



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

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January 30, 2023

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS,
SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS**

SUBJECT: CHAFEE (NC LINKS) SPECIAL FUNDS

REQUIRED ACTION: Immediate Time Sensitive **Information Only**

**PURPOSE: TO NOTIFY COUNTIES OF THE REMAINING BALANCES OF CHAFEE (NC LINKS) HOUSING
AND TRANSITIONAL FUNDS.**

North Carolina's Chafee (NC LINKS) Special Funds, also known as North Carolina's Transitional Funds and Housing Funds, are available to reimburse counties for expenditures made for eligible youth and young adults with life goals and needs connected to NC LINKS outcomes.

Transitional funds up to \$3,000.00 per eligible young person per state fiscal year are available to help youth and young adults ages 14 to 21 who are in foster care or were in foster care at age 14 or older.

NC LINKS Transitional Funds cannot be used for rent, rent deposits, room and board, or down payments on housing. Transitional Funds can be used for goods and services that support the accomplishment of the NC LINKS program outcomes including, but not limited to:

- Appropriate uniforms for work or school
- Assistance with transportation
- Expenses related to age or developmentally appropriate activities
- \$500.00 incentive to youth or young adults who complete high school, GED, 2-year degree, 4-year degree, or a vocational credential
- Up to \$650.00 to assist with youth or young adults with vehicle insurance in accordance with state regulations
- Up to \$1,500.00 match towards the youth or young adult's purchase of a vehicle (for the purpose of transportation to school, work, etc.)

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Housing Funds up to \$1,500.00 per eligible young adult per state fiscal year are available to young adults who aged out of foster care at 18 but are not yet 21 years of age. This includes young adults in Foster Care 18 to 21. Housing Funds must only be used for:

- Rent
- Rent Deposits
- Room and Board Arrangements
- Down Payments on Housing

As of January 15, 2023, North Carolina's Chafee Program (LINKS) has the following funds remaining for LINKS Housing and Transitional until June 30, 2023:

- Housing remaining balance: **\$133,130.66**
- Transitional remaining balance: **\$258,937.60**

NCDSS will continue to monitor Chafee (LINKS) Special Funds and will inform each county's LINKS social worker when these funds are low or expected to be depleted and if their submitted request for LINKS reimbursement can be funded.

If you have any questions, please contact Tori Marshall, State LINKS Coordinator at Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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