



Clark County Family Services

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Clark County Department of Family Services Policy

SUBJECT:

Chafee Enrichment Grant Funds

Effective Date	Amendment Number	Amendment Date
January 30, 2019	2	May 28, 2026

SCOPE:

Funds distributed through the Clark County Family Services (CCFS) from the Chafee Enrichment Grant to assist children in foster care from the ages of fourteen (14) years old until eighteenth (18) birthday in transitioning to self-sufficiency.

SPECIFIC LEGAL and OTHER REFERENCES:

Birth and Death Certificate Distribution and Storage Policy and Procedures

[Child Welfare Policy Manual – IL, Certifications and Requirements, Objective Eligibility Criteria](#)

Clark County Fiscal Directives

Family Assistance Request Policy and Procedures

The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 ([P.L. 110-351](#))

Foster Care Independence Act, 1999 ([P.L. 106-169](#))

[NAC 432B](#)

Nevada Family Resource Centers

Nevada Title XIX State Plan

[NRS 127](#)

[NRS 244](#)

[NRS 430A](#)

[NRS 432](#)

[NRS 432B](#)

NV State Plan for AFDC that was in effect on July 16, 1996

NV State Plan for Title IV-E

[Social Security Act § 472 \[42 U.S.C. 672\]](#)

[Social Security Act § 473 \[42 U.S.C. 673\]](#)

Social Security Act § 1905(a) (19) and [Sec 1915\(g\)](#)

Social Security Administration (SSA) Guide for Organizational Representative Payees

Title IV-E Foster Care, Adoption Assistance, and Adoption Subsidy

PROGRAMS IMPACTED:

Fiscal

Independent Living

Nevada Initial Assessment

Permanency

SUMMARY OF CHANGES:

Updated that funds are primarily available from fourteen (14) years old until eighteenth (18th) birthday.

Updated responsibilities for undocumented youth without an original birth certificate.

Clarified fund use for youth who have aged out of foster care in Nevada or from another jurisdiction.

DEFINITIONS: For a list of acronyms and a glossary of terms used throughout DFS refer to Acronyms and Glossary located on DFSNet.

FORMS, PUBLICATIONS, AND INSTRUCTIONAL DOCUMENTS:

Birth and Death Certificate Application (in UNITY)

Chafee Assistance Request (FPI Library)

Chafee Flyer (FPI Library)

Missing Receipt Reimbursement Affidavit (FPI Library)

POLICY

I. Chafee Enrichment Grant Funds - Child/Youth Transition to Self-Sufficiency Eligibility

- A. The primary purpose of the Chafee Enrichment Grant Funds - Child/Youth Transition to Self-Sufficiency is to assist children/youth in goal setting and planning their transition out of foster care in order to attain self-sufficiency as adults and to engage in age or developmentally appropriate activities.
- B. Social Security (Supplemental Security Income [SSI]) funds must be used prior to Chafee Enrichment Grant Funds.
- C. Children/youth eligible for Chafee Enrichment Grand Funds:
 - 1. The primary target population is foster child/youth with Clark Custody legal status, age fourteen (14) years old until eighteenth (18th) birthday.
 - a. A young adult that has turned eighteen (18) years old will remain eligible for funds while awaiting transfer to Step Up for ongoing supportive services.
 - b. Child/youth currently residing in Nevada who have aged out of foster care while residing in another state are eligible for assistance through Chafee Enrichment Grand Funds.
 - 2. Child/youth who exit foster care after age sixteen (16) and before their eighteenth (18th) birthday, for guardianship or adoption, are eligible for assistance through Chafee Enrichment Grant Funds.
 - 3. Child/youth who reunify with a parent and are ages fourteen (14) to eighteen (18) are eligible while in Clark Custody.
 - a. Child/youth must have been removed for a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours.
 - b. Approval is on a case-by-case basis.
- D. Chafee Enrichment Grant Funds:
 - 1. Have no specific income requirements.
 - 2. Are not guaranteed.
 - 3. Are applicable for children placed through Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) from other states that have attained adoption or guardianship at age sixteen (16) to eighteen (18).
- E. All Chafee requests must be submitted to the Fiscal Unit prior to June fifteenth (15th) for end of year processing.
 - 1. Any Chafee requests received after this date are processed for the following fiscal year, beginning July first (1st), and payment(s) to the youth could be delayed until after this date.

II. Eligible Services/Expenses

- A. For services or payments that are eligible and subject to approval under Chafee Enrichment Grant Funds, reference the Chafee Flyer (FPI Library).
 - 1. Maximum benefits payable limits per fiscal year are subject to change based upon fund eligibility.
 - 2. Maximum benefit amounts may exceed the limit per fiscal year at CCFS management discretion.
 - 3. Out-of-state child requests are approved only with required documents.
- B. Additional funding may be earned each CCFS fiscal year by the child/youth and is payable upon approval by CCFS. To earn the additional money the child/youth must communicate with their IL Specialist on a monthly basis and complete one (1) of the following:
 - 1. A raise in GPA by minimum of one (1.0) point within the same school year, or
 - 2. Maintain a GPA of 4.0, or
 - 3. Maintain employment or volunteer work for eighty (80) hours a month for a minimum of three (3) months.

- C. Funds may not be requested to pay for restitution or other obligations, including late fees, except on a case-by-case basis.
1. School fines for missing books or class fees may only be granted if the school provides acknowledgement that the fees are not waived.

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