



TANF 103-7 Tribal TANF Plans

Supersedes: TANF 103-7 (1/1/18)

Reference: 45 CFR 286.1 and .15

Overview: Public Law 104-193 (Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA)) allows each Indian tribe to develop a Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) plan. Tribal TANF plans are federally funded. Four Montana Tribes have developed such a plan. Those Tribes include:

1. Blackfeet Nation
2. Rocky Boy (Chippewa Cree)
3. Fort Belknap Indian Community (Gros Ventre/Assiniboine)
4. Flathead Nation (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes)

TRIBAL TANF ELIGIBLE:

Applicants who meet eligibility criteria for Tribal TANF are not eligible for state TANF cash assistance. Those applications must be denied. The applicant will be instructed to apply for Tribal TANF in their area. Eligibility for Tribal TANF is determined by a Tribal worker, not OPA.

BLACKFEET NATION:

To be considered eligible for the Blackfeet Nation Tribal TANF program, the family must:

1. contain only enrolled members of the Blackfeet Nation; and
2. reside 'on and near' the Blackfeet Reservation, as defined by the Federal government. The service area will include all communities within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Reservation, as well as the communities of Cut Bank, Valier and Dupuyer.

The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council and the Blackfeet Manpower Department administer the Blackfeet Tribal TANF Program.

Tribal TANF benefits received under the Blackfeet Tribal TANF Plan are not countable towards the TANF 60-month time limit unless the household is living in a community served by the Blackfeet Tribal Plan but does not reside within the geographical boundaries of the reservation.

Effective Plan Date: 08/01/05

ROCKY BOY (CHIPPEWA CREE):

To be considered for the Rocky Boy Tribal TANF Plan, the family must:

1. include at least one child or caretaker relative (excluding step-parents) who is enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe; and
2. reside in Hill County or reside in that portion of Chouteau County, Montana, within the exterior boundaries of the Tribe's Reservation.

The Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee located in Box Elder, Montana administers the Rocky Boy Plan. An additional out stationed office is located in Havre, Montana.

Tribal TANF benefits received under the Rocky Boy TANF Plan are not countable towards the TANF 60-month time limit unless the household is living in Hill County but is not living within the geographical boundaries of the reservation.

Effective Plan Date: 11/1/04

FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY (GROS VENTRE/ASSINIBOINE):

To be considered eligible for the Fort Belknap Tribal TANF Plan, the family must:

1. contain at least one enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe; and
2. reside within the boundaries of the Fort Belknap reservation or in Harlem or Dodson.

The Fort Belknap TANF Plan is administered by Fort Belknap staff located in Fort Belknap.

Tribal TANF benefits received under the Fort Belknap Tribal TANF Plan are not countable towards the TANF 60-month time limit unless the household is living in Harlem or Dodson.

Effective Plan Date: 10/1/00

FLATHEAD NATION (CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES (CSKT)):

To be considered eligible for the CSKT Tribal TANF Plan, the family must:

1. contain at least one enrolled member of Flathead Nation; and
2. reside within the geographical boundaries of the Flathead Reservation.

CSKT staff of the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) located in Pablo, Montana, administers the CSKT TANF Plan.

Tribal TANF benefits received under the CSKT Tribal TANF Plan are countable towards the TANF 60-month time limit. Because the Flathead Reservation has less than 50% unemployment rate, no federal time clock exclusion exists.

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ACCESSING OTHER PROGRAMS/ BENEFITS:

Tribal TANF eligible households may apply for food and medical assistance through the state. OPA will determine eligibility for SNAP and Medicaid benefits.

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