

To: Pierrish Moore

Thank you for your comments. As you may know, the federal government provides block grants to states to run the TANF program. To be eligible for TANF cash assistance, a family must be needy as defined by the state and consist of, at a minimum, a parent or relative caregiver living with a minor child (or a pregnant woman in her third trimester). Beyond that, states have broad flexibility to carry out their programs. It is the states, not the federal government, that decide on the design of the program, the type and amount of assistance payments, the range of other services to be provided, and the rules for determining who is eligible for benefits. The federal government does not provide TANF assistance directly to the public.

We are sorry to learn of the financial difficulty that your family is experiencing and the frustration you must feel in trying to find help. For information on how to apply to TANF, please see the website and contact information for your state's TANF program here: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/map/about/help-families>.

*We note that these comments do not warrant any updates to the submitted documents.*