

TANF FUNDING 101

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FAITH BASED &
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES PROVIDES GRANT
OPPORTUNITIES USING
TANF FUNDING

TANF

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDED FAMILIES

Families are defined by federal regulation and state law as follows:

A minor child who resides with a parent, specified relative, legal guardian or legal custodian (a child may be temporarily absent from the home provided certain requirements are met);

An individual who is pregnant;

A non-custodial parent who lives in the state, but does not reside with his/her minor child(ren).

Grant Funding Guidelines:

- ▶ Funding must fall under one of the four purposes for TANF
- ▶ Funding to non-profits must be for non-assistance
- ▶ Funding is not paid up front. It is reimbursable only

What is Non-assistance?

Non assistance is benefits or services that are not designed to meet a family's ongoing basic needs

- ▶ short-term
- ▶ non-recurrent
- ▶ Examples: work subsidies, supportive services to employed individuals, transportation, incentives, counseling, case management, peer support, child care information and referral, transitional services, job retention, job advancement and other employment-related services that do not provide basic income support
- ▶ Please see 45CFR 260.31 for reference

The Four Purposes of TANF:

- ▶ **Purpose 1:** Provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives
- ▶ **Purpose 2:** End the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation work, and marriage
- ▶ **Purpose 3:** Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies
- ▶ **Purpose 4:** Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families

REQUIREMENT OF TANF:

- ▶ Need minor child or be pregnant
- ▶ Must be needy (e.g. 200%FPL)
- ▶ Noncustodial parent - ok for non-assistance if minor child in the state
- ▶ SSN requirement for purposes 1 and 2

TANF Minor Child requirement:

- ▶ (1) Has not attained 18 years of age; or
- ▶ (2) Has not attained 19 years of age and is a full- time student in a secondary school (or in the equivalent level of vocational or technical training)

What is Needy?

Needy is defined as low-income families whose households are at or below 200% Federal Poverty Level

Household Family Size (include mom, and dad/ legal guardian and children)	Monthly household income is below this amount	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Household Family Size (include mom, and dad/ legal guardian and children)	Monthly household income is below this amount	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Household Family Size (include mom, and dad/ legal guardian and children)	Monthly household income is below this amount	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1	\$2,082		4	\$4,292		7	\$6,502	
2	\$2,819		5	\$5,029		8	\$7,239	
3	\$3,555		6	\$5,765		9	\$7,975	

U.S. Citizenship Requirement

- ▶ Non-Citizenship eligibility is also available to qualified alien or protective refugee status.
- ▶ A list of exceptions is available if funding is granted.

What TANF Cannot Fund:

- ▶ Medical services
- ▶ Any entertainment expenses (sports tickets, movie tickets, etc.)
- ▶ Juvenile justice services
- ▶ Regular IV-D child support services
- ▶ Regular IV-E services
- ▶ Foster care maintenance payments
- ▶ Constructing or purchasing buildings or facilities or purchasing real property
- ▶ Public education
- ▶ Satisfying a cost sharing or matching requirement of another federal program unless specifically authorized by federal law
- ▶ Supplanting (replace or displace) current funding
- ▶ Please see 2CFR part 200 for more details

Requirements to get started:

- ▶ Must have an OAKS vendor ID with the state (If not apply right away)
- ▶ Must submit your Federal Tax ID
- ▶ Must have a 501c3 status or Ohio non-profit verification
- ▶ Must submit your UEI Number
- ▶ Must fill out a Location of Business form (supplied by the state)
- ▶ Must have a budget for the program you are requesting funding for
- ▶ Must be able to wait for reimbursement of funds
- ▶ Must have deliverables (Goals and objectives) for your program
- ▶ Submit Electronic Funds Transfer form if you wish direct deposit

Waiting time....

- ▶ Once all documentation is submitted an agreement will be developed...this takes time
- ▶ Once the agreement is developed it is sent out to vendor for approval (If approved it is signed by vendor if not it goes back for corrections)
- ▶ Once signed by the vendor, it goes back to GOFBCI to sign and then the Director of JFS to sign
- ▶ Once signed by JFS Director, a purchase order is created. This can take several weeks
- ▶ Work does not start until that purchase order is created!!!
- ▶ Can not pay for prior expenditures!!

Grant Management

- ▶ Once work starts, ask questions if you are unsure
- ▶ Submit invoice timely with all backup documentation
- ▶ You must show what was billed and how it was paid for
- ▶ If everything is not complete it will be sent back for clarification or corrections. This could delay payment.
- ▶ Once everything is perfect on the invoice it is submitted for internal approvals, fiscal approval and Ohio Shared Services approval before payment.