

## **Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund RFA Webinar Q&A**

**Q:** Funds provided through this grant must be used to benefit individuals who are currently receiving TANF, is that correct?

**A:** Yes, that is correct. Funds provided through this grant must only be used to provide a one-time benefit to TANF recipients that meet the requirements set forth in the grant.

**Q:** What is the definition of low income in this case?

**A:** The Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund provides funding to states to assist needy families impacted by COVID-19. The TANF recipients have been determined needy.

**Q:** Should agencies let any TANF families know about this service?

**A:** Agencies are welcome to share information with their clients, however, we ask that you wait to provide information on this benefit until after Awards have been finalized and the logistics and dates have been set.

**Q:** What is the project goal of number of participants to be served?

**A:** Our goal is to offer this benefit to all TANF recipients with children 0-5 years of age and pregnant individuals in their 6<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy that are in-need of this benefit.

**Q:** How many agencies will be selected and is there a minimum/maximum amount to apply for?

**A:** The number of agencies to be selected will be determined based on the information provided in the submitted applications and upon review of the agencies' ability to meet the needs of eligible TANF recipients throughout the state. There is no minimum/maximum to apply for, however, all costs must be listed out with justifications supporting the estimated expenditures. It is the intent of the DWSS to review all submitted applications to determine how funds can best be utilized/distributed to serve the eligible TANF families throughout the state.

**Q:** Does this bundle include children who are eligible under a child-only TANF program?

**A:** Yes, all TANF child recipients ages 0-5 years of age would qualify for the bundle regardless of which TANF program they were approved under.

**Q:** Will the questions and answers be put in writing on the website?

**A:** Yes, questions and answers are anticipated to be posted to the DWSS website on or around Monday, February 14, 2022.

**Q:** My organization provides weekly respite sessions. Would we be able to keep those diapers/supplies to use for that recipient in our sessions, or would we have to provide them with the bundle to bring with them to each session?

**A:** The bundles are intended to be provided to the family. The family should have the option to use them as needed in any setting they choose. They cannot be issued with the condition that the diaper bundle items must remain at any specified location or for any limited use.

**Q:** Are the funds reimbursed?

**A:** Yes, this is a reimbursement grant. Grantees must submit a Request for Reimbursement along with all backup documentation showing that expenses claimed were within the approved Budget Narrative and were spent within the allowable uses and for the population specified in the grant.

**Q:** Just to confirm, we are to budget for one month? Including the quantity of products that we project are needed for that timeframe and clients served?

**A:** Agencies submitting their budget narrative have the option to budget up to 4 months of product, to be distributed at one-time. Agencies are encouraged to consider the needs of those they intend to serve, supply availability and distribution logistics.

**Q:** How can agencies be helpful in letting families know about the service?

**A:** We greatly appreciate the willingness of agencies to help notify the families. We ask that agencies wait to provide information on this benefit until after Awards have been finalized and the logistics and dates have been set. Once this information has been posted to our website, <https://dwss.nv.gov/>, please feel free to share the information with your clients and direct them to our website for more information.

**Q:** If funded, do we need to spend funds and give away the diaper bundle items by June 13, 2022?

**A:** Yes, that is correct. Funds must be expended, bundles must be distributed, and requests for reimbursement and back-up documentation must be submitted no later than June 13, 2022.

**Q:** Are the approximately 4,000 currently eligible TANF recipients in Clark County or is that across the state?

**A:** This number fluctuates based on ongoing eligibility determinations. The approximate 4,000 eligible TANF recipients mentioned are an estimate based on January 2022 stats available at the time of the webinar and are representative of the entire state of Nevada. The actual number of those eligible for the benefit will most likely be based on a specified month and determined closer to the date(s) of distribution.

**Q:** If there are multiple agencies in our service area that are awarded the funding, how will we keep track amongst all of us to ensure duplicate bundles aren't issued?

**A:** DWSS is committed to assisting agencies avoid duplicate issuances. It is the intent of DWSS in cooperation with the awarded agencies to develop a system to ensure nonduplication. Agencies are required to provide a list of zip codes to identify the geographic areas they intend to service. The service location would be based on the TANF family's current residential zip code on file in the DWSS database. Other potential measures will be established during finalization of the subaward(s).

**Q:** Are we able to provide cash offers to the recipients as some families might have other uses for the grant money that might not be listed?

**A:** No, the diaper/wipes bundles provided will serve as emergency assistance to ensure young children are provided with clean diapers and related care items in hopes of reducing health risks and eliminating a potential barrier to acceptance of children into child care, which may ultimately help relieve a parent's inability to obtain and maintain employment. A cash benefit is not available through this grant.

**Q:** How long would it take to receive the reimbursement funds?

**A:** Typically, reimbursement of funds are authorized within 30 days of receipt of all complete and accurate required back-up documentation. All Pandemic Emergency Assistance Funds must be expended no later than September 30, 2022.

**Q:** Would there be a press release or public announcement of the agencies that get selected for funding?

**A:** Yes, there would be a public announcement, most likely through the DWSS website. Any other releases would be discussed/determined during the RFA process and subaward finalization and would include the DWSS Public Information Officer.

**Q:** Is the 4-month supply of diapers and diapering needs per family/household, or per child?

**A:** The bundle (up to a 4-month supply) is intended for each TANF child recipient aged 5 and under, and/or pregnant TANF recipients that are at least 6 months pregnant.

**Q:** Can we serve families that would qualify for TANF but are not receiving TANF benefits or must the population served be limited to “current” TANF families in Nevada with children ages 0-5?

**A:** The diaper bundle benefit is limited to qualifying families that are actual Nevada TANF recipients. The child or pregnant individual must be an eligible member of the household.