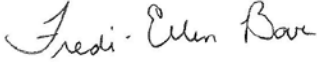


To: DCF/DMCPS Administrator
DCF Area Administrators
Child Placing Agency Directors
Child Welfare Agency Directors
County Departments of Community Programs Directors
County Departments of Human Services Directors
County Departments of Social Services Directors
Group Home Providers
Tribal Social Service/Indian Child Welfare Directors
Private Child Placing Agencies
Residential Care Center Providers
Shelter Care Providers
Tribal Chairpersons

From: Fredi-Ellen Bove 
Administrator

Re: FY 2016 Reimbursement for High-Cost Indian Juvenile Placements: Eligibility and Application for Funding

PURPOSE

This memo provides information about FY 2016 Reimbursement for High-Cost Indian Juvenile Placements for unexpected or unusually high-cost out-of-home care placements of Indian Juveniles who **have been adjudicated delinquent by tribal courts.**

BACKGROUND

State statute WI s. 938.485(4) allows the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to reimburse Indian tribes and county departments “for unexpected or unusually high-cost out-of-home care placements of Indian Juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent by tribal courts.” The phrase “unusually high-cost out-of-home placements” means “the amount by which the cost to an Indian tribe or to a county department of out-of-home care placements of Indian juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent by tribal courts exceeds \$50,000 in a fiscal year.” A total of \$75,000 is provided through 2009 Wisconsin Act 28 to reimburse tribes and counties each state fiscal year through this program.

On January 1, 2016, DCF assumed responsibility for the community-based juvenile justice system. This change included the transfer of responsibility for this program under s. 938.485(4) to DCF.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

1. *Eligibility for FY 2016 Reimbursement*

As required by statute, high-cost out-of-home care placements must meet the following criteria:

- The Indian tribe or county department incurs out-of-home care placement costs.
- Eligible youth are Indian juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent by a tribal court.
- The FY 2016 (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016) cost exceeds \$50,000.

To be eligible for reimbursement, a tribe or county must provide the following information:

- Complete Attachment 1, which summarizes out-of-home placement costs eligible for reimbursement. This application form also requests contact information in case there are questions about the information on the application.
- A copy of the tribal court delinquency order for each youth included in the request for reimbursement.

Requests for costs incurred outside the eligibility period (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016) will result in a corresponding reduction in the reimbursement request amount. A county department may not claim costs for eligible youth incurred by the county but reimbursed by a tribe. However, a tribe may claim costs for reimbursing a county for out-of-home placements for eligible youth.

2. Department Review and Awards Process

A total of \$75,000 is provided through 2009 Wisconsin Act 28 to reimburse tribes and counties each state fiscal year through this program. Only out-of-home placement costs exceeding \$50,000 for a tribe or county are eligible for reimbursement. If requests exceed the available budgeted amount, the reimbursement will be allocated according to each tribe's or county's share of the total cost eligible for reimbursement.

Eligible tribes or counties must complete the attached Application for Reimbursement and return it by email to the Juvenile Justice Policy Coordinator, at DCFJJ@wisconsin.gov **by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 21, 2016.**

CENTRAL OFFICE CONTACT: Juvenile Justice Policy Coordinator
Bureau of Youth Services
(608) 422-6897
DCFJJ@wisconsin.gov

MEMO WEB SITE: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/policy>

Attachment: High-Cost Indian Juvenile Placements FY 2016 Application for Reimbursement

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Tribe/County: _____

High-Cost Indian Juvenile Placements
FY 2016 Application for Reimbursement

Instructions:

The purpose of this program is to reimburse tribes and counties for high-cost out-of-home placements for Indian juveniles adjudicated delinquent by a tribal court. Only out-of-home placement costs exceeding \$50,000 for a tribe or county are eligible for reimbursement.

Please list all eligible placements and the total placement cost incurred during FY 2016 (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016):

| Name | Time Period | Cost |
|------|----------------------------------|------------|
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| | Total Costs Incurred | \$ |
| | Subtract Threshold Amount | - \$50,000 |
| | Reimbursement Request: | \$ |

Contact Person:

Tribe/County: _____

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Return this completed form to DCF along with a copy of the tribal court delinquency order for each youth included in the request for reimbursement.

Return by email to the Juvenile Justice Policy Coordinator, at DCFJJ@wisconsin.gov by December 21, 2016.