

INELIGIBLE FOR LOST WAGES ASSISTANCE

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TANF NON-RECURRENT SHORT-TERM BENEFITS PROGRAM

Currently, there are at least 7,427 UI claimants who will not qualify for the additional \$300 per week authorized under the LWA program. ADWS seeks to address the needs of those families who are not eligible to receive the LWA benefit.

ADWS has chosen to utilize an option available through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program called non-recurrent short-term benefits that provides benefits to families in emergency or time of crisis.

This special initiative will be open to UI Claimants who are:

- Eligible for state or federal unemployment benefits, has a weekly benefit amount of less than \$100, AND has a demonstrated need for assistance. Need for assistance may be demonstrated by any of the following:
 - The participant is unable to work due to contracting COVID-19 leading to lost wages
 - Children's school or childcare provider closed due to COVID-19
 - Workplace closed due to COVID-19
 - Rent or mortgage assistance due to COVID-19
 - Utility assistance due to COVID-19
 - Lost housing due to COVID-19
 - Similar circumstances that are not COVID-19 related, that demonstrate a specific crisis situation or episode of need
- Unemployed or partially unemployed due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Family income is less than 200% FPL
- Custodial parents with a child under the age of 18 or a woman who is currently pregnant.

LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services is currently procuring service providers for this program in each of the 10 Local Workforce Development Areas.

The agency will update the contact information for each Area as it becomes available. Please continue to check the following page weekly for updates on who to contact regarding these services and how to apply for these services.

Local Workforce Development Areas by county can be viewed here:

<https://www.dws.arkansas.gov/programs/workforce-innovation/wioa-local-connections/>

*Little Rock is considered its own area, separate from the rest of Pulaski county in the Central area.

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Local Area	Counties	Service Provider	Contact Information
Little Rock	<i>Little Rock</i>	TBD	TBD
Central	<i>Faulkner, Lonoke, Monroe, Prairie, Pulaski, Saline</i>	TBD	TBD
Northwest	<i>Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Newton, Searcy, Washington</i>	TBD	TBD
North Central	<i>Cleburne, Fulton, Jackson, Independence, Izard, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, White, Woodruff</i>	TBD	TBD
Northeast	<i>Clay, Craighead, Greene, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, Randolph</i>	TBD	TBD
Eastern	<i>Cross, Crittenden, Lee, Phillips, Saint Francis</i>	TBD	TBD
Southeast	<i>Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, Lincoln</i>	TBD	TBD
Southwest	<i>Calhoun, Columbia, Dallas, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Sevier, Union</i>	TBD	TBD
Western	<i>Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Polk, Scott, Sebastian</i>	TBD	TBD
West Central	<i>Clark, Conway, Garland, Hot Spring, Johnson, Montgomery, Perry, Pike Pope, Yell</i>	TBD	TBD