

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

The 2009-11 executive budget recommendation includes funding of \$23,477,922, \$1,907,617 less than the 2007-09 appropriation, for the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program. The reduction is based on the actual number of TANF recipients and average monthly payments during the 2007-09 biennium, both of which are lower than budgeted.

The 2009-11 executive budget recommendation includes funding to serve an estimated average monthly caseload of 2,851. The September 2008 caseload was 2,554.

The 2009-11 executive budget recommendation anticipates monthly assistance payments to average \$343.12 per case for the 2009-11 biennium. The average payment per case in September 2008 was \$339.56.

The following schedule compares the 2005-07 and 2007-09 biennium appropriations to the 2009-11 executive budget:

	2005-07 Biennium Appropriation	2007-09 Biennium Appropriation	2009-11 Executive Budget Recommendation	2009-11 Executive Budget Increase (Decrease) Compared to 2007-09 Appropriation
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families				
Federal funds	\$8,155,352	\$9,766,881	\$8,450,305	(\$1,316,576)
General fund	3,938,442	4,314,942	5,531,958	1,217,016
Retained funds ¹	8,302,671	6,174,667	6,174,667	0
Other funds - Child support collections	3,863,535	5,129,049	3,320,992	(1,808,057)
Total - TANF	\$24,260,000	\$25,385,539	\$23,477,922	(\$1,907,617)

¹These funds are federal funds received for administrative costs incurred by the counties that the state retains per the "swap" agreement with the counties.

The Department of Human Services anticipates receiving \$26.4 million of federal TANF block grant funds for each year of the 2009-11 biennium. The department projects carrying forward \$11.6 million of federal TANF block grant funds from the 2007-09 biennium to the 2009-11 biennium. The executive budget recommends spending \$62.9 million of the federal TANF block grant funds and transferring \$500,000 to the child care block grant in 2009-11.