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January 23, 2025

**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 not yet 21 years old 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 incentive to youth or young adults who complete high school, GED, 2-year degree, 4-year degree, or a vocational credential
- Up to \$650 to assist with youth or young adults with vehicle insurance in accordance with state regulations
- Up to \$1,500 match towards the youth or young adult's purchase of a vehicle (for the purpose of transportation to school, work, etc.)

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 who are participating in the Foster Care 18 to 21 Program.

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Housing Funds must only be used for:

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

As of January 09, 2025, North Carolina's Chafee Program (LINKS) has the following funds remaining for LINKS Housing and Transitional until June 30, 2025:

- Housing remaining balance: **\$96,032.00**
- Transitional remaining balance: **\$300,069.00**

Please note that these funds are low and may be depleted by April 2025. NCDHHS DSS will continue to provide counties with updates regarding LINKS funds via the LINKS Listserv.

To ensure that your county is receiving updates from the LINKS Listserv, please update your county's contact information for LINKS and/or Foster Care 18 to 21 staff members at [LINKS Contact Directory-Updates](#) or email the updated emails directly to [Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov).

If you have any questions, please contact Tori Marshall, State LINKS Coordinator at [Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,



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