

**TOP-UP FUNDING AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS INFORMATION SHEET
SUPPORTING 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?

Under the reformed First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Program, and as committed to in the Final Agreement, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) would commit \$2.28 billion over a 10-year period beginning in 2024-25 for information technology, results, emergency and household supports.

In addition to the above, ISC has also established a separate Housing Fund. This Housing funding will be provided directly to First Nations in the amount of \$1.79 billion over 4 years starting in 2024-25 to 2027-28. This amount is in addition to \$210 million provided in 2023-24.

WHAT IS IT?

Top-up funding for information technology, results, and emergency will be added to FNCFS Services Providers' funding agreements in or around November 2024. FNCFS Service Providers will receive information about the remaining allocations for fiscal year 2024-2025 in Fall 2024.

- **Information technology (IT)**
 - Equal to 6% of annual baseline funding, and adjusted for remoteness to account for the increased costs of delivering services in remote communities
 - Support with IT needs.
 - Funding can be used for the purchase, installation and maintenance of IT hardware, software or subscriptions.
 - Allocated to First Nations.

- **Results**
 - Equal to 5% of annual baseline funding, and adjusted for remoteness to account for the increased costs of delivering services in remote communities.
 - Funding supports the implementation of the performance measurement framework and related indicators by collecting and analyzing data, to inform relevant immediate outcomes.
 - Allocated to First Nations.

- **Emergency**
 - Equal to 2% of annual baseline funding, and adjusted for remoteness to account for the increased costs of delivering services in remote communities.
 - Support with responding to unexpected situations affecting or related to the provision of the Reformed FNCFS Program.
 - Allocations shared between First Nations Child and Family Services Agencies and First Nations.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS

Housing Funding

- The primary goal of Housing funding is to prevent children from being taken into care and to support reunification where housing is a barrier. Housing funds support the overall wellbeing of First Nations children and families, and housing needs related to the purchase, construction, renovations, major/minor repairs, lot servicing and/or sub-division development in their First Nations communities.
- Housing funding will be provided directly to First Nations to the amount of \$1.79 billion over 4 years starting in 2024-25 to 2027-28. This amount is in addition to \$210 million provided in 2023-24.
- The amount of Housing funding to which an individual First Nation is entitled over those four fiscal years is determined by a formula that uses the First Nation's on-reserve and in Yukon population count (from the Indian Registration System), the First Nation's 2021 Index of Remoteness score, the percentage of the First Nation's population living in an overcrowded dwelling, and the \$250,000 base amount.
- First Nations will report on the Housing funding through established data collection tools, modified to reflect the purpose of this funding. Each community will submit a four-year plan for the housing allocation to ISC regional offices.

Household Supports (formerly Poverty Adjustment)

- Funding for household supports help First Nations in meeting the basic needs of families, particularly those needs that, if left unmet, could lead to children being placed in care.
- Household supports are allocated directly to First Nations.
- Funding for household supports shall be \$25.5 million in fiscal year 2024- 2025, adjusted for inflation in subsequent years.
- This funding shall be upwardly adjusted to account for a First Nation's remoteness score.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDING?

First Nations will receive the entire funding as it relates to Information Technology and Results. FNCFS Agencies and First Nations will split the Emergency Funding.

First Nations will receive Household supports funding and Housing Funds.

Guidance material and documents are being prepared to support FNCFS Service Providers.