

**EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION** - Temporary Assistance for Families – 25200

**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. 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.

**Object Code 5500: Grants and Assistance**

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

**Temporary Assistance for Families**

<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2011 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2012 Request</b>	<b>FY 2013 Allocated Budget</b>
<b>TAF Cash Assistance</b>			
Average Monthly Families	15,077	16,499	16,499
Average Monthly Persons	38,963	42,783	42,783
Monthly Cost Per Person	\$111.23	\$112.00	\$112.00
Subtotal - Base Caseload	\$52,003,065	\$57,500,000	\$57,500,000
Non-Recurrent Benefits	5,776,531	-	-
TAF Policy Changes	-	(6,990,055)	(11,132,049)
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,779,596</b>	<b>50,509,945</b>	<b>46,367,951</b>
<b>Financing</b>			
State General Fund	\$28,643,461	\$22,265,477	\$12,336,290
TANF Block Grant	1,300,735	28,244,468	34,031,661
TANF Contingency Fund	1,698,553	-	-
TANF Emergency Fund	20,360,316	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,003,065</b>	<b>\$50,509,945</b>	<b>\$46,367,951</b>

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

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

**FY 2012:** \$50,509,945 - The base caseload reflects the Fall 2010 consensus caseload estimate. The caseload increase assumes a sustained level of high unemployment. Employment-focused policy changes will be implemented to the TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) program, to help more individuals find employment and achieve self-sufficiency. Through agency efforts to end fraud, waste and abuse in the TANF program, budget savings will be attained. A diversion option will also be added to allow families more choices when facing financial hardships.

**FY 2013:** \$46,367,951 (\$46,251,951 with Reduced Resource to Reduce Waste, Fraud, and Abuse) - The allocated budget holds the base caseload estimate to the FY 2010 consensus level. The first consensus estimate to be made for FY 2013 will occur in Fall 2011. The estimates will be incorporated in the FY 2013 Governor’s Budget Report. The employment-focused TAF policies are also included in FY 2013.

**TAF Financing Changes**

The following table sets out the financing changes from the Fall 2010 consensus caseload estimate:

Item	FY 2012			FY 2013		
	Total	SGF	TANF	Total	SGF	TANF
Fall 2010 Consensus Caseload	57,500,000	29,821,028	27,678,972	57,500,000	29,821,028	27,678,972
<i>Adjustments</i>						
Reduce TANF Expenditures in Foster Care	-	-	-	-	(6,104,674)	6,104,674
Fund Adoption Support Caseload	-	-	-	-	(1,492,910)	1,492,910
Fraud Prevention Initiative	-	(164,847)	164,847	-	(340,611)	340,611
Child Poverty Reduction and Improved Child Outcomes	-	(500,000)	500,000	-	(1,000,000)	1,000,000
Fatherhood Initiative	-	(500,000)	500,000	-	(1,000,000)	1,000,000
Employment-Focused TAF Policies	(6,990,055)	(6,390,704)	(599,351)	(11,132,049)	(7,546,543)	(3,585,506)
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,509,945</b>	<b>22,265,477</b>	<b>28,244,468</b>	<b>46,367,951</b>	<b>12,336,290</b>	<b>34,031,661</b>