

## **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS)**

### **10.551 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FORMERLY THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM and in Maryland, called the “Food Supplement Program”)**

**Program Description:** Provides a monthly benefit to low-income households for food purchase from participating retail stores authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Formula Description:** The Department of Agriculture pays 100% of benefit costs to individuals and households.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Food Supplement Program Benefits.

### **10.561 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)/FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM (FSP) - ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS\***

**Program Description:** Local departments of social services deliver the Food Supplement Program’s direct services. The program is administered and monitored by DHS’s Family Investment Administration. The Food Supplement Program provides a monthly benefit to low-income households for food purchase from participating retail stores authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Also included in administrative costs are expenses for the Food Stamp Nutrition Education (FSNE) program. These services are provided through an intergovernmental agreement with the University of Maryland/Maryland Cooperative Extension.

**Formula Description:** The Department of Agriculture pays 50% of the administrative costs incurred by state and local agencies.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Food Supplement Program Benefits.

### **10.568 EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS) 10.569 EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (COMMODITIES)**

**Program Description:** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) makes food commodities and funds available to state and local agencies to process, store, and distribute USDA commodities to needy persons throughout the State. Food commodities are provided to feeding organizations such as soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, food banks and residential facilities. In addition to food provided through farm subsidies, funds are provided to state agencies to cover administrative costs incurred at the state and local level in the operation of the program.

**Formula Description:** Administrative funds, in the form of formula grants, are allocated among the states on the basis of each state’s population of low-income and unemployed persons, as compared to national statistics. Each state’s share of funds is based 60% on the number of

persons in households within the state having incomes below the poverty level and 40% on the number of unemployed persons within the state. At a minimum, states must make 40% of the administrative grant available to local agencies or expend such funds on their behalf. States must match the federal funds used for state administration of the program.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Annually, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) distributes over 6 million pounds of food.

#### **14.235 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM**

**Program Description:** This is a grant for use by the Washington County Department of Social Services. The grant is used to provide additional housing support to those in need.

#### **93.090 GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE**

**Program Description:** This assistance is intended to prevent inappropriately long stays in foster care and to promote the healthy development of children through increased safety, permanency and well-being with relatives who have assumed legal guardianship. It may only be used in support of the care of children who meet the eligibility requirements and their siblings under certain situations.

#### **93.095 HHS PROGRAMS FOR DISASTER RELIEF APPROPRIATIONS ACT – NON CONSTRUCTION – SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (SSBG)**

**Program Description:** As written in the Relief Appropriations Act of 2013, this program funds disaster response and recovery directly related to Hurricane Sandy.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Somerset County Hurricane Sandy disaster victims.

#### **93.556 PROMOTING SAFE & STABLE FAMILIES PROGRAM (PSSF) (Formerly entitled “Family Preservation”)**

**Program Description:** Grants to State child welfare agencies to develop or expand and operate coordinated programs of community-based family support, family preservation, time-limited reunification, and adoption promotion and support services.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Families at risk or in crisis.

#### **93.558 TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)**

**Program Description:** Provides funding for direct benefits and services to assist needy families with children, promoting job preparation, work, independence and responsibility. Encourages recipients to explore available family and community resources. The overall goal is to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency.

**Formula Description:** 100% Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds with a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement based on historic state spending under the predecessor program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

**Program Supported / Population Served:**

1. Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)
2. Work Opportunities Program
3. Welfare Avoidance Grants (WAGS)
4. Emergency Assistance for Families

**93.563 CHILD SUPPORT TITLE IV-D**

**Project Description:** Establishes paternity, establishes and enforces child support and medical support obligations, reviews and adjusts support obligations, and collects and disburses support payments. Full services are mandated for Temporary Cash Assistance and non-Public Assistance Medical Assistance recipients. Full services are available to Non-Temporary Cash Assistance customers who apply and pay an application fee. In addition, collection and disbursement services are provided to persons with child support obligations payable through earnings withholding orders. In interstate cases, services are provided in accord with the uniform Interstate Family Support Act.

**Formula Description:** Federal financial participation in the Title IV-D program is 66%.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Child support enforcement TCA, NPA-MA, Non-TCA, & Non-IV-D

**93.566 REFUGEE & ENTRANT ASSISTANCE STATE ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS**

**Program Description:** The Refugee Resettlement Program provides transitional refugee cash and medical assistance and contracts for adjustment services (e.g., English language instruction, employment services, services to elderly refugees, services to refugee youth and health screenings for refugees and individuals who are granted political asylum.

**Formula Description:** Allocations are calculated based on the number of refugee arrivals to Maryland.

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Refugee Transitional Cash Assistance, Refugee Health Screening Services, Refugee Employment Services, and the English for Speakers of Other Languages, Services to Elderly Refugees and the Refugee Youth Project /Newly arrived refugee, asylees and other humanitarian entrants coming to Maryland through the federal Refugee Resettlement program.

### **93.568 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)**

**Program Description:** Assists eligible households in meeting the costs of home heating and/or cooling. DHS is authorized to receive funds under this Act. The Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP), an operating unit within the Family Investment Administration, administers a program to assist homeowners, renters, and roomers/boarders with home energy costs. In Maryland, LIHEAP primarily funds the Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP), which provides home heating benefits.

**Formula Description:** Maryland receives an allocation from the appropriation amount of the regular block grant. The tier 1 base funding for the LIHEAP block grant is derived from a complicated formula that allocates funding based on census data, weather zones, heating and cooling degree days, total heating degree days for a calendar year, average 30-year heating degree days, residential coal consumption, percent of fuel used for heating/cooling by region, weather zone for fuel oil, natural gas, electricity, kerosene and liquefied petroleum gas as well as an extensive fuel criteria information. Maryland's percentage of the allocation from the tier 1 allocation is 1.607% (percentage). Once the national appropriation reaches above \$1.975 billion; the allocation formula changes to a tier 2 formula. Maryland's allocation of the tier 2 formula is 2.347% (percentage). Maryland may also receive emergency grants throughout the federal program year if there are contingency grants released from the emergency appropriation funds. These funds are distributed on an as needed basis and are not guaranteed.

### **93.576 REFUGEE & ENTRANT ASSISTANCE: DISCRETIONARY GRANTS**

**Program Description:** In FY 2016, the Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees (MORA) received a three-year Discretionary Grant for the Foundation for Family Self-sufficiency program (FFSS). The FFSS program is designed to assist the at-risk populations of women and youth achieve economic and social self-sufficiency for themselves and their families through a combination of training, employment services, and wrap-around services including case management and referral to community services.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Refugee, asylee and other humanitarian entrants.

### **93.584 REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE TARGETED ASSISTANCE FORMULA GRANTS**

**Program Description:** Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG) services are for refugees in counties where, because of factors such as unusually large refugee populations and high refugee concentrations, there exists a demonstrable need for supplemental resources to this population. The qualifying areas are the Baltimore Metropolitan Area and Montgomery/Prince George's counties. Services include employment services and English language instruction. Targeted

assistance funds are used primarily for employability services designed to enable refugees to obtain jobs with less than one year's participation in the program.

**Formula Description:** Counties qualify for TAG services based on the number of refugee arrivals during the most recent two-year period, and on the concentration of the refugee population as a percentage of each county's overall population.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Refugee Employment Services and Vocational Training/Refugee, asylee and other humanitarian entrants.

### **10.580 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE OUTREACH PROGRAM**

**Program Description:** The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach is collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to help ensure the general public is informed and educated about SNAP benefits available to individuals and families that may qualify, but are not aware of the program. In addition, outreach services are designed to address the misinformation and stigma associated with receiving SNAP benefits. The benefits are used to support the ability of individuals and families to have access to and purchase healthy food choices and to prevent hunger.

The SNAP Outreach Program allows Maryland to develop a comprehensive community based outreach infrastructure which provides greater flexibility and access for residents and supports Local Departments of Social Services. Community based organizations assist residents in applying for SNAP benefits.

**Formula Description:** SNAP Outreach is a 50% reimbursement program under FNS.

**Program Supported/Population Served:** The program that is supported is SNAP. The populations served are SNAP-eligible individuals throughout the State of Maryland.

### **10.544 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EDUCATION**

**Program Description:** The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Education (SNAP-Ed), also known as the Food Supplement Nutrition Education (FSNE) Program, is a partnership between the state agency, Maryland Department of Human Services and the implementing agency, University of Maryland Extension. The goal of FSNE is to positively influence the health knowledge and behaviors of low-income, SNAP-eligible individuals and families in Maryland through the delivery of multiple intersecting methods of nutrition education.

**Formula Description:** SNAP Ed is 100% funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**Program Supported/Population Served:** SNAP and SNAP-eligible individuals throughout the State of Maryland.

### **93.597 ACCESS & VISITATION PROGRAMS**

**Program Description:** Creates programs supporting and facilitating access and visitation by non-custodial parents with their children. Activities may include mediation, counseling, education, development of parenting plans, visitation enforcement, and development of guidelines for visitation and alternative custody arrangements.

**Formula Description:** The allotment to states for a fiscal year is the amount that bears the same ratio to the total amount for grants for the fiscal year as the number of children in the state living with only one biological parent bears to the total number of such children in all states. Federal funds awarded may be used to pay for 90% of the total costs of the program. The remaining 10% must be from non-federal sources, either state or local, cash or in-kind.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** State Access and Visitation Program, Custodial/ Non-custodial parents in Anne Arundel, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Somerset, St. Mary's, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties.

### **93.599 CHAFEE EDUCATION & TRAINING VOUCHER PROGRAM**

**Program Description:** Provides vouchers for postsecondary education and training to youth eligible for services under the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program. Vouchers also are provided to youth who are adopted from foster care after age 16 and to youth up to the age of 23, providing they participate in the program at age 21 and make satisfactory progress toward completing their course of study or training. Vouchers provided to individuals are available for the cost of attending an institution of higher education.

**Formula Description:** States are allotted funds based on the ratio of the state's number of foster care children compared to the total number of children in foster care nationally, in the most recent fiscal year for which information is available. The federal government pays 80% of the total amount of funds up to the amount of funds allotted to the state for the Educational and Training Vouchers Program. The state provides matching contributions to cover 20% of the costs.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Foster youth aging out of the system.

### **93.645 CHILD WELFARE SERVICES**

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Services supported through Title IV-B Subpart I are those child welfare programs designed to evaluate a child's safety and risk and work with the child's family to maintain the child in his/her home. Services include prevention, intervention, family preservation and family support. Investigations of reported abuse and neglect are

conducted by local Departments of Social Services. Families served receive in-home family services to promote child safety.

**Program Description:** (Title IV-B, Subpart I) Improves child welfare services with the goal of keeping families together. State services include: (1) preventive intervention to keep children in their home if possible; (2) development of alternative placements such as foster care or adoption, if children cannot remain at home; and (3) reunification so children can return home if possible.

**Formula Description:** The State receives federal funding based on an allocation formula, which distributes funds to all states. The federal child welfare services appropriation is based on a variable formula, taking into account the population of children under 21 and the complement of the state per capita income, compared to the U.S per capita income. Statistical factors used in fund allocations are: (1) the population of children under 21 years of age by state; and (2) the three-year average per capita income by state. Income factors for eligibility do not apply to this program.

### **93.658 TITLE IV-E FOSTER CARE**

**Program Description:** Title IV-E funds are federal funds that are matched by State dollars to pay for specific child welfare activities. Historically, title IV-E funds have been permitted primarily for children and youth while they are in foster care. In 2014, Maryland applied for the Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration. Waiver demonstration projects provide flexibility to States in their use of Title IV-E funds; funds would be used for programs to improve outcomes for children, rather than as a reimbursement for children qualifying as Title IV-E Eligible. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) approved Maryland for a Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project in October 2014 and implementation began July 1, 2015. The Title IV-E Waiver provides Maryland with the opportunity to test new approaches to service delivery and financing structures. No new funds are provided with the Waiver Demonstration. It provides flexibility of funding using Title IV-E funds. DHR anticipates that the flexibility provided by the Waiver Demonstration Project will result in improved outcomes for children and families, including increased youth and family functioning; decreased entries into foster care (new and re-entries); reduced lengths of stay; improved social and emotional functioning; improved educational achievement; increased exits to permanence and decreased reports of maltreatment.

**Formula Description:** Title IV-E Foster Care Waiver Funds are issued as a block grant through FY 19.

### **93.659 ADOPTION ASSISTANCE**

**Program Description:** The Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980 provided the first Federal subsidies to encourage the adoption of children from the nation's foster care system. These subsidies, known as adoption assistance, serve to minimize the financial obstacles to

adoption. In addition, other types of assistance often are available to help with medical care or other services. Adoption assistance serves to remove barriers and contribute to an increase in adoption of children with special needs. In addition to the Federal subsidies, Maryland funds subsidies for those children who do not qualify for Federal subsidy.

**Formula Description:** The federal government reimburses the state for 50 percent of its adoption assistance payments. The federal share is 50 percent for administrative costs and non-recurring adoption expenses and 75 percent for training costs.

### **93.667 SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (SSBG)**

**Program Description:** Supports social services programs for adults and children. The block grant statute gives states greater flexibility in the use of funds. Within limitations specified by law, states determine which services are provided, eligible categories, populations of adults and children, geographic areas of the state in which each service will be provided, and whether services are provided by state or local agency staff, or through contracts with private organizations.

**Formula Description:** SSBG grants are determined by a statutory formula based on the state population and total U.S. population. There is no matching requirement. Funding includes TANF funds (\$22.9 million) transferred to SSBG.

### **LIFESPAN RESPITE CARE GRANT**

**Program Description:** Funds granted to the states to improve quality and access to respite care for family caregivers of individuals with support needs across their lifespan. The purpose is to provide short-term, periodic and temporary care for individuals with developmental or functional disabilities in or out of their homes by qualified care workers to relieve the family or informal caregiver.

### **ELDER JUSTICE ACT GRANT**

**Program Description:** Funds are provided for state and local Adult Protective Services Programs to develop demonstration programs. Funds are utilized to enhance their ability to prevent, detect and respond to elder abuse, neglect and exploitation and to establish a coordinated system of Adult Protective Services.

### **93.669 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & TREATMENT ACT (CAPTA)**

**Program Description:** Provides funds for child abuse prevention activities, including training of child protective service workers, investigation of child abuse, and a variety of state-initiated innovative programs, which are designed to prevent child abuse and neglect or to provide services to victims and their families. These programs support research, evaluation, technical



assistance, and data collection activities to prevent child maltreatment. CAPTA also sets forth a minimum definition of child abuse and neglect.

**Formula Description:** There are no matching requirements. The statistical factor for fund distribution is the population of children under 18 in the state.

**Program Supported / Population Served** Child abuse hotline, counseling services, in-home interventions, services to grandparents raising their grandchildren through the University of Maryland Center for Families, Mental Injury Assessment and Multi-Disciplinary Teams, and the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, one of Maryland's Citizen Review Panels ( which are a requirement for grant eligibility).

### **93.674 CHAFEE FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM (CFCIP) (FORMERLY INDEPENDENT LIVING GRANT)**

**Program Description:** Provides transitional services to committed youth in any out-of-home placement (foster care, kinship care, pre-adoptive), 14 through 20 years of age, regardless of permanency plan or placement type. The goal is to assist in making a successful transition to self-sufficiency and independence. Services provided to youth include educational assistance, housing assistance, leadership training, health and safety issues, budgeting and financial management, and assistance with job preparation, placement and retention.

**Formula Description:** Funds are allocated to the state based on a federal formula of the number of children living in out-of-home placement compared to other states, in the most recent fiscal year for which such information is available. The federal government pays 80% of the total amount of funds expended by the states (less any penalties). The state provides matching contributions to cover the additional 20% of the costs.

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Foster care population.