



New Federal Dollars for New York

*The TANF Emergency Contingency Fund in the
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*

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Background Data

Table 6

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TABLE 6

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Program	Eligible funds appropriated in 2009-2010 budget	Using actual expenditures for ECF reimbursement		Using estimates of anticipated spending to request ECF money		
		Resulting 80% federal reimbursement	Total expenditure	Eligible funds as 20% share of total estimate	Resulting federal funds for 80% of total estimate	Total estimate
Transitional Jobs	\$5,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$25,000,000
Green Jobs	\$5,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$25,000,000
Health Care Jobs	\$5,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$25,000,000
Wage Subsidy	\$10,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$40,000,000	\$50,000,000
Totals	\$25,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$125,000,000

Notes: New York can apply to the ECF in one of two ways depending on the timing of its request: 1) for reimbursement of actual expenditures, or 2) for upfront funding based on estimated total costs, estimates to be revised quarterly with expenditure data and ECF awards revised accordingly. States will use the new form OFA-100 to request funds (see <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/policy/pi-ofa/2009/200905/PI200905.htm>). Thus, the scenarios above represent potential outcomes for differing amounts of federal aid the state will receive depending on when it applies for funding.

Eligible funds in the 2009-2010 state budget were appropriated from the federal TANF block grant. There was an additional \$2 million each appropriated from state funds for the Green Jobs and Health Care Jobs programs to serve non-TANF eligible recipients: singles and couples.

The Wage Subsidy program is an existing program that was increased by \$10,000,000 this year from \$4,000,000 to \$14,000,000. Federal ECF funding is available only for 80 percent of increased quarterly spending compared to quarterly spending in a base year (2007 or 2008); \$10,000,000 is used here to represent the increase. The state needs to submit records on past expenditures to determine increases.

Source: Fiscal Policy Institute analysis and projections.