

<b>Family Economic Security Grant Program</b>		<b>Agency/Program #:</b> 6901-02-G2
		<b>Division:</b> Human and Community Serv.
		<b>Program:</b>
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**Program or Project Description:**

Increase financial security prospects of low-income families using TANF Block Grant funds. **LFD addition:** The project serves: 1) Adults over the age of 18 not receiving TANF cash assistance with household gross income at or below 185% of the FPL; or 2) Anyone age 16—18 or up to age 19 if still in high school (receiving TANF or not) with household gross income at or below 185% of the FPL.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2010		2011		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of September 30, 2009
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund					
State Special					
Federal Funds	2,000,000	216,696	2,000,000		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$216,696</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

**Goal(s):**

No goals were provided. LFD provides the following from the Governor's budget that were approved by the legislature with the appropriation for FY 2010 and FY 2011 funding. (pg. B-41 in the LFD Fiscal Report.) **Provide: 1) Financial literacy education to at least 300 households; 2) Asset development assistance to at least 100 households; and 3) Education/training to assist in obtaining higher wages to at least 220 households during the biennium. (Page B 41- Legislative Fiscal Report.)**

**Performance Measures :**

No performance measures were provided. The following performance criteria were approved by the legislature with the appropriation for FY 2010 and FY 2011 as requested in the Governor's budget. (pg. B-41 in the LFD Fiscal Report)

**Clients would: 1) Complete financial literacy training; 2) Obtain assets such as a degree, bank account, or home ownership; and 3) Secure employment at wages that allow for economic security.**

This is a continuation of a previously funded demonstration project/program. During the session, the subcommittee talked about receiving quantitative and qualitative measures to see if participants are advancing out of poverty into low income and beyond. **In its RFP for organizations to apply for funding, the division requested that applicants provide: "A description of outcomes and goals for the project and how they contribute to the overarching goal of family economic security. Goals must be measurable. Upon the completion of the demonstrations, the results will be used to suggest systemic changes that will promote low-income families' engagement in Montana's economy."**

2011 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	No milestones were provided by the division. The following milestones were provided in the Governor's budget request (pg. B-41 in the LFD Fiscal Report.)		
2	1. Re-procure project contracts through competitive process: LFD addition from the division's RFP FY 2010: RFP 1/13/2009; Proposals due 3/31/09; contract award 5/7/09	Not Provided	Not Provided
3	2. Continue quarterly reporting requirements	Not Provided	Not Provided
4	3. Release annual funding allotments	Not Provided	Not Provided
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**Performance Report:**

In the first quarter of FY 2010, 104 persons have enrolled in FESP programs and participated in a number of activities within the program. So far, 60 have completed financial literacy training (76 enrolled), 1 has completed financial asset development training (24 enrolled) and 17 have completed vocational education or training (93 enrolled).

**LFD Narrative:**

LFD Assessment: Further Report Needed

APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES PROVIDED - Provided  
 PERFORMANCE MEASURES- None Provided by the Department.  
 MILESTONES: - None Provided

PERFORMANCE REPORT: Data for the first quarter of FY 2010 is provided. As mentioned earlier, this is a continuation of a previously funded program. The subcommittee talked about receiving quantitative and qualitative measures to see if participants are advancing out of poverty into low income and beyond. The enrollment statistics do not reflect a qualitative measure.

Recommendation: The LFC may wish to have the division add a milestone with the division's plan and timeline to track the longer term impact/success of the program in moving clients out of poverty in accordance with the goals of the demonstration projects.

ISSUES/COMMENTS - The information provided does not give legislators the data needed to evaluate the success of the overarching purpose of the Economic Security Program -- advance individuals out of poverty. From FY 2006 - FY 2009, the division has spent \$13,479, \$615,640, \$646,567, and \$707,540 on this program each year. Expenditures as of November 31st for FY 2010 are \$334,701 from the \$2 million appropriation. Money has been spent, but has a client moved out of poverty?

Recommendation: The LFC may wish to request that the baseline data from previous years be provided, including the number of individuals moved out of poverty.

Additionally, in this time of economic downturn, LFC may wish to request a report on the the number of individuals enrolled in employment training activities. The report could include the contractors, area served, and address the number of any individuals on waiting lists for work experience and or training. This could provide legislators an understanding of participant's ability to qualify for or maintain employment, and avoid a slide down the low-income ladder. The policy question would be: Are clients receiving the greatest possible help in the present economic environment to avoid slipping back into poverty?

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Change Description
LFD Narrative Added