



Dept of Social and Health Services
Program 060 - Economic Services Administration
2025-27 First Supplemental Budget Session
Maintenance Level - FQ - TANF Caseload Adjustment

Agency Recommendation Summary

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Economic Services Administration (ESA) requests (\$22,785,000) GF-State for the costs associated with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) caseload adjustments, in order to align with the June 2025 Forecast produced by the Caseload Forecast Council (CFC).

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Summary <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 001 - 1	(\$14,944)	(\$7,841)	(\$22,785)	(\$7,841)	(\$7,841)	(\$15,682)
Total Expenditures	(\$14,944)	(\$7,841)	(\$22,785)	(\$7,841)	(\$7,841)	(\$15,682)

Decision Package Description

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

TANF helps families with low incomes pay for shelter, clothing, and essential needs, while they work or meet WorkFirst participation requirements. ESA requests (\$14,944,000) GF-State in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and (\$7,841,000) GF-State in FY 2027 to match the forecasted adjustments to this caseload.

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

ESA requests (\$22,785,000) GF-State for the costs associated with TANF caseload changes as projected in the June 2025 Forecast, in order to align with the forecasted need.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

The TANF program receives funding for forecasted expenditures.

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Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion, Reduction, Elimination or Alteration of a current program or service:

See attached – 060-ML-FQ-TANF Caseload Adjustment.xlsx

Detailed Assumptions and Calculations:

See attached – 060-ML-FQ-TANF Caseload Adjustment.xlsx

Workforce Assumptions:

See attached – 060-ML-FQ-TANF Caseload Adjustment.xlsx

Historical Funding:

FY 2026

- FTE = 0.0 FTE
- Total Funds = \$270,365,000
- Near General Fund = \$270,365,000
- Other Funds = \$0

FY 2027

- FTE = 0.0 FTE
- Total Funds = \$252,932,000
- Near General Fund = \$252,932,000
- Other Funds = \$0

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic Framework:

AVAILABLE STRATEGIC GOALS:

ESA 4: Ensure we are good stewards of entrusted state and federal resources and continuously improve fiscal management to create better outcomes for the people of Washington.

GOVERNOR'S RESULT WASHINGTON GOALS:

Goal 4. Healthy and Safe Communities

Performance Measures	Incremental Changes 2026	Incremental Changes 2027	Incremental Changes 2028	Incremental Changes 2029
000457 - Percent of WorkFirst families meeting federally mandated work participation requirements	0%	0%	0%	0%

Performance Outcomes:

See Expected Results

Equity Impacts

Community Outreach and Engagement:

ESA has a longstanding and ongoing relational partnership with the Governor's Poverty Reduction Work Group. The administration will continue to partner with clients, employees and community partners to assess the needs of Washington families.

Disproportional Impact Considerations:

This proposal advantages multiple historically and currently marginalized populations without negatively impacting others. If inequities arise, ESA will engage with clients and stakeholders to develop strategies to balance disparities.

Target Communities and Populations:

This proposal benefits individuals who are eligible for TANF benefits, especially vulnerable Washingtonians who have intersectional identities, who have been historically— and continue to be —marginalized. TANF provides a critical social safety net for those facing the prospect of food insecurity, lack of access to essential necessities, and homelessness.

Community Inputs and Incorporation:

To date, this proposal has not been revised. If changes are warranted as it advances, the administration will partner with client and community representatives and employees to ensure that benefits help the most applicants in the most efficient way.

Other Collateral Connections

HEAL Act Agencies Supplemental Questions

Not Applicable

Puget Sound Recovery:

Not Applicable

State Workforce Impacts:

None

Intergovernmental:

None

Stakeholder Impacts:

None

State Facilities Impacts:

None

Changes from Current Law:

None

Legal or Administrative Mandates:

None

Governor's Salmon Strategy:

Not Applicable

Reference Documents

[060-ML-FQ-TANF Caseload Adjustment.xlsx](#)

IT Addendum

Does this Decision Package include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software, (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

Objects of Expenditure

Objects of Expenditure <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Obj. N	(\$14,944)	(\$7,841)	(\$22,785)	(\$7,841)	(\$7,841)	(\$15,682)

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