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HUMAN SERVICES**

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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: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

**PURPOSE: NOTIFICATION OF THE REMAINING BALANCES FOR 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 February 15, 2024, North Carolina's Chafee Program (LINKS) had the following funds remaining for LINKS Housing and Transitional until June 30, 2024:

- Housing remaining balance: **\$15,584.07**
- Transitional remaining balance: **\$30,000.00**

NCDSS will continue to monitor Chafee (LINKS) Special Funds. Counties seeking reimbursement after **05/15/2024** for expenses must contact the State LINKS Coordinator prior to spending funds to ensure funds are available to receive reimbursement.

All requests should be submitted by email to linksreimbursement@dhhs.nc.gov. Please ensure the subject line includes your county name *and* is labeled Transitional Funds Reimbursement.

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 and Foster Care 18-21 County Contact Information](#) or email the updates directly to Tori.Marshall@dhss.nc.gov.

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

Sincerely,



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