

2024 Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors (TA-DVS) Grant Increase

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is TA-DVS?

The TA-DVS program helps provide families and pregnant individuals experiencing domestic violence temporary cash assistance to flee or stabilize from abuse. Eligible individuals may receive up to \$1,200 currently over a 90-day certification period to help meet their safety needs.

For more information on program use, eligibility and how to apply, please see the [TA-DVS Program](#) website.

Q: What's changed with the TA-DVS grant?

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) received investment in the 2024 legislative session to increase the TA-DVS grant amount from its current benefit of \$1,200 up to \$3,200.

Q: What amount will the grant increase to?

The TA-DVS grant will increase from \$1,200 to \$3,200 per 90-day certification period.

Q: How does this change benefit survivors?

This is the program's first increase since it began more than 26 years ago. This needed change ensures the grant's value remains supportive to survivors in consideration of rising housing costs and other safety needs.

Q: When can survivors expect to utilize the increased grant amount?

Early August 2024 (exact date to follow).

This increase in the TA-DVS grant is not yet available to survivors, as ODHS must first update our benefit issuance system, rules, policies and procedures to reflect the grant increase. The agency anticipates being able to implement these changes in early August 2024 and will share exact dates in upcoming communications.

Q: Is this change permanent?

The increase is not permanent. Once the increase is implemented, Self-Sufficiency Programs will be tracking the difference it makes for survivors during this biennium. The investment in the increase is an extremely important step forward. The information we gather will help as we strive for a permanent increase.

Q: Will survivors who have an open TA-DVS grant be able to access the increased grant amount, or should they wait to apply?

Survivors are encouraged to apply for TA-DVS as soon as they know or think they may need it.

At the time of implementation, individuals with an open case will receive access to the increased grant amount for the remainder of their 90-day certification period and will be notified of the increase in whatever method is determined safe by the survivor.

Survivors who have a current or future domestic violence safety concern and have previously received TA-DVS are always encouraged to reapply.

Q: Will the grant increase affect who may be eligible for the program or how survivors apply?

The grant increase will not change any eligibility requirements or how survivors access TA-DVS; it will only increase the amount available to eligible survivors.

The program continues to be funded through the Temporary Assistance

for Needy Families (TANF) block grant utilizing federal funds. The same application process and eligibility requirements remain in effect.

Q: When will more details regarding the implementation date and plan be available?

ODHS will share details as they become known and available. We are committed to sharing with our staff and partners along the way to ensure you all can guide survivors to available resources to meet their needs.

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