



JOHN R. KASICH
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2015-11K

**Directing Expenditure of Fiscal Year 2016 TANF Funds
by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services**

WHEREAS, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (“TANF”) program is a state program of family assistance, which is provided with state and federal funds, authorized under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act.

WHEREAS, the first purpose of the TANF program is to “provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives.”

WHEREAS, the second purpose of the TANF program is to “end the dependencies of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage.”

WHEREAS, the third purpose of the TANF program is to “prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies.”

WHEREAS, the fourth purpose of the TANF program is to “encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.”

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (“GOFBCI”) works to reduce poverty in Ohio by serving as a catalyst for effective public-private partnerships aimed at reducing poverty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Ohio and in accordance with Sections 5101.80 and 5101.801 of the Ohio Revised Code, do hereby order and direct that:

1. The Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2016 Budget (Am. Sub. H.B. 64, 131st General Assembly) authorizes GOFBCI to expend up to Six Million, Five Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$6,540,000.00) for expenses allowable under the TANF program. Of the amounts remaining available to GOFBCI in the FY 2016 Budget, specific expenditures are authorized as follows:
 - a. Up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) of additional funding to the Ohio Association of Foodbanks shall be used to assist with increasing the amounts of food for emergency use in poverty stricken areas in Ohio; and

- b. Up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies to assist with their mission to alleviate poverty and empower low-income families in their communities
2. The remaining monies for the FY 2016 Budget for GOFBCI shall be used to provide support to programs or organizations that promote the mission of GOFBCI and further one of the four purposes of the TANF program set forth above.
3. The state, county, and private agencies receiving funds as a result of this Executive Order shall comply with all TANF requirements, including reporting requirements, and timelines as specified in state and federal statutes, federal regulations, state rules, interagency agreements, and any relevant directives from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

I signed this Executive Order on December 22, 2015, in Westerville, Ohio, and it will expire on June 30, 2016.



John R. Kasich, Governor

ATTEST:

Jon Husted, Secretary of State