

Tribal TANF and Tribal MOE Information

Federal regulations allow Indian Tribes that meet the federal definition of an Indian Tribe to apply to operate a Tribal Family Assistance Program, commonly referred to as Tribal TANF. If Tribes are approved to operate their own Tribal TANF Program they are eligible to receive a Tribal Family Assistance Grant (TFAG) based on the total number of payments attributable to state expenditures for FFY 1994 for all Indian families residing in the geographical service areas identified in the letter of intent from the Tribe. This caseload and expenditure data is provided by the State. The amount of the State Family Assistance Grant (SFAG) is reduced by the amount of approved TFAG for the Tribes.

In Montana we currently have 4 Indian Tribes who have elected to operate a Tribal TANF Program. These tribes are the Blackfeet, Chippewa Cree (Rocky Boy), Fort Belknap and Confederated Salish Kootenai (CSKT).

The amount of TFAG associated to each Tribe for FFY 2014 is below:

Chippewa Cree	\$1,258,657
Fort Belknap	\$1,006,502
Blackfeet	\$3,089,816
CSKT	\$2,139,915
<i>Total reduction in SFAG = \$7,494,890</i>	

Tribal TANF Maintenance of Effort (MOE):

In addition to the TFAG funds, MCA 53-4-210 provides that the State must provide MOE funds to those tribes who have chosen to implement a Tribal TANF plan and who are currently serving the same service population served by the State TANF program in 1994. Currently only Rocky Boy (Chippewa Cree) and Fort Belknap receive this MOE funding. Blackfeet and Salish Kootenai have Tribal TANF Programs but have chosen to serve a different service population.

The MOE funding amounts for SFY 2014 are below:

Chippewa Cree	\$335,182
Fort Belknap	\$256,156
<i>Total MOE funding to Tribes = \$591,338</i>	

Originally MCA provided the MOE funds must be used on benefits. However in the 2011 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 156 allowed for use of these funds for supportive services and for benefits.

Tribal Native Employment Works (NEW) Programs:

Federal regulation allows Tribes to operate their own Native Employment Works (NEW) program through a direct agreement with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The following tribes in Montana operate a NEW program:

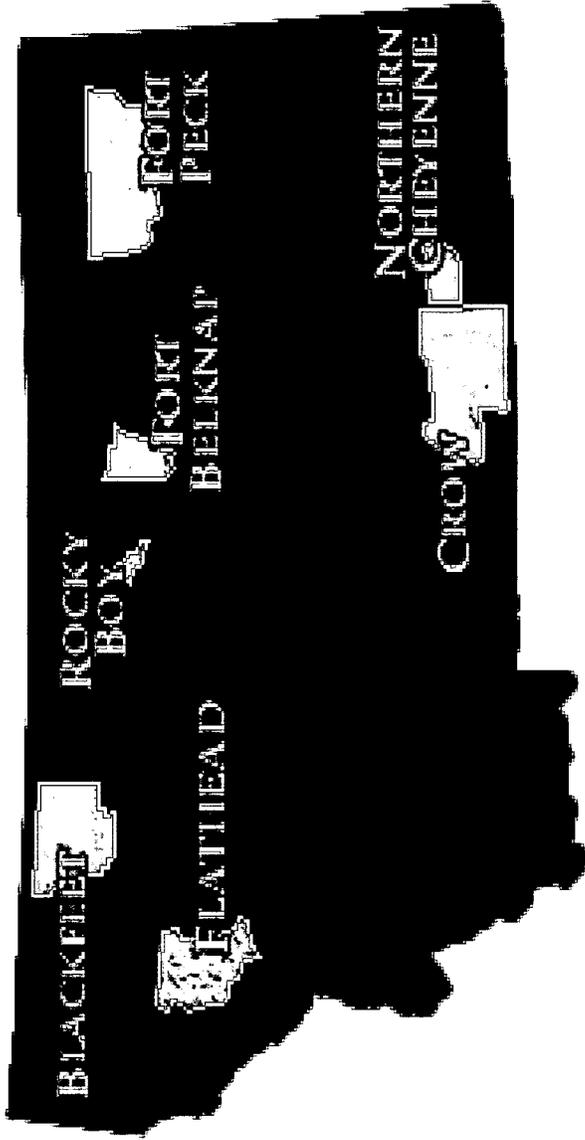
Blackfeet
Fort Peck
Crow
Northern Cheyenne

Work-eligible individuals who are referred to Tribal NEW for employment and training services are overseen directly by the Tribe.

Blackfeet Employment and Training Program

The State has also elected to provide MOE funds to the Blackfeet Tribe for provision of employment and training services to TANF eligible households. The amount of MOE funding provided to the Blackfeet Tribe for SFY 2014 is \$884,309

Blackfeet Employment and Training program, called State Work Assistance Program (SWAP) served 332 State TANF participants in SFY 2012.



RESERVATION:	COUNTIES:	TRIBAL TANF:	MOE:	STATE TANF/ TRIBAL NEW:	EXCLUDED TIMECLOCK:
Blackfeet: ** We give MOE funds	Glacier/Pondera	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Rocky Boy (Chippewa Cree):	Hill/Chouteau	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Fort Belknap (Gros Ventre/Assiniboine)	Blaine/Phillips	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Fort Peck: Assiniboine/Sioux	Roosevelt/Valley Sheridan/Daniels	No	NA	Yes	Yes
Flathead (CSKT):	Flathead/Lake Sanders/Missoula	Yes	No	No	No
Crow:	Big Horn	No	NA	Yes	Yes
Northern Cheyenne:	Rosebud	No	NA	Yes	Yes

**If have Tribal TANF but don't get MOE it is due to serving a different population than served in 1994.
ACF approves Tribal TANF plans and Tribal NEW plans.