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Statewide Strategic Use Fund

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The General Assembly has appropriated \$10 million in federal "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families" (TANF) funds for competitive grants through the "Statewide Strategic Use Fund" (SSUF). These funds will be granted to qualifying agencies to meet identified needs of TANF-eligible populations in communities across the state. Grants are to be awarded for projects serving Colorado's low-income populations. The SSUF is intended to meet strategic purposes that lead to positive outcomes on a broader level (in terms of both populations served and areas impacted) and across a sustained period of time. Funds are not intended to plug or fill budget shortfalls.

Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis by a 13-member Strategic Allocation Committee, and weighed against the criteria and against the total pool of applicants. Priority consideration will be given to applications from organizations that demonstrate a track record in pursuing goals through a collaborative model in delivering services. Projects addressing a multi-county or statewide impact will be prioritized, and geographic equity will be considered. Projects must describe how they are evidence-based. Innovation is encouraged, but projects must be rooted in sound research.

Grant requests will be accepted in the \$25,000 to \$1,000,000 range. Eligible applicants are statutorily limited to state agencies, county departments, and nonprofit agencies.

Application materials and information will be posted on the Colorado Works website at www.colorado.gov/coloradoworks

Please check the website for more specific information about the application the timing, process and criteria.