

**POST-MAJORITY SUPPORT SERVICES INFORMATION SHEET
SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL AGREEMENT ON
LONG-TERM REFORM OF THE FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
PROGRAM ON APRIL 1ST, 2025**

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE? WHEN WILL IT BE DISTRIBUTED?

Under the reformed First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Program, and as committed to in the Final Agreement, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) will commit \$1.79 billion over a 10-year period to support First Nations youth aging out of care and young adults formerly in care through their transition into adulthood. This amount will be adjusted to account for the increased costs of delivering services in remote First Nations.

Beginning **April 1, 2025**, funding will be distributed according to the approach set out in the Final Agreement.

WHAT IS IT?

Youth leaving care or young adults who have left care and who have reached the age when mandated or legislated services end (usually at the age of majority) are often referred to as having “aged out of care.” Under the FNCFS Program, services provided past the age of majority are called Post-Majority Support Services.

As of April 1, 2022, the FNCFS Program extended funding for Post-Majority Support Services to a young adult’s 26th birthday or to the applicable age in provincial or Yukon legislation (whichever is greater). The FNCFS Program provided that extended funding to First Nations and FNCFS Service Providers.

Under the Final Agreement, the FNCFS Program will fund First Nations to deliver Post-Majority Support Services. Those services will meet the distinct needs of First Nations youth and young adults. First Nations will help ensure that eligible youth and young adults have access to culturally appropriate supports that meet their needs and that promote the safety, security and stability to develop necessary life skills.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

Funding will be provided to First Nations directly, unless the First Nation authorizes a Service Provider to deliver Post-Majority Support Services on their behalf or collaboratively.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE POST-MAJORITY SUPPORT SERVICES?

To be eligible for Post-Majority Support Services, a First Nations youth and young adult must:

1. Have been ordinarily resident on reserve or in Yukon at the time they were taken into care;
2. Now be ordinarily resident on reserve or in Yukon; **or**
3. Be taking active steps to reside on reserve or in Yukon.

A youth or young adult must also:

1. Be currently in care and **about to age out** (approaching the age of majority);
2. Have been in care and have voluntarily **left care before ageing out** (exercised a voluntary care provision to leave care prior to the age of majority); or
3. Be a young adult who:
 - **Has aged out of care** (reached the age of majority)
 - Was in care on the day they reached the age of majority, **and**
 - Is under the age of 26 or the eligibility age for post-majority services specified in the applicable provincial or the Yukon government legislation, whichever age is greater.

For the purposes of the FNCFS Program and the implementation of Post-Majority Support Services, **the definition of care** is broad and can include a variety of arrangements. Being 'in care' refers to a First Nation child or youth who has been placed to live outside of the family / home of origin, which includes but is not limited to the birth parents. The term 'care' is broadly defined and captures a variety of arrangements, including and not limited to customary care, extended society care, guardianship, custody, alternate care, kith and kinship care, as well as adoption.

WHAT ARE ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR POST-MAJORITY SUPPORT SERVICES?

Examples of eligible activities for Post-Majority Support Services include:

- Supports that assist First Nation youth and young adults in the areas of:
 - learning, education and professional development opportunities,
 - financial support and safe, stable, comfortable housing,
 - physical, mental & social wellbeing, and
 - (re)connection with land, culture, language & community.
- Direct support services to implement a youth or young adult's transition plan, including services and supports not eligible through First Nation and Inuit Health Branch or other federal or provincial programs or where funding from other sources was or will not be received, in whole or in part, to support that activity.

The FNCFS Program's terms and conditions elaborate on eligible activities for Post-Majority Support Services. Guidance documents will further elaborate.

HOW WILL FUNDING BE DISTRIBUTED?

Funding for Post-Majority Support Services will be distributed to First Nations annually. In the plan that First Nations will submit to outline their use of FNCFS Program funding, First Nations will describe the activities on which they will spend their Post-Majority Support Services funding. Submission of a plan, a template for which can be found in Appendix 4 of the Final Agreement, is a requirement for First Nations receiving funding under the FNCFS Program.

Starting in fiscal year 2025-2026, all funding to support Post-Majority Support Services will be directed to First Nations or to an authorized Service Provider as requested by the First Nation. This funding will be adjusted to account for the increased costs of delivering services in remote First Nations.

All First Nations will receive a floor amount of \$75,000, adjusted for inflation. First Nations will also receive an additional amount of funding, calculated based on the following factors:

- **Major Factor:** The First Nation’s number of youth or young adults on-reserve, on Crown land or in Yukon, as recorded in the Indian Registration System (IRS). The lower bound of the age range for youth and young adults will be the age at which, according to the applicable provincial or Yukon legislation, a youth can voluntarily exit care. The upper bound will be a young adult’s 26th birthday or the age at which provincial or Yukon eligibility for post-majority support services ends, whichever age is greater.
- **Minor Factor:** The First Nation’s estimated number of youth and young adults who will be eligible for Post-Majority Support Services. Those estimates will be forecasts made using First Nations-level data on children in care contained in ISC’s Information Management System / Data Management System.

The following is an example to illustrate how ISC will calculate an individual First Nation’s funding for Post-Majority Support Services.

First Nation A	All First Nations
<p>Major Factor – 2025-26 IRS Population of Youth and Young Adults: 149</p> <p>Minor Factor – Projected 2025-26 Number of Youth and Young Adults Eligible for Post-Majority Support Services: 17</p>	<p>Major Factor – 2025-26 IRS Population of Youth and Young Adults: 85,260</p> <p>Minor Factor – Projected 2025-26 Number of Youth and Young Adults Eligible for Post-Majority Support Services: 3,769</p>
<p>Base Amount: \$76,500 (\$75,000 adjusted by 2% to account for inflation¹)</p>	

Example Calculation:

- a) Take 80% of First Nation A's IRS population of youth and young adults (**major factor**):
 $0.80 \times 149 = 119.2$
- b) Divide the First Nation's estimated number of eligible youth and young adults (**minor factor**) by the estimated number of eligible youth and young adults for all First Nations:
 $17 / 3,769 = 0.0045$
- c) Multiply (a) by 1 + (b): $119.2 \times (1 + 0.0045) = 119.7$. *This figure is First Nation A's adjusted post-majority population.*
- d) Divide (c) by the total adjusted post-majority population for all First Nations: $119.7 / 68,837 = 0.00174$
- e) Multiply (d) by the total 2025-26 post-majority funding remaining once each First Nation has received \$76,500, and then add \$76,500 to that amount: $(0.0017 \times \$94,100,394) + 76,500 = \$240,235$

\$240,235 is First Nation A's 2025-26 funding for post-majority support services.

That \$240,235 does not include any funding for remoteness. If First Nation A's Index of Remoteness score is 0.40 or greater, First Nation A will receive an additional amount equal to its Remoteness Quotient Adjustment Factor multiplied by \$240,235.

¹ The inflation rate of 2% is illustrative only. The reformed FNCFS Program will adjust funding by actual inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index.