



WOMEN WORK!

2008 State Displaced Homemaker Update

In 2002, Women Work! released a report on the status of state funding for Displaced Homemaker programs (<http://www.womenwork.org/pdfresources/statedhleg2002.pdf>). At that time, the States that funded Displaced Homemaker (DH) programs were on the whole maintaining funding at steady levels. In 2008, Women Work! once again surveyed these states and found a somewhat different result. Of the 26 states that funded programs in 2001-2002, seven ceased their funding altogether, twelve decreased their funding, two maintained funding at steady levels, and five increased funding as of the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Below, Women Work! provides a detailed update.

STATES THAT ELIMINATED FUNDING

The following States stopped funding their DH programs between 2001-2002 and 2006-2007: *Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Rhode Island.*

STATES THAT CONTINUE FUNDING

Levels of funding for the past seven years are listed in the table below.

State	Funding Source	Fund Distribution	Range of Grant Size	Administering Agency
Florida	Divorce/Marriage Fee	RFP	\$50,275-\$225,000	Agency for Workforce Innovation
Idaho	Divorce Fee/General Fund	Distributed equally among all DH programs in state	\$63,107	Division of Professional-Technical Education
Illinois	General Revenue Funds	RFP/ Equal Distribution	\$39,400-\$58,190	Department of Labor
Iowa	Annual Appropriation	RFP	\$10,000-\$25,000	Iowa Commission on the Status of Women in the Dept. of Human Rights
Maine	Maine DOL General Fund	One state-wide program	Funding Centralized	Dept. of Labor
Maryland	General Fund	RFP	\$22,566-\$177,619	Dept. of Human Resources
Minnesota	Marriage/ Divorce Fees	Formula	\$900,000	Dept. of Employment and Economic Development
Missouri	General Revenue	Equal Distribution	\$877-2,877	Dept. of Education
MT	Employment Security Account	RFP	\$21,580-\$38,835	Dept. of Labor
Nevada	Divorce Fee	FORMULA	\$10,000-\$275,000	Dept. of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation
New Jersey	Divorce Fee/Line Item	Formula	\$110,000-\$150,000	Dept. of Community Affairs
New Mexico	Line Item	One state-wide program	Funding Centralized	Commission for the Status of Women
New York	General Fund/ TANF Funds	As directed by Legislature	\$95,923-\$609,747	Dept. of Labor
North Carolina	Biannual Appropriations	Equal Distribution/Formula	\$4,495-\$15000	Dept. of Administration
North Dakota	Unknown	RFP	\$7,000-\$10,000	Dept. of Education
Pennsylvania	Line item/Voc-Ed State funds	Formula	\$109,000-\$262,000	Dept. of Education but transitioning to Dept. of Labor
Utah	Marriage Fee	FORMULA	Unknown	Dept. of Workforce Services
Washington	General Fund	RFP	\$12,500-\$55,000	State Board for Community and Technical Colleges
Wisconsin	General Fund	RFP	\$10,000-\$134,000	Technical College System

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