



**National Forum  
on Income Assistance**  
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*Breakout Session*  
**Defining Needs-based Funding**

*Tuesday, September 10, 2024*

*10:45am – 12:00pm MST*



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## **Breakout Questions: Defining Needs-based Funding**

1. In your community, what are the hidden costs your clients experience that are not covered by the financial support they receive from the Income Assistance Program?

Ex. Utilities, clothing, childcare, transportation, etc.

a. Among the hidden costs listed above, what are the reasons they are not covered?



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2. Based on client demographics, how are your clients affected or impacted by the Income Assistance program? Examples of demographics include: sex, gender, age, health status, persons with a disability, household compositions etc.

Ex. Multiple adults in a household are dependents when they are residing there due to lack of available housing.



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3. What are the most frequently requested “special needs” supports or expenses your clients experience, and how often are you unable to approve them due to lack of available financial resources or approved expenses within the Income Assistance Programs?
  - a. Among the hidden costs listed above, what are the reasons they are not covered?

Ex. Submitting Jordans Principle requests, band covering expenses, etc.