

Pandemic Emergency Assistance Funds (PEAF)

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Background

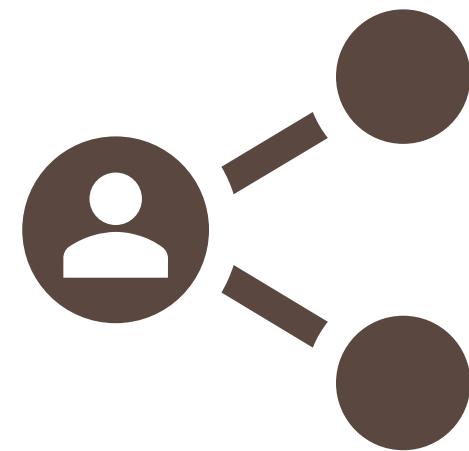
The Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund (PEAF) was established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. States and territories were able to request these funds to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds were to be spent between April 25, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Health and Human Services (HHS) reallocated any unused funds to eligible states, territories, and tribes. Oregon received a reallocation of funds in the amount of \$1,318,822.84. These funds had to be expended by April 30, 2024.

Eligibility

- ❖ Must meet purpose one of TANF
- ❖ SNAP (does not need to be receiving TANF) must be present on the case in which a payment is made
- ❖ At least one child (age 18 and below) on a case with a caretaker relative relationship
- ❖ Specific need or crisis related to the COVID pandemic for PEAF eligibility, this can be ongoing residual effects.

Delivery

Districts were strongly encouraged to partner with Tribal Governments in their service areas as well as with communities of Native American heritage. The goal was to ensure that PEAF was addressing the needs of this disproportionately marginalized community and full utilization of funds by the April 30, 2024 deadline.



Prevalent Payments



Housing
Cost/Repairs



Work
Clothes/Equipment



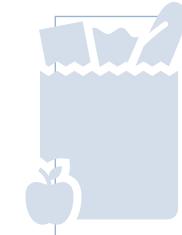
Utilities



Household Supplies

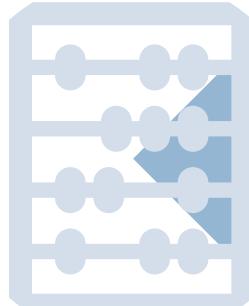


Auto Repairs



Food Assistance

By the Numbers



Total Payments =
1,854



Distinct Families =
1,187

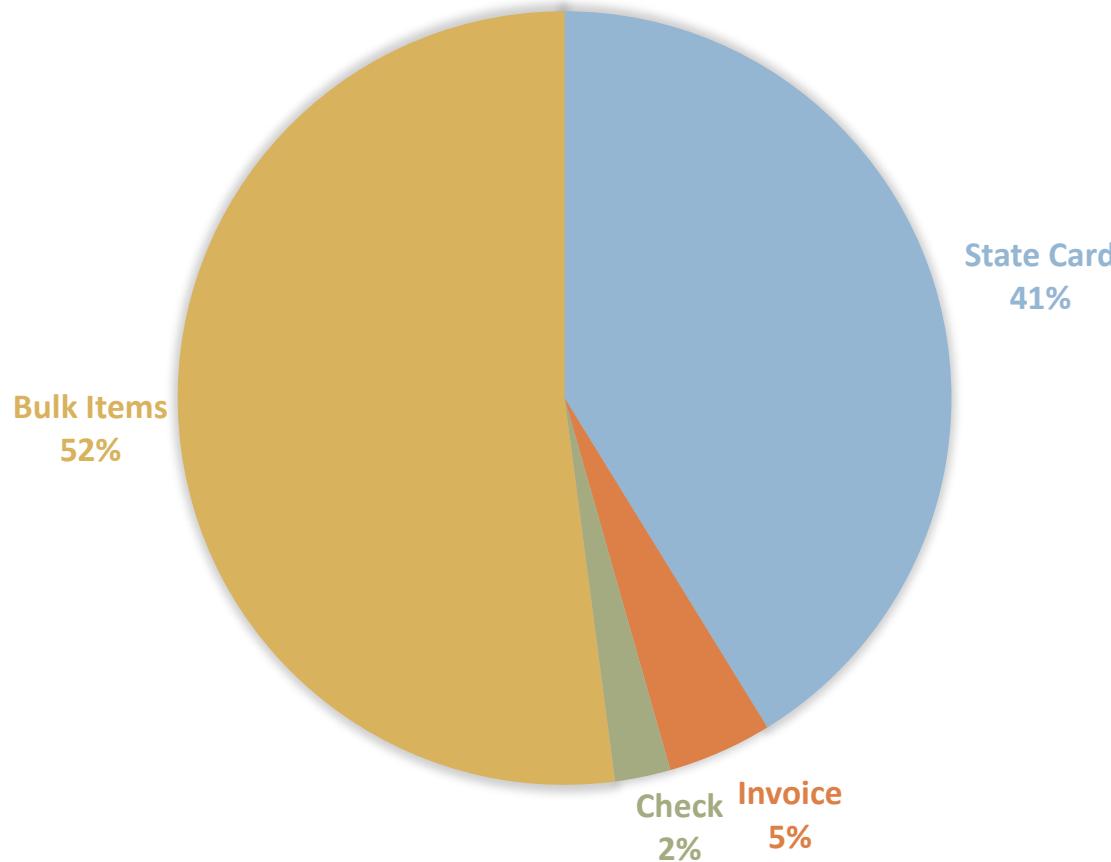
Average Total Payment Per Family

- \$895.06

Average Number of Payments Per Family

- 1.5

Payment Methods



Bulk Items: Items distributed to families (gift cards for household items, hotel vouchers, etc.)

State card: Payments made by a state credit card (SPOTS) to individual entities such as utility companies and stores.

Invoice: Payments invoiced so that a check was sent to the entity such as a rental agency or landlord who could not accept card payments.

Check: Immediate need checks issued out of office to an entity such as landlord to avoid eviction.

Estimated Percentage of Spending

District 1 97%

District 2 100%

District 3 100%

District 4 100%

District 5 100%

District 6 100%

District 7 100%

District 8 99%

District 9 100%

District 10 100%

District 11 100%

District 12 100%

District 14 100%

District 15 100%

District 16 100%

Statewide allocation of PEAF funds

\$1,318,822.84 redistributed to Oregon

\$1,313,822.84 allocated to districts

Not Spent: \$7,435.83 (.6%)

NOTE: District 13 did not submit a request for PEAF funding on this cycle.