In 2020, Florida spent about $950 million in federal and state funds under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. It spent 14 percent of these funds on basic assistance, generally as cash assistance to TANF families. In 2020, Florida ranked 28th among the states and Washington, D.C. for percent of TANF funds spent on basic assistance.

Federal and State TANF Spending by Category, 2020

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Federal and State TANF Spending on Select Activities (millions of dollars)

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Federal TANF Allocation and State Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) Amounts

- In 2020, Florida was awarded its TANF block grant of $560 million.
- Since unspent block grant funds can be carried over to future years, a state may spend more or less than its annual block grant allocation in any given year. As of 2020, Florida has accumulated $51 million in unspent TANF block grant funds, equal to 9 percent of its block grant.
- Every year each state must also spend, from its own funds, at least 80 percent of its historical spending on poor families with children. (A state may spend more than its minimum.) This “MOE” requirement can be reduced to 75 percent if a state meets specific work participation rate requirements. In 2020, Florida met these requirements and was subject to the 75 percent MOE obligation.

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2020 Federal and MOE TANF Expenditures for Florida

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The annual federal TANF block grant has been frozen since its creation and lost about 40 percent of its value between 1997 and 2020 due to inflation.

Source: The spending data are based on CBPP analysis of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services TANF financial data. Florida’s TANF block grant amount has been adjusted to exclude Tribal TANF and research expenditures.