

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

The 2007-09 executive budget recommendation includes funding of \$22,439,980, \$1,820,020 less than the 2005-07 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 2005-07 biennium, both of which are lower than budgeted.

The 2007-09 executive budget recommendation includes funding to serve an estimated average monthly caseload of 2,750. The September 2006 caseload was 2,637.

The 2007-09 executive budget recommendation anticipates monthly assistance payments to average \$340 per case for the 2007-09 biennium. The average payment per case in September 2006 was \$336.

The following schedule compares the 2003-05 and 2005-07 biennium appropriations to the 2007-09 executive budget:

	2003-05 Biennium Appropriation	2005-07 Biennium Appropriation	2007-09 Executive Budget Recommendation	2007-09 Executive Budget Increase (Decrease) Compared to 2005-07 Appropriation
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families				
Federal funds	\$13,341,867	\$8,155,352	\$6,821,322	(\$1,334,030)
General fund	3,939,432	3,938,442	4,314,942	376,500
Retained funds ¹	8,392,385	8,302,671	6,174,667	(2,128,004)
Other funds - Child support collections	3,834,256	3,863,535	5,129,049	1,265,514
Total - TANF	\$29,507,940	\$24,260,000	\$22,439,980	(\$1,820,020)

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 2007-09 biennium. The department projects carrying forward \$14.9 million of federal TANF block grant funds from the 2005-07 biennium to the 2007-09 biennium and \$8.4 million from the 2007-09 biennium to the 2009-11 biennium. The executive budget recommends spending \$59.3 million of the federal TANF block grant funds in 2007-09.