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TANF GRANTS IN NEVADA For a Family of Three Without Housing Subsidies <sup>1</sup>				
Fiscal Year	Nevada's Standard of Need <sup>2</sup>	Legislature Approved Max. Grant	Actual Grant Paid	Percent of Need <sup>3</sup>
1987	\$550	\$330	\$330	60.0%
1989	\$580	\$348	\$330	56.9%
1990	\$580	\$348	\$330	56.9%
1991	\$580	\$364	\$330	56.9%
1992	\$620	\$372	\$348	56.1%
1993	\$620	\$380	\$348	56.1%
1994	\$672	\$348	\$348	51.8%
1995	\$699	\$348	\$348	49.8%
1996	\$722	\$348	\$348	48.2%
1997	\$769	\$348	\$348	45.3%
1998	\$817	\$348	\$348	42.6%
1999	\$828	\$348	\$348	42.0%

<sup>1</sup>The monthly housing subsidy for a family of three was \$300 from 7/1/87 to 1/31/92 and is currently \$272.

<sup>2</sup>Established by Legislatively approved formula.

<sup>3</sup>Actual grant as percentage of Nevada's standard of need.  
2003    \$896    \$348    \$348    38.8%

The maximum monthly TANF grant for a family of three of \$348 has been unchanged since February 1992. The 1991 Legislature approved a welfare grant level of \$372 per month for a family of three. This was rolled back to \$348 per month on February 1, 1992 due to state budget reductions. For a family with public housing subsidies the grant was reduced to \$272 per month for a family of three. The last five Legislatures left these levels intact. These grants remain far below what is needed for basic necessities.

The Nevada standard of need is a legislatively approved formula linked to the cost of basic necessities. It presumes that no money is needed for food, due to the likely receipt of food stamps. When the formula was adopted in 1987 the standard of need for a family of three was \$550. The percentage of need covered by Nevada's grants has eroded drastically since 1987. For the year beginning July 1, 2002, the standard of need for the family of three was \$896, while the maximum payment was \$348 (38.8% of need). To cover 60% of need in 2002 a payment of \$538 per month would be needed.