

NARRATIVE INFORMATION – DA 400
Division of the Budget
State of Kansas

AGENCY NAME: Social and Rehabilitation Services
PROGRAM TITLE: Integrated Service Delivery
SUBPROGRAM TITLE: EES – Temporary Assistance for Families

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION - Temporary Assistance for Families – 25200 (STARS 27100)

Program Overview:

Cash Assistance. The Temporary Assistance for Families (TAF) program provides cash assistance for basic needs, such as clothing, housing, utilities, and transportation, to severely low-income families while they strive to become self-sufficient. To qualify for assistance, families must have very few assets and little or no income. Almost all families with an adult must participate in work activities and seek employment through the TAF Employment Services program. Cash assistance ceased to be an entitlement following the Welfare Reform Act of 1996 and is limited to sixty-months, with provisions for extended assistance if the family meets hardship criteria. Cash assistance recipients must cooperate with the Child Support Enforcement Program, which establishes paternity and assists in obtaining child and medical support. Temporary Assistance for Families benefits are financed by the Federal TANF Block Grant and state funds.

TANF Non-Recurrent Benefits and Subsidized Employment. The non-recurrent and subsidized employment expenditures reported in this program were made possible by the TANF Emergency Fund, created in the ARRA 2009 Act. The purpose of this source is to assist States during economic downturns. States may receive emergency funds for increases in three categories: basic assistance, non-recurring short-term benefits, or subsidized employment. States may receive 80 percent of the increase in expenditures in each category over the lower of expenditures spent in a base year period of Federal FY 2007 - FY 2008. The TANF Emergency Fund concludes September 2010. While Congress has considered extending this funding source, the proposals have been unsuccessful to date.

Object Codes 5500: Grants and Assistance

Summary: The following table details the Temporary Assistance for Families expenditures.

Temporary Assistance for Families

Item	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Current Year	FY 2012 Allocated Budget
TAF Cash Assistance			
Average Monthly Families	14,380	15,515	15,515
Average Monthly Persons	36,972	40,029	40,029
Monthly Cost Per Person	\$112.51	\$112.50	\$112.50
Subtotal - Cash Assistance	\$49,917,941	\$54,039,150	\$54,039,150
Non-Recurrent Benefits			
One-Time Utility Benefit	5,477,573	500,027	-
One-Time School Supplies Benefit	-	5,447,500	-
Homeless Shelter	152,400	-	-
Urgent Dental Assistance	1,040,000	-	-
Subtotal - Non-Recurrent Benefits	6,669,973	5,947,527	-
Subsidized Employment			
Summer Youth Employment	-	75,000	-
Total	56,587,914	60,061,677	54,039,150
Financing			
State General Fund	\$18,583,957	\$29,821,028	\$29,821,028
SRS Fee Fund	(168)	-	-
TANF Block Grant	26,115,663	12,652,332	24,218,122
TANF Contingency Fund	4,000,000	-	-
TANF Emergency Fund	7,888,462	17,588,317	-
Total	\$56,587,914	\$60,061,677	\$54,039,150

Current Year FY 2011: \$60,061,677 - The Temporary Assistance caseload reflects the spring 2010 consensus caseload estimate. The caseload increase assumes declining labor force conditions during the present recession.

The non-recurrent benefits include two one-time benefits. The first payment was directed to assist families with increased summer utility payments, in which 14,944 families were provided \$400 to assist with their summer cooling bills. The second \$500 payment was directed to 10,895 families with children between the ages of 3 and 17 for back-to-school expenses. Summer youth employment was provided through local workforce

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investment boards, and was made available to TAF youth, ages 16 to 21 in approximately 60 Kansas counties. The local boards will develop employer relationships and placement opportunities for youth employment, oversee the worksites and working conditions, and provide case management. The participating youth will receive full subsidies for their summer work experience wages, classroom instruction, and assessments leading to a basic skills and work readiness certification.

Allocated Budget FY 2012: \$54,039,150 - The allocated budget holds the caseload estimate to the FY 2010 consensus level. The first consensus estimate to be made for FY 2012 will occur in Fall 2010. The estimates will be incorporated in the FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report.