

Department of Health and Human Services
Block Grant Increases to fund Legislative Increases

The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (TANF) support positions in various divisions within the Department.

These Federal Block Grants were appropriated by the General Assembly for 2005-06 and included funding for administration and positions. The amount of funds appropriated did not include funds for the Legislative Increases for this SFY.

As was the case last state fiscal year, additional block grant dollars are needed to fund the Legislative Increases for positions within several divisions in DHHS.

The Department proposes funding the increases with one time unbudgeted carry forward funds from 2004-05. The amount of the increases will be incorporated into the block grant proposals for SFY 06-07, as the 2004-05 increases were included in the 2005-06 block grant plans.

Attached is a spreadsheet indicating the number of full time equivalent positions (FTE'S), the amount of funds needed, the block grants affected, and the availability for the block grants.