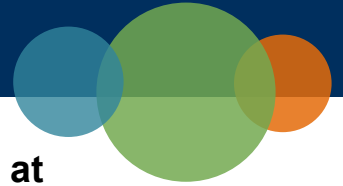


# Domestic Violence Assistance

## Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors



Providing temporary financial support to families whose safety is at risk due to domestic violence.

### More than 1 in 3 women have experienced domestic violence.<sup>(1)</sup>

Domestic violence is the occurrence of one or more of any of the following acts between family members, intimate partners, or household members: attempting to or causing physical injury, emotional, mental or verbal abuse, placing another in fear of imminent serious physical injury, committing sexual abuse, or using controlling or coercive behavior.<sup>(2)</sup>

### Over 5,000 families were eligible

#### More than half used a portion of their financial assistance

From July 2019 – June 2020, there were 5,784 families eligible for the program with 3,608 families using payments to support their safety plan. On average, families used \$982 of their grant.

### \$1200 over 90 Days

Families eligible for the program can receive up to \$1200 over 90 days. This money is most often given directly to third-party vendors or other service providers for:

- Housing related payments, including deposits, rents and utilities
- Relocation costs, including moving and other travel costs
- Purchase of items that help address safety – new locks, motion detectors, P.O. boxes, security cameras
- Replacement of personal or household items left behind when the survivor and children have fled

# Overview

<b>Who is eligible?</b>	<p>A person fleeing domestic violence, or a person trying to stay safe from domestic violence whose safety is at risk because of domestic violence or the threat of domestic violence, who is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A parent or relative caring for a minor child or a pregnant individual</li><li>• Able to meet the income criteria for the program</li><li>• An Oregon resident</li></ul> <p>Certain TANF requirements can be waived if not waiving them will put the family at risk of further domestic violence.</p>
<b>Where does the money come from?</b>	<p>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) federal block grant from the Administration for Children and Families. The Family Violence Option provides the option to use funding for this program.</p>
<b>What is the purpose of the program?</b>	<p>To provide funding to help caretakers with children and pregnant individuals address domestic violence safety concerns and stabilize their living situation to reduce the likelihood of the survivor returning to the abuser.</p>
<b>How are benefits delivered?</b>	<p>Grant payments are most often made directly to vendors on behalf of the survivor. A survivor may receive benefit payments up to \$1,200 during the 90-day eligibility period.</p>
<b>What is not covered by the grant?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing, recurring costs</li><li>• Legal fees or fine payments</li><li>• Pet fees</li><li>• Car or recreational vehicle purchases</li><li>• Firearm or weapon purchases</li><li>• Purchase of non-essential items</li><li>• Other items not pertaining to their safety needs</li></ul>

## Accessing Confidential Advocacy Services

Co-located Domestic Violence Advocates provide confidential advocacy services. Advocates are from local domestic violence sexual assault organizations and provide confidential and trauma informed services. Survivors can receive a referral from their worker or self-refer themselves to the services.

Co-located advocates served over **11,038 survivors** and completed 11,401 safety plans.<sup>(3)</sup> They increased the number of people served, even though Stay at Home orders, when Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors saw a decline as survivors were unable to safely access services.

(1): Domestic-and-Sexual-Violence-Fact-Sheet-August-2020.pdf (nnev.org). (2): As defined by ODHS SSP. (3): July 2019 – June 2020.