

State Applications Approved as of October 27
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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 provides 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 can 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 old Contingency Fund. Additional information about the Emergency Fund is available on the [TANF Emergency Fund](#) page on CLASP's website.ⁱ

In the most recent data available on the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) website, as of October 27, 2009, 21 states have been awarded a total of \$828 million from the Emergency Fund.ⁱⁱ This figure represents a lower bound on state use of the Emergency Fund, as a number of other states have applications pending before HHS, and the states that have already received funds can apply for additional funds. For example, California has been approved for funding for increases in basic assistance and subsidized employment, but expects to submit an additional application for increases in subsidized employment. States may submit initial applications for funding from the Emergency Fund for federal fiscal years 2009 and 2010 at any point until September 1, 2010.

TABLE 1

Share of TANF Emergency Fund Money Awarded
Percent of Total Available (Does Not Include Pending Applications)

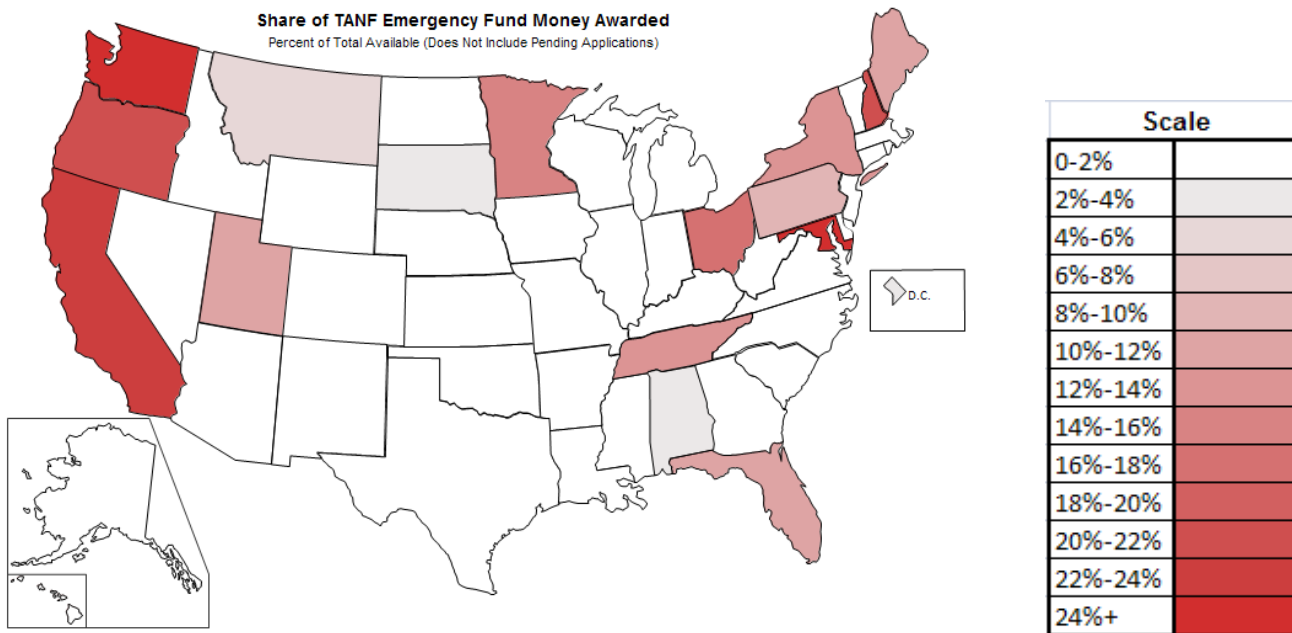


Table 1 shows each state's annual block grant allocation, the maximum amount each state could receive under the TANF Emergency Fund, the amount each state had received as of October 30, 2009, and the share of the allocation that each state had received. The amount each state has received from the Emergency Fund does not include any pending applications. Note that 18 states (marked with * below) received funding from the TANF Contingency Fund during FY 2009. Therefore, the amount that these states can actually receive from the Emergency Fund is less than the maximum shown in this table.

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Share of TANF Emergency Fund Awarded

State	Annual Block Grant	Maximum Emergency Fund Allocation	Awarded from Emergency Fund as of 10/27/2009	% of Maximum Allocation Awarded	Basic Assistance	Non-Rec. Short-Term	Subsidized Employment
Alabama	93,315,207	46,657,604	987,783	2.1%	X		X
Alaska	63,609,072	23,210,407	0	0.0%			
Arizona*	222,419,988	100,116,349*	0	0.0%			
Arkansas*	56,732,858	28,366,429*	0	0.0%			
California	3,733,817,784	1,829,937,521	415,318,852	22.7%	X		X
Colorado*	136,056,690	68,028,345*	0	0.0%			
Connecticut	266,788,107	133,394,054	0	0.0%			
Delaware*	32,290,981	16,145,491*	0	0.0%			
District Of Columbia	92,609,815	46,304,908	991,963	2.1%			X
Florida	562,340,120	281,170,060	28,827,049	10.3%	X		
Georgia	330,741,739	165,370,870	0	0.0%			
Guam	3,465,478	1,732,739	0	0.0%			
Hawaii*	98,904,788	49,452,394*	0	0.0%			
Idaho	31,938,052	15,206,281	0	0.0%			
Illinois	585,056,960	292,528,480	0	0.0%			
Indiana	206,799,109	103,399,555	0	0.0%			
Iowa	131,524,959	65,496,976	817,512	1.2%	X		
Kansas*	101,931,061	50,965,531*	624,594	1.2%	X		
Kentucky	181,287,669	90,643,835	1,202,347	1.3%	X		
Louisiana	163,971,985	81,985,993	0	0.0%			
Maine	78,120,889	39,060,445	4,266,634	10.9%	X	X	
Maryland*	229,098,032	114,549,016*	29,690,294	25.9%	X	X	
Massachusetts*	459,371,116	229,685,558*	0	0.0%			
Michigan*	775,352,858	387,676,429*	0	0.0%			
Minnesota	267,984,886	131,717,035	20,770,650	15.8%	X	X	X
Mississippi	86,767,578	43,383,789	0	0.0%			

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Missouri	217,051,740	108,525,870	0	0.0%			
Montana	45,534,006	19,019,558	1,058,027	5.6%	X		
Nebraska	58,028,579	28,756,801	0	0.0%			
Nevada*	43,976,750	21,953,759*	0	0.0%			
New Hampshire	38,521,261	19,260,631	4,147,782	21.5%	X		
New Jersey	404,034,823	202,017,412	0	0.0%			
New Mexico*	126,103,156	55,289,050*	0	0.0%			
New York*	2,442,930,602	1,221,465,301*	149,200,000	12.2%		X	X
North Carolina*	302,239,599	151,119,800*	0	0.0%			
North Dakota	26,399,809	13,199,905	0	0.0%			
Ohio	727,968,260	363,984,130	58,362,881	16.0%	X		
Oklahoma	148,013,558	72,640,721	93,964	0.1%	X		
Oregon	167,924,513	83,399,315	16,905,198	20.3%	X	X	X
Pennsylvania	719,499,305	359,749,653	28,899,513	8.0%		X	
Puerto Rico	71,562,501	35,781,251	0	0.0%			
Rhode Island	95,021,587	47,510,794	0	0.0%			
South Carolina*	99,967,824	49,983,912*	0	0.0%			
South Dakota	21,893,519	10,639,826	351,007	3.3%	X		
Tennessee*	191,523,797	95,761,899*	13,029,166	13.6%	X		X
Texas	486,256,752	243,128,376	0	0.0%			
Utah*	76,829,219	37,804,738*	4,145,519	11.0%	X	X	X
Vermont	47,353,181	23,676,591	0	0.0%			
Virgin Islands	2,846,564	1,423,282	0	0.0%			
Virginia	158,285,172	79,142,586	0	0.0%			
Washington*	404,331,754	190,477,249*	48,295,454	25.4%	X	X	X
West Virginia	110,176,310	55,088,155	0	0.0%			
Wisconsin*	318,188,410	157,249,677*	0	0.0%			
Wyoming	21,781,446	9,250,265	0	0.0%			
Total	16,566,541,778	8,193,486,601♦	827,986,189				

* Received Contingency Funds in FY 2009, so not all of maximum allocation is available for Emergency Fund.

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

A total of 18 states have received funding based on increased cash assistance caseloads and spending, 9 have received funding based on increased spending on subsidized employment, and 8 have received funding based on increased spending in short-term non-recurrent assistance.

The states that have received the largest amounts of funding to date are California and New York. The majority of California's award is for increased basic assistance, but the award also includes a significant increase in subsidized employment in the last quarter of FY 2009. New York's award is primarily for the Back to School Initiative, which provided one-time back to school payments to more than 800,000 children in low-income families in August 2009. The states that have received the largest shares (more than 25 percent) of their possible allocations are Maryland and Washington State. As both of these states also received the maximum 20 percent of block grant funding from the older Contingency Fund during FY 2009, they have been awarded about two-thirds of their overall limit.

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

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ⁱⁱ All data from HHS Approved TANF Emergency Fund Applications by Category, October 30, 2009.
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/tanf/apprTANFemerfund.html>