COHHIO
Direct Cash Transfer Project Q&A *Updated 08.24.22*

General Proposal Questions

**Q:** Will receiving DCT impact the client’s Social Security Income?

**A:** Possibly. Supplemental security income (SSI) is a needs-based program. That means that SSI eligibility and payment amount are affected by income. Social Security may count DCT as income. Please refer to the links below for more information.

* [A Guide to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Groups and Organizations](https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-11015.pdf)
* [Understanding Supplemental Security Income SSI Income -- 2022 Edition](https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-income-ussi.htm)

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) should not be impacted by DCT, as this is not considered earned income.

* [Income Reporting For Social Security Disability Benefits](https://www.ssa.gov/disability/Documents/T2%20Reporting%20%20Disability%20doc%20final.pdf)
* [What Do I Need To Report To Social Security And When?](https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/EMPLOYMENT/VR/WIN/Resources/SSA%20Reporting%20Tips.pdf)

**Q:** Is there a conflict of interest for a RRH project to apply for this funding?

**A:** No.

**Q:** Will award organizations get the grant all upfront once awarded or need to bill COHHIO monthly throughout the grant period to get reimbursed?

 **A:** Grantees will get one disbursement of their total award amount. Funding budgeted for DCT to project participants will be disbursed to the debit card provider and administered by the funded organization.

**Q:** Will receiving DCT impact the families Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program SNAP benefits?

**A:** Please review [Rule 5101:4-4-13 Food Assistance: types of excluded income](https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-5101%3A4-4-13).

*“(l) Cash donations based on need received on or after February 1, 1988 from one or more private nonprofit charitable organizations, but not to exceed three hundred dollars in a federal fiscal year quarter. Charitable Assistance and Food Bank Act of 1987, Pub. L. No. 100-232, (1/1988).”*

The USDA published [Revised Treatment of Gift Cards in Determining SNAP Eligibility and Benefits](https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligibility/deduction-gift-card-revised-treatment)

Please contact your local JFS dept. if you have further questions as income re-evaluation procedures can vary by region.

**Q:** Will receiving DCT impact families receiving (TANF) cash assistance?

**A:** All unearned income received by the filing unit is considered when determining eligibility for [TANF cash assistance](https://ohio.gov/residents/resources/cash-assistance)

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