash recipients
- Teen parent live-at-home and stay-in-school requirement
- Annual state plan
- 15% cap on administrative costs



- Allows up to 30% of the TANF block grant to be transferred to Child Care and Social Services Block Grant Program
- State Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement
 - 75% of 1995 spending when meeting work participation rates
 - 80% of 1995 spending when not meeting work participation rates
- Funding penalties if fail to meet Federal requirements
- New Work Verification Plan Requirements
- ▶ **Cash Assistance Eligibility**
 - Reside in New Mexico
 - Low Income and Resources
 - Families with Dependent Children
 - Citizenship or Qualified Legal Immigrant Status
 - Social Security Number

Cash Assistance Standards

Standard of Need Increased by 15% January 1, 2008

Household Size	85% FPG Poverty Gross Limit for Cash	Standard of Need
1	\$ 737	\$266
2	\$ 992	\$357
3	\$1,247	\$447
4	\$1,502	\$539
5	\$1,757	\$630
6	\$2,012	\$721
7	\$2,267	\$812
8	\$2,522	\$922
For each additional member add:		
	+\$247	+\$ 90
Deductions:		
◆ Dependent Care: For Dependent under age 2 = \$200 For Dependent 2 and over = \$175		
Work Incentive		
◆ Earned Income Disregard Single Person = 125 and ½ remainder Two Person = \$225 and ½ remainder		

Clothing Allowance

Eligible school age children received a \$100 clothing allowance in January in addition to the August disbursement.

4. New Mexico Caseload Information – 6/09

- ▶ 17,482 - TANF Households
 - 2,171 - Approvals
 - 1,670 – Closures
- ▶ Work Program Mandatory Individuals:
 - 12,533- Federally Defined (Allows for two waiver types listed below)
 - 9,624 – State Defined (Allows for two federally allowed waivers plus four other waiver types listed below)



▶ Waived from Work Requirement (Individuals)
(Source: Dispatch Report HIL42I01)

- 4,849
 - 1,790 - Caring for a child under 12 months old (Federally allowed)
 - 150- Caring for an incapacitated household member (Fed allowed)
 - 51 – Age 60 or older (State Waiver only)
 - 789- Pregnant, 3rd Trimester (State Waiver only)
 - 1,654- Incapacitated (State Waiver only)
 - 415-Other/Good Cause (State Waiver only)

5. New Mexico Works (NMW)

- ▶ New Mexico Works Act established TANF in New Mexico
- ▶ HSD determines eligibility for TANF cash assistance
- ▶ HSD contracts with vendors for work program and support services

6. NMW Scope of Work

- ▶ Barrier Screening, Assessments & Referral
 - Domestic Violence
 - Substance Abuse
 - Mental Health
 - Caring for a Special Needs Child
- ▶ Work Assessments & Employment Planning
- ▶ Job Search, Matching & Placement
- ▶ Life skills Development
- ▶ Training
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Linkage to Work Supports
 - Child Care Assistance
 - Transportation Programs
 - Income supplements such as tax credits
 - Financial Aid for Students
 - Housing

▶ Service Providers

- Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
- New Mexico State University (NMSU)
- Eastern Area Workforce Development Board (EAWDB)

Service Area	Provider	09 TANF Funding	09 Increased Services	09 TANF Transportation Funding	09 Food Stamp E&T Funding	Total TANF
Northwest	NMSU	\$ 337,409.93	\$ 1,415,153.20	\$ 4,684.49	\$ 174,719.55	\$1,931,967.17
Northeast	NMSU	\$ 1,205,750.46		\$ 16,740.26	\$ 196,945.08	\$1,419,435.80
Central	NMSU	\$ 3,829,818.24		\$ 53,171.99	\$ 592,891.70	\$4,475,881.93
Southwest	NMSU	\$ 2,586,321.30		\$ 30,880.60	\$ 174,007.70	\$2,791,209.60
Southeast	EAWDB	\$ 2,053,829.12	\$ 471,717.74	\$ 24,522.66	\$ 115,161.46	\$2,665,230.98
ABQ & Las Cruces	CSW	\$ 1,440,000.00	\$ 100,000.00			\$1,540,000.00
Totals		\$ 11,453,129.05	\$ 1,986,870.94	\$ 130,000.00	\$1,253,725.49	\$14,823,725.48



► **Allowable Work Activities** (☉ = core activity)

- ☉ Employment
- ☉ Community Service
- Job Skills for Employment
- ☉ Sponsored Employment
- ☉ Job Search/Readiness
- Education for Employment
- ☉ On-the-Job-Training
- ☉ Voc. Training/Education
- ☉ Child Care for other TANF Participants in Comm. Sv.
- ☉ Work Experience
- Job Training for Work

No more than 12 months of vocational training. For job search/job readiness no more than four weeks in a row of job search may count and hours are limited to 240 in a 12 month look back period for families with a child under age six (360 hours for all other families).

► **Weekly Hour Work Participation Requirements:**

One Parent Families

Weekly Hours

- Parent with a Child Age 5 or Younger – 24
- Parent with a Child Age 6 or Older - 34

Note: Teen parents = school or other approved activity

Two Parent Families

Weekly Hours

- Parents Receiving Childcare Assistance – 59
- Parents not Receiving Childcare - 39
- One Parent is ineligible, disqualified or sanctioned - 39
- One Parent is disabled, not receiving SSI – 34

► **Outcomes**

Measures	Goal	Performance to Date 6/09
% Meeting Federal All-Families (HB2)	50 %	40.8%
% Meeting Federal 2-Parent (HB2 80%)	90 %	52.3%