KENTUCKY CABINET FOR HEALTH & FAMILY SERVICES

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (DCBS)

TITLE IV-A TANF BLOCK GRANT

October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2029

NOTICE

The Department for Community Based Services will apply for funds available under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant, effective October 1, 2026. A copy of the preliminary plan for use of funds is available for review and comment.

PURPOSE

The TANF grant is used to provide cash assistance to needy families so children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives; promote job preparation, work and marriage; prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

SERVICES

The services to be offered under the plan, within budget limitations, may include but are not limited to: cash assistance for qualifying families with a minor child; cash assistance for qualifying families with a minor child living with a parent/relative; supportive services to enable TANF recipients to participate in the Kentucky Works Program; incentives to encourage education; reimbursement of work expenses after assistance is discontinued due to work; and services designed to enable eligible dependent children to remain in their own homes or in the homes of relatives.

COMMENT PERIOD

Written comments will be received during a 45-day comment period from Sunday, 10/28/2026 through close of business on Wednesday 12/12/2026. Comments should be addressed to: Melissa Bryant aFSSBK-TAP@ky.gov. A copy of the preliminary plan may also be requested by emailing that address.