

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families—CBO’s Baseline as of March 6, 2020

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families is a federal block grant program that provides funding to states to create and administer assistance programs for needy families. States can use the grants to provide cash assistance, work support, and other services to low-income families with children, but they also must spend a certain amount of their own funds on related activities.

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Millions of Dollars, By Fiscal Year

March 19, 2020

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Budget Authority											
State Family Assistance Grants	16,489	16,489	16,489	16,489	16,489	16,489	16,489	16,489	16,489	16,489	16,489
Grants to Indian tribes	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Grants to territories	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93
Marriage/fatherhood grants	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
Work penalties	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
Sequestration	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0
Total	16,738	16,738	16,738	16,738	16,738	16,738	16,738	16,738	16,738	16,738	16,739
Outlays	16,200	16,279	16,299	16,479	16,569	16,738	16,738	16,738	16,738	16,738	16,739

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Components may not sum to totals because of rounding. TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

Consistent with section 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, CBO assumes that TANF outlays continue in the baseline.