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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

September 2, 1997

The Honorable Governor Tommy G. Thompson  
Room 115 East, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Thompson:

On August 12, 1997, you submitted to the Joint Committee on Finance, for its approval under section 16.54 of the statutes, a request for expenditure of federal block grant funds under the temporary assistance to needy families (TANF) program for 1997-98. In this letter, we are providing the Committee's decision with regard to the request.

The request indicates that the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) would expend federal TANF block grant funds on the aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) and Wisconsin Works (W-2) programs in accordance with funding approved by the Joint Committee on Finance as part of its 1997-99 biennial budget deliberations, as shown in the attached table. The amount shown for each expenditure item in the table is all funds. Total expenditures under this request are \$674.1 million (\$447.8 million FED, \$170.5 million GPR, and \$55.8 million PR) in 1997-98, leaving an ending balance of \$20.0 million in TANF funds to be carried forward to 1998-99.

The Committee approves the request for expenditure of the TANF block grant funds, as shown in the attached table, with the following modifications:

1. Several items included in the request were approved by the Committee during budget deliberations, but are not part of current law. Therefore, the Committee directs the Department not to expend funds on the following items until a biennial budget proposal or separate legislation is enacted by the full Legislature that specifically includes these items: (a) transfer to DHFS/community aids; (b) hospital paternity incentives; (c) Milwaukee County liaison; and (d) the youth village program.

2. As noted in the attached table, funds for transportation and the SSI/customized labor training reserve have been placed in the Joint Finance Committee's program supplements appropriation. These funds may not be expended until released by the Committee.

Also, the \$28.4 million in funding for AFDC benefits may not be sufficient to continue to provide an AFDC benefit for children of parents who receive supplemental security income (SSI). Under current law, cash assistance for these families will no longer be available once W-2 has replaced the AFDC program. In order to partially replace the AFDC payment to children of SSI recipients, the version of the biennial budget approved by the Joint Finance Committee includes a monthly SSI supplement of \$77 per child. Under the section 13.10 request related to the implementation of the W-2 program submitted by the Department on August 8, 1997, and approved by the Committee on August 26, 1997, the Department indicated its intent to continue to provide an AFDC payment to these families until a biennial budget proposal is enacted, or until March 1, 1998, when the AFDC program is repealed. If the Department determines that additional expenditure authority is needed for AFDC benefits for these families, a separate request may be submitted to the Committee.

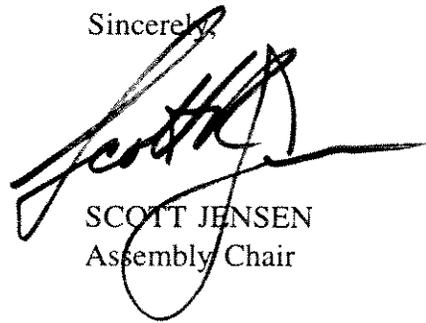
The Department is required to operate under current law provisions until a biennial budget proposal or other state legislation is enacted. As noted in your request, should subsequent state or federal legislation change the funding amounts for any item included in the attached table, an amended plan would have to be submitted to the Committee.

Unless you notify us by September 10, 1997, that you wish us to schedule a meeting of the Committee to consider the original request for expenditures of the TANF block grant funding, we will consider the request approved with the above stated modifications.



BRIAN BURKE  
Senate Chair

Sincerely,



SCOTT JENSEN  
Assembly Chair

BB/SJ/jc  
Attachment

cc: Members, Joint Committee on Finance

## ATTACHMENT

### Proposed Public Assistance Revenues and Expenditures for 1997-98

#### Revenues

Current GPR Appropriations	\$170,447,300
Federal TANF Block Grant	317,598,200
Federal Child Care Block Grant	54,464,600
Other Federal Revenues	12,242,100
Carryover of TANF	83,526,600
Child Support Collections	<u>55,818,000</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$694,096,800</u>

#### Expenditures

Current Program Expenditures	
AFDC Benefits	\$28,400,000
JOBS Services	15,079,800
County Administration	6,665,600
Ongoing Expenditures	
State Administration	33,306,000
Emergency Assistance	3,300,000
Burials	3,300,000
Learnfare Case Management	2,619,100
Local Learnfare Projects	450,000
Children First	1,316,400
Welfare Fraud and Error Reduction	588,000
W-2 Agency Contract Allocations	
Subsidized Employment	155,375,100
W-2 Office Costs	104,117,000
Long-Term and Refugee Supplement	8,200,000
W-2 Agency Contingency Fund	25,000,000
Reserve for Benefit Payments in Milwaukee	11,000,000
Milwaukee Private Industry Council	1,000,000
Child Care	
Direct Child Care Services	155,547,200
Indirect Child Care Services	6,002,400
Job Access Loans	3,645,600
Employment Skills Advancement Grants	833,300
Other Expenditures	
Child Support Payments	37,929,600
Partnership for Full Employment	3,898,400
School-to-Work	245,100
Kinship Care Assistance	15,720,400
Children of SSI Parents	1,570,700
New Hope	1,560,000
Transportation*	1,000,000
Transfer to DHFS/Community Aids	31,800,000
Hospital Paternity Incentives	54,000
Milwaukee County Liaison	104,000
SSI/Customized Labor Training Reserve*	14,000,000
Youth Village	<u>500,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$674,127,700</u>

#### Balance in Federal TANF Funds

\$19,969,100

\*The amounts shown have been placed in the Joint Finance Committee's program supplements appropriation.

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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Brian Burke  
Representative Scott Jensen  
Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Finance

Date: August 13, 1997

Re: Notification of Federal Block Grant

Attached is a copy of a request from the Governor seeking approval of the expenditure of block grant funds being made available to the state by the federal government. Pursuant to s. 16.54(2)(a)2, Stats., the Governor may not encumber or expend federal block grant funds authorized under any federal law enacted after August 31, 1995, without notifying the Joint Committee on Finance of the grant and the proposed expenditures. If the Co-Chairs of the Committee do not notify the Governor within 14 working days after receiving the request that a meeting has been scheduled to review the proposal, the moneys may be expended.

The attached request concerns the 1997-1998 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant plan. Please review this item and notify **Senator Burke or Representative Jensen** no later than **Thursday, August 28, 1997**, if you have any concerns about the request or would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

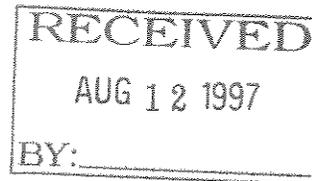
Also, please contact us if you need further information.

BB:SJ:jc



**TOMMY G. THOMPSON**

**Governor  
State of Wisconsin**



The Honorable Brian Burke, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Finance  
100 North Hamilton Street, Room 302  
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The Honorable Scott Jensen, Co-Chair  
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SUBJECT: Notification of Federal Block Grant

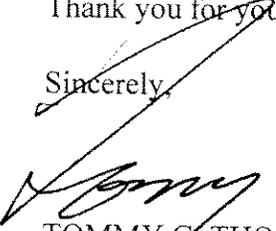
Dear Senator Burke and Representative Jensen:

Attached is a request for expenditure of block grant funds being made available to the state by the federal government. Pursuant to s. 16.54(2)(a)2., the grant funds will be made available for encumbering through the allotment process within 14 working days after the date of this notification letter, unless you notify me that a meeting has been scheduled for the Joint Committee on Finance to review the proposed expenditure of grant monies.

Please also contact State Budget Director Richard G. Chandler (266-1035) in the Department of Administration if you have any additional questions or if you schedule a meeting to review the proposed expenditure.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this notification letter.

Sincerely,

  
TOMMY G. THOMPSON  
Governor

Date: 8/12/97

Attachments

Tommy G. Thompson  
Governor

Linda Stewart  
Secretary



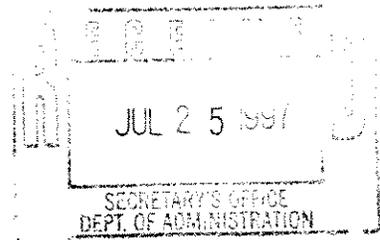
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Department of Workforce Development

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July 21, 1997

Secretary Mark Bugher  
Department of Administration  
101 E. Wilson St., 10th Floor  
Madison, WI 53702



Dear Secretary Bugher:

Pursuant to s. 16.54(2)(a) Wisconsin Statutes, the Department of Workforce Development requests approval of its 1997-98 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant plan.

It is the Department's intention to conduct the program in accordance with the TANF Plan approved by the Joint Committee on Finance as part of its 1997-99 Biennial Budget deliberations (see attached schedule). Should subsequent state or federal legislation change these amounts, an amended plan will be submitted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Linda Stewart'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Linda Stewart  
Secretary

Attachment



## Public Assistance Revenues and Expenditures Under Joint Finance Action

	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1998-99</u>
<b>Revenues</b>		
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Total Revenues	<u>\$694,096,800</u>	<u>\$633,278,200</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
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Children of SSI Parents	1,570,700	458,800
New Hope	1,560,000	690,000
Transportation*	1,000,000	2,000,000
Transfer to DHFS/Community Aids	31,800,000	31,800,000
Hospital Paternity Incentives	54,000	144,000
Milwaukee County Liaison	104,000	108,100
SSI/Customized Labor Training Reserve*	14,000,000	0
Youth Village	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$674,127,700</u>	<u>\$625,212,700</u>
<b>Balance in Federal TANF Funds</b>	<b>\$19,969,100</b>	<b>\$8,065,500</b>

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