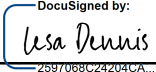


BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT
December 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025

Department: Community Based Services Block Grant: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

This report is submitted in compliance with KRS 45.357. This report on achievements may be compared to the Block Grant application currently on file with LRC.

Block Grant Manager:  Lesa Dennis, Commissioner 8/12/2025
Date

1. FINANCES	Federal Funds	General Funds	Trust/Local Match	Total
Annual Budget	\$180,689,420.00	\$54,275,258.14	\$0.00	\$234,964,678.14
Actual Expenditures	\$134,465,771.98	\$31,765,101.38	\$0.00	\$166,230,873.36
Encumbrances	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Available Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOTE: Section 1 “Finances” contains data for 1/2025 to 6/2025. Due to data collection time frames, the TANF Data for all other sections contains data for the six month time period of 12/2024 to 05/2025				

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OBJECTIVES	ACHIEVEMENTS
1. <u>TANF FEDERAL PURPOSE #1:</u> <i>“Provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives.”</i> ➤ KTAP cash assistance	- During this reporting period, there were an average of 35,805 participants and 15,224 Kentucky families in the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program. - This includes an average of 9,067 adults and 26,739 children.
2. <u>TANF FEDERAL PURPOSE #2:</u> <i>“End the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage.”</i> ➤ Provide supportive services, within budget limitations, to enable KTAP recipients to participate in job preparation and work with the goal of family self-sufficiency.	- The Kentucky Works Program (KWP) provides financial support for services reducing barriers to employment, including but not limited to childcare assistance, transportation vouchers, vehicle repairs, and work incentives. During this reporting period: - a monthly average of 3,135 children were provided childcare services. - a monthly average of 4,538 KWP participants received transportation assistance. 151 families received relocation assistance through Relocation Assistance Program (RAP). 141 families received Family Alternatives Short Term (FAST) assistance. - a monthly average of 46 KTAP recipients received other supportive services, such as funds to purchase work uniforms and other clothing for employment.

2. RESULTS BUDGETED/ACHIEVED (continued)

OBJECTIVES	ACHIEVEMENTS
	- In the month of December 2024, 8,056 KTAP recipients, or 68% of the KTAP recipients who are required to participate in KWP, were participating in some kind of Kentucky Works Program activity. Not all of these activities are counted in the federal participation rate. In April 2025, 7,782 KTAP recipients were federally required to participate in a Kentucky Works activity, and 68% were participating. - In December 2024, there were: 2,548 KWP participants working in unsubsidized employment. 6,259 KWP participants in adult education, high school, or college - During this reporting period, an average of 306 participants exited the program each month due to obtaining employment.
3. <u>TANF FEDERAL PURPOSE #3:</u> <i>“Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies.”</i> ➤ Teen Pregnancy Prevention ➤ Statutory Rape Prevention	Kentucky does not use TANF block grant funds for this purpose. However, DCBS and the Kentucky Department of Public Health collaborate on programs to prevent teen pregnancy and paternity and statutory rape.

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4. <u>TANF FEDERAL PURPOSE #4:</u> <i>“Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.”</i> ➤ “Next Level” Fatherhood	• DCBS continues to be involved with the Commonwealth Center for Fathers & Families (CCFF) Advisory Council, which is focused on planning the annual Fatherhood Summit, and building a partnership between government agencies & community partners to further the TANF goals of responsible fatherhood and two-parent family formation.
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3. AUTHORIZED CHANGES (from the Block Grant Plan in Finances and/or Objectives)

N/A

4. EVALUATION OF RESULTS

The monthly average of KTAP families for the months of December 2024 through May 2025 was obtained by averaging the total number of cases (families) during this time. The number of KTAP adults and children was computed in the same manner. Not all cases contain an adult member. During this period, there was a monthly average of 5,083 child only KTAP cases that did not contain an adult member in the case. The number of KTAP families and recipients who received assistance was obtained from the PA-264 reports for December 2024 through May 2025.

Information regarding participation in the Kentucky Works Program and receipt of supportive services was obtained from reports taken from the Online Tracking Information System (OTIS). The number and type of cases discontinued were based on reason entries on Worker Portal (IEES) systems, including cases discontinued for exceeding the income limits due to earnings, receipt of or increase in earnings, and the removal of time limited deductions. The numbers for childcare were obtained by averaging the total number of children who received child care assistance funded with TANF during this time period. The number of families who received Relocation Assistance during this time period was obtained from the OTIS and Worker Portal systems and averaged for this time period. Safety Net data is provided by the DCBS’s Division of Protection & Permanency.

5. ALTERNATIVES FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY

Special services were provided during this period of time to assist families in obtaining self-sufficiency or for the family to remain intact.

- The Work Incentive Program (WIN) is a reimbursement payment given to individuals who are employed and transitioning off of KTAP. The payment is provided to reimburse individuals for expenses incurred as a result of their employment such as transportation, special items needed to stay employed, etc. Eligible individuals may receive reimbursement payments of \$200 per month for up to twelve (12) months. The family must have a dependent child eligible for KTAP, be a resident of Kentucky, and total gross income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Receipt of WIN reimbursement is limited to once in a lifetime. WIN is not available to a family if employment is obtained after the KTAP case is discontinued. During the period December 2025 through May 2025, an average of 379 individuals per month received WIN.
- The Kinship Care (KC) program was created to offer support for relatives in caring for a child who must be placed out of the child’s home due to substantiated abuse or neglect. The Department ceased taking new applications for the Kinship Care program on April 1, 2013. As of May 2025, there were 914 children who continue to receive assistance through the Kinship Care program.
- Special steps are taken to ensure KTAP recipients know about the 60 month lifetime limitation so they can take advantage of the Kentucky Works program. Up to 20% of the KTAP caseload may be exempted from time limitations due to hardship. As of April 2025, there were 79 families with extended benefits due to meeting a hardship extension reason. During the time period of December 2024 through May 2025, there was a monthly average of 35 families discontinued due to reaching the 60-month time limit.

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- “Safety Net” services are available to a family who is no longer eligible for KTAP due to reaching the 60-month lifetime limit or being unable to meet the KWP work requirements. Safety Net services are funded through TANF and are available to families with income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Benefits are temporary and may be authorized up to a total of \$635 for four (4) months during a 12-month period. These benefits are used to meet basic needs such as shelter, food, clothing or utilities. During the time period of December 2024 to May 2025, 7 families received Safety Net services

6. OTHER NEWS

In November 2024, ACF notified DCBS that Kentucky was one of five states selected for the TANF Work and Family Well-Being pilot program authorized by the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (FRA). However, in March 2025 ACF notified Kentucky of the intent to release a new application and selection process under the Trump administration. Kentucky is assessing the recent release of the pilot opportunity.