

## **TANF Emergency Fund**

## October 1, 2010

**State Applications Approved as of September 30** Elizabeth Lower-Basch and Elizabeth Kenefick

Section 2101 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) created a new TANF Emergency Fund, funded at \$5 billion. This federal fund provided states 80 percent of the funding for spending increases in certain categories of TANF-related expenditures in FYs 2009 or 2010 over FYs 2007 or 2008. Each state could receive no more than 50 percent of its annual block grant over the two-year period from the combination of the new Emergency Fund and the regular Contingency Fund.

As of September 30, 2010, 49 states (plus the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico) have been awarded a total of \$4.986 billion from the Emergency Fund. Tribes received the remaining \$14 million allocated to the fund.<sup>i</sup> Wyoming is the only state that was not been approved for Emergency Funds. These figures are not final, because states were awarded funds based on their estimates of what they were going to spend. They must now provide information to HHS showing actual expenditures, and must return any funds received in excess of the amount for which they qualified. HHS has indicated that it will use returned funds to make payments to states that were not able to receive the full amount for which they qualified due to lack of sufficient funds.





For additional information about the TANF Emergency Fund, visit CLASP's resource page at: <u>http://www.clasp.org/TANFEmergencyFund</u>

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Figure 2 shows the percent of the total allocation each state received from a combination of the Emergency Fund and the Contingency Fund. Eighteen states received funds from the Contingency Fund in FY 2009 and 15 (plus DC) received funds during FY 2010, though Michigan and Washington have since returned their FY 2010 Contingency Fund allocation in order to increase their eligibility for Emergency Funds. The regular Contingency Fund ran out of money in December 2009. However, when states returned money from the Contingency Fund in order to become eligible for increased Emergency Funds, these funds were reallocated to the other states that had applied for Contingency Funds, assuming that those states had not already reached their maximum allocation.



Table 1 shows each state's annual block grant allocation, the maximum amount each state could receive under the Emergency Fund, the amount each state received from the Contingency Fund, the amount each state received from the Emergency Fund as of September 30, 2010, and the share of the total allocation that each state received.

States received the most money based on increased spending on short-term non-recurrent benefits. Forty-four states (plus DC, VI, and PR) received \$1.598 billion based on increased cash assistance caseloads, 42 (plus DC and PR) received \$2.07 billion based on increased spending on short-term non-recurrent assistance, and 39 (plus DC, VI, and PR) have received \$1.318 billion based on increased spending on subsidized employment. Based on a survey of states, approximately 235,000 low-income parents and youth were employed as result of the subsidized jobs program.<sup>ii</sup>

The states that received the largest amounts of funding were California and New York. The majority of California's award was for increased basic assistance; California received more in this category as well as in subsidized employment than any other state. New York received more for non-recurrent short-term benefits than any other state. Seventeen states and DC drew down their entire allocations: Louisiana, Hawaii, Texas, Oregon, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Maryland, Colorado, New Jersey, New York, Michigan, Delaware, New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, and Washington.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> All Emergency and Contingency Fund data from HHS, Approved TANF Emergency Fund Applications by Category, September 30, 2010. <u>http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/tanf/apprTANFemerfund.html</u> In addition, 25 tribes have been awarded \$14,235,730 million. <u>http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/tanf/apprTANFemerfund\_tribe.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> Information was collected directly from state officials or from published documents by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the Center for Law and Social Policy.

State	Adjusted Block Grant	Maximum Allocation from Emergency and Contingency Funds	Received from Contingency Fund (FY 2009 and FY 2010)	Received from Emergency Fund as of 9/30/10	% of Maximum Allocation Awarded	Basic Assistance	Non- Recurrent Short-Term	Subsidized Employment
Alabama	93,315,207	46,657,604	0	42,870,777	91.9	8,179,366	26,539,077	8,152,334
Alaska	46,420,813	23,210,407	0	3,085,983	13.3	2,686,871	0	399,112
Arizona	200,232,697	100,116,349	61,608,320***	4,364,381	65.9	1,681,050	2,683,331	0
Arkansas	56,732,858	28,366,429	17,458,562***	6,574,682	84.7	397,511	2,281,915	3,895,256
California	3,659,875,042	1,829,937,521	0	1,253,542,471	68.5	729,014,687	116,051,960	408,475,824
Colorado	136,056,690	68,028,345	30,027,866	38,000,480	100.0	20,667,626	16,828,765	504,089
Connecticut	266,788,107	133,394,054	0	38,964,589	29.2	3,747,760	20,691,201	14,525,628
Delaware	32,290,981	16,145,491	7,664,838	8,480,653	100.0	3,716,569	4,380,496	383,588
Dist. of Columbia	92,609,815	46,304,908	5,063,723***	41,241,185	100.0	9,608,595	12,962,560	18,670,030
Florida	562,340,120	281,170,060	0	180,535,924	64.2	45,120,059	6,000,231	129,415,634
Georgia	330,741,739	165,370,870	0	83,403,765	50.4	0	14,233,050	69,170,715
Guam	3,465,478	1,732,739	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
Hawaii	98,904,788	49,452,394	22,194,181***	27,258,212	100.0	4,034,398	7,443,977	15,779,837
Idaho	30,412,562	15,206,281	0	1,129,683	7.4	342,598	787,085	0
Illinois	585,056,960	292,528,480	0	252,850,891	86.4	7,881,240	50,695,275	194,274,376
Indiana	206,799,109	103,399,555	0	26,762,466	25.9	0	26,762,466	0
Iowa	130,993,952	65,496,976	0	34,349,076	52.4	10,360,082	21,047,151	2,941,843
Kansas	101,931,061	50,965,531	18,687,361	28,248,778	92.1	3,730,652	24,468,295	49,831
Kentucky	181,287,669	90,643,835	0	49,125,072	54.2	6,657,538	0	42,467,534
Louisiana	163,971,985	81,985,993	0	81,985,991	100.0	828,097	81,157,894	0
Maine	78,120,889	39,060,445	0	24,895,762	63.7	16,323,136	8,572,626	0
Maryland	229,098,032	114,549,016	46,743,891	67,805,125	100.0	35,425,091	30,104,495	2,275,539
Massachusetts	459,371,116	229,685,558	118,561,526***	111,124,032	100.0	60,781,710	50,342,322	0
Michigan	775,352,858	387,676,429	155,070,572	232,605,857	100.0	10,817,543	221,304,665	483,649
Minnesota	263,434,070	131,717,035	0	90,009,930	68.3	21,720,738	54,573,532	13,715,660
Mississippi	86,767,578	43,383,789	0	27,846,365	64.2	1,010,947	1,059,777	25,775,641
Missouri	217,051,740	108,525,870	0	49,303,582	45.4	4,496,414	26,410,614	18,396,554
Montana	38,039,116	19,019,558	0	10,161,211	53.4	4,894,474	196,867	5,069,870
Nebraska	57,513,601	28,756,801	0	16,151,108	56.2	1,329,803	14,821,305	0
Nevada	43,907,517	21,953,759	6,586,128	15,367,631	100.0	15,367,631	0	0
New Hampshire	38,521,261	19,260,631	0	10,539,850	54.7	10,539,850	0	0
New Jersey	404,034,823	202,017,412	0	202,017,412	100.0	15,444,746	167,856,265	18,716,401
New Mexico	110,578,100	55,289,050	26,247,678	29,041,372	100.0	29,041,372	0	0
New York	2,442,930,602	1,221,465,301	498,442,011	723,023,290	100.0	32,487,094	664,960,813	25,575,383

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North Carolina	302,239,599	151,119,800	71,741,946	79,377,854	100.0	1,079,984	66,615,420	11,682,450
North Dakota	26,399,809	13,199,905	0	5,738,155	43.5	0	0	5,738,155
Ohio	727,968,260	363,984,130	0	244,695,342	67.2	188,166,414	0	56,528,928
Oklahoma	145,281,442	72,640,721	0	26,810,899	36.9	4,798,976	10,514,037	11,497,886
Oregon	166,798,629	83,399,315	0	83,399,315	100.0	71,769,906	8,069,486	3,559,923
Pennsylvania	719,499,305	359,749,653	0	97,635,530	27.1	1,982,443	34,684,149	60,968,938
Puerto Rico	71,562,501	35,781,251	0	31,229,237	87.3	4,951,644	23,452,679	2,824,914
Rhode Island	95,021,587	47,510,794	0	8,129,248	17.1	0	3,312,197	4,817,051
South Carolina	99,967,824	49,983,912	30,893,575***	19,090,337	100.0	14,852,567	2,366,878	1,870,892
South Dakota	21,279,651	10,639,826	0	6,892,751	64.8	2,756,713	1,191,419	2,944,619
Tennessee	191,523,797	95,761,899	45,461,579	50,300,320	100.0	23,540,074	6,480,000	20,280,246
Texas	486,256,752	243,128,376	0	243,128,375	100.0	6,012,275	149,158,301	87,957,799
Utah	75,609,475	37,804,738	17,947,254	15,461,864	88.4	14,174,693	893,607	393,564
Vermont	47,353,181	23,676,591	0	13,386,435	56.5	1,256,955	11,331,500	797,980
Virgin Islands	2,846,564	1,423,282	0	1,125,614	79.1	745,624	0	379,990
Virginia	158,285,172	79,142,586	0	31,767,983	40.1	24,328,366	5,528,294	1,911,323
Washington	380,954,498	190,477,249	76,149,947	114,327,302	100.0	95,860,723	1,287,246	17,179,333
West Virginia	110,176,310	55,088,155	0	50,094,848	90.9	10,081,710	37,129,561	2,883,577
Wisconsin	314,499,354	157,249,677	62,899,871	50,505,274	72.1	13,150,098	33,118,681	4,236,495
Wyoming	18,500,530	9,250,265	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
Tribes				14,235,730		6,765,516	3,946,518	3,523,696
Total	16,386,973,176	8,193,486,601 ♦	1,319,450,829	5,000,000,000		1,604,609,930	2,074,297,983	1,321,092,087

• Figure shown is sum of state maximums; however, only \$5 billion is available from the Emergency Fund.

\* Figure shown reflects that Michigan returned its 2010 Contingency Fund allocation of \$28,973,222.

\*\* Figure shown reflects that Washington returned its 2010 Contingency Fund allocation of \$14,220,123

\*\*\* Figures shown reflect information received from ACF staff regarding additional Contingency Fund allocations received from funds returned by Michigan and Washington.