

Requested Information for ACF apportionments
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
75-26-1552
October 2025 (Q1) – March 31, 2026 (Q2)

- Program/activity objective.
 - The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program provides state flexibility in operating programs designed to help low-income families achieve independence and economic self-sufficiency.
 - **State Family Assistance Grants:** states use TANF funding on a variety of programs and services that are reasonably calculated to address the program’s four broad purposes in statute. Tribal family assistance grants are issued based on agreements with states.
 - **Territory Family Assistance Grants:** funds are used to operate their own TANF programs. Territories are subject to the same plan, work, and maintenance-of-effort requirements as the states.
 - **Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Grants:** Promote and encourage healthy marriage education, relationship skills, positive father-child and family interactions, and other activities that foster economic security and child and family well-being.
 - **Welfare Research:** Supports required research on employment, self-sufficiency, child well-being, unmarried births, marriage, poverty, economic mobility, and other factors determined by the Secretary.
- Planned use and allocation of funds for quarters one and two of FY 2026, including all allocations referenced in the agency Operating Plan and statutory set-asides.
 - The vast majority of funding for this account is provided via formula block grants to states, tribes, and territories.
 - The HM/RF program estimates for the first two quarters \$9.61 million for program support, including \$1.33 million in salaries.
 - The Welfare Research program estimate for the first two quarters is for \$4.8 million in contracts to support multiple research projects and for federal program support, including \$2.0 million for salaries.
- Number of FTE by component supported by the apportionment.
 - 33 FTE are supported by the FY 2026 annual apportionment, not including the Census Bureau.
- Areas where the agency made policy choices, if any (e.g., funding research and evaluation or demonstration grant priorities):
 - Though statutes set the maximum amount of funding for the HM/RF and Welfare Research programs, choices can be made about allocation of funding for service grants, research projects, and technical assistance and other program support.
- Projected program participation and benefit amounts the apportioned level of funding would support, where applicable.
 - The most recent caseload data can be found at the following link:
[State TANF Data and Reports | The Administration for Children and Families](#)