

Table 1: Selected Examples of Federal Cash and Noncash Assistance to Low-Income Families and Individuals, Fiscal Year 2004

Purpose	Program	Federal cash outlay	Program description
Cash aid	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	\$10.4 billion ^a	Permits a state to give ongoing basic cash aid to families that include a minors or a pregnant woman. Work and other requirements must be met.
	Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	\$37.9 billion ^b	Provides a refundable credit to workers with and without children.
Food and nutrition	Food Stamp Program	\$27.2 billion ^c	Provides certain allotments to individuals for purchasing of food items, based upon the individual's level of eligibility/need.
	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	\$4.5 million	Provides benefits for low-income mothers, infants, and children considered to be at "nutritional risk."
Medical	Medicaid	\$176 billion	Provides payments to health care providers in full or via co-pay for eligible low-income families and individuals and for long-term care to eligible individuals who are aged or disabled.
	State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	\$4.6 billion ^d	Provides federal matching funds for states and territories to provide health insurance to targeted low-income children.
Educational	Federal Pell Grant Program	\$12 billion	Provides assistance to undergraduate students who meet a certain needs test and are enrolled in an eligible institution of postsecondary education.
	Head Start	\$6.8 billion ^e	Provides comprehensive services to targeted low-income children. Services include educational, medical, dental, nutritional, and social services.
Housing	Section 8 Low-Income Housing Assistance	\$22.4 billion	Provides rental assistance through vouchers or rental subsidies to eligible low-income families or single persons.
Services	Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)	\$6.9 billion	Provides funding to low-income parents for child care.
	Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) (Title XX)	\$1.7 billion	Provides funding to assist states in providing social services to eligible low-income individuals or families.
Jobs	Job Corps	\$1.5 billion	Provides no-cost training and education to low-income individuals ages 16-24 while providing a monthly allowance payment.
Energy	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	\$1.9 billion	Provides assistance to low-income home owners and renters to help meet energy needs such as heating and cooling.

Source: For a full list of federal programs, see Cash and Noncash Benefits for Persons with Limited Income: Eligibility Rules, Recipient and Expenditure Data, FY2002-FY2004; Washington D.C. 2006.