



Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

Funding and Programs

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The 2021 Tribal Consultation Policy states: each agency shall create a list of programs and services available to Tribes, including an overview listed by agency division/bureau/section, with staff listing, contact information, and summary. Below are the DCF programs and funding opportunities that are available to Tribal Nations.

Program Name:	Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Tribal Allocations		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Grant		
Funding Cycle:	Federal Fiscal Year		
Description (Purpose):	CCDF Tribal Allocations can be used to provide child care subsidy services to their community members. There are three different allocations: 1. Administration 2. Certification 3. Fraud		
Target Population:	Low-income Tribal families and potential child care providers		
Program Requirements:	Tribal CCDF grantees will receive not less than 2% of discretionary CCDF funding		
Funding Stream(s):	Federal CCDF		
Match Requirement:	None		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DECE	DCF Contact Name:	David Timmerman David.Timmerman@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Payments		
Funding Cycle:	Ongoing		
Description (Purpose):	Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program is designed to support Wisconsin's early care and education community. Regulated child care providers will be eligible to receive monthly payments through June 2025, providing the financial stability they need to stay open, to recruit and retain qualified staff, and to continue providing high-quality care for children.		
Target Population:	Regulated child care providers		
Program Requirements:	Child care providers must be open and in good standing, caring for children, in compliance with background check requirements, in compliance with health and safety administrative rules, and repaying any overpayment owed from Wisconsin Shares or previous Child Care Counts rounds		

Funding Stream(s):	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Supplemental Discretionary CCDF State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds (SLFRF)		
Match Requirement:	None		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DECE	DCF Contact Name:	David Timmerman David.Timmerman@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	TEACH and REWARD		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Scholarships and Stipends		
Funding Cycle:	Ongoing		
Description (Purpose):	TEACH provides higher education scholarships to professionals who work in regulated early childhood and school age care settings in order to enhance educational qualifications of child care professionals. The REWARD Stipend Program provides salary supplements directly to eligible child care professionals based on both experience and education.		
Target Population:	Early care and education workforce		
Program Requirements:	To be eligible for TEACH, applicants must work at least 25 hours per week in a licensed child care program, have the support of your sponsoring program, have a diploma from an approved high school or have earned a GED, be employed by your sponsoring program for a minimum of 3 months prior to application, live and/or work in Wisconsin, plan to attend school at a Wisconsin-based college or university, and want to complete credit-based coursework. Eligibility for the REWARD Stipend Program is dependent upon specific employment, experience, and education requirements.		
Funding Stream(s):	Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)		
Match Requirement:	None		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DECE/BOY	DCF Contact Name:	Daria Hall Daria.hall@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Family Services Program (FSP)		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Grant		
Funding Cycle:	Annual		
Description (Purpose):	Tribes may use the FSP funds to provide a broad array of services to children and families. The FSP allocation is a block grant containing multiple state and federal funding sources designed to give tribes flexibility in serving children and families. The DCF FSP funds can be used in conjunction with FSP funds from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS)		
Target Population:	Children and families in need of domestic abuse, child welfare prevention or permanency, self-sufficiency, youth or childcare services. Tribes can choose up to six (6) target areas to spend FSP funds.		

Program Requirements:	Tribes must submit an annual grant application indicating the target areas that will be served and a detailed budget indicating how the FSP funds will be spent. Expenses must be reported to the DCF fiscal system. Tribes must submit an annual FSP progress report indicating the number of persons served and program outcomes for those persons.		
Funding Stream(s):	The FSP allocations include Tribal Gaming Funds, federal Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF also known as Title IV-B Part 2) and federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds. The tribal allocations are dependent on the state budget and federal PSSF and CSBG grant awards to Wisconsin.		
Capacity Building:	The DCF regional Area Administrators provide technical assistance to individual tribes on FSP applications, budgets, and annual reports.		
Match Requirement:	No tribal match is required for the FSP funds.		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DMS/Bureau of Regional Operations	DCF Contact Name:	Sarah Kate Johnson SarahKate.Johnson@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Technical Assistance to Tribes		
Program Type:	Tribes operate children and family services programs, including child welfare, childcare, child support and cash assistance services, either under contract with DCF or under a direct relationship with the federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). For state contract programs, DCF provides technical assistance and conducts program monitoring. For direct federal programs, DCF provides technical assistance and the opportunity for tribes to use state data systems to manage cases and meet data reporting requirements.		
Capacity Building:	The DCF Bureau of Regional Operations is available to provide technical assistance to tribes, including attending tribal meetings to discuss program issues and conducting monitoring for state contract programs. DCF central office staff may also participate in tribal meetings to discuss program issues, arrange for tribal access to state data systems, and offer tribes advice on their direct federal programs.		
Match Requirement:	N/A		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DMS/Bureau of Regional Operations	DCF Contact Name:	Sarah Kate Johnson SarahKate.Johnson@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Statewide Domestic Abuse Services		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Grant		
Funding Cycle:	Annual funding is available on a Calendar Year cycle; the current cycle is January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2027. A new, competitive RFP will be issued in summer 2027. The new contract will begin 1/1/28.		
Description (Purpose):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide accessible, trauma-sensitive, culturally-responsive crisis, safety and support services for victims/survivors of domestic abuse and their children; 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide accessible, effective, and culturally-appropriate services to survivors of domestic abuse from traditionally underserved groups and from across the life span; Educate the community about issues related to domestic abuse; Promote a coordinated community response to domestic abuse; and Promote the social change necessary to end domestic abuse. 		
Target Population:	Domestic abuse survivors/victims and their families		
Program Requirements:	Advocacy and Counseling; Information, Referral and Follow-up services; and Community Education. If Residential Services are being provided, program requirements also include 24-hour crisis line; temporary housing and food; arrangements for the education of school-age children; and emergency transportation to shelter.		
Funding Stream(s):	Federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) and state General Purpose Revenue (GPR)		
Match Requirement:	25% cash or in-kind requirement based on federal FVPSA funding requirements		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	Stacey Cicero Stacey.Cicero@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Domestic Violence Children's Programming		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Grant		
Funding Cycle:	Annual funding is available on a Calendar Year cycle; current cycle is January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2025. A new, competitive RFP will be issued in summer 2025. The new contract will start January 1, 2026.		
Description (Purpose):	Provide services to children and youth exposed to domestic violence and their protective parents or to serving victims of teen dating violence		
Target Population:	Children and youth exposed to domestic violence or victims of teen dating violence		
Program Requirements:	Survey collection from program participants		
Funding Stream(s):	State GPR		
Match Requirement:	25% cash or in-kind requirement based on state statutory requirements		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	Stacey Cicero Stacey.Cicero@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Domestic Abuse Services to Traditionally Underrepresented Populations		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Grant		
Funding Cycle:	The anticipated contract start date is January 1, 2025, and shall continue through December 31, 2025. By mutual agreement of DCF and the Contractor, the contract may be renewed up to four (4) additional 1-year periods and shall be subject to satisfactory performance and continued availability of funds.		

Description (Purpose):	<p>The goals of the Domestic Abuse Services to Traditionally Underrepresented Populations grants are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to provide accessible, trauma-sensitive, and culturally- and linguistically appropriate services to traditionally underrepresented victims/survivors of domestic abuse; • to identify and eliminate barriers to safety and enhance services for traditionally underrepresented victims/survivors of domestic abuse; • to promote the leadership of individuals and communities from traditionally underrepresented populations in the planning, delivery, and evaluation of domestic abuse services and in formulating community responses to domestic abuse 		
Target Population:	<p>FVPSA defines underserved populations as “populations who face barriers in accessing and using victim services, and includes populations underserved because of geographic location, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, underserved racial and ethnic populations, and populations underserved because of special needs including language barriers, disabilities, immigration status, and age. Individuals with criminal histories due to victimization and individuals with substance use disorders and mental health issues are also included in this definition. The reference to racial and ethnic populations is primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups (as defined in section 1707(g) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300(u-6)(g)), which means American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos and Aleuts); Asian Americans; Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders; Blacks and Hispanics. The term “Hispanic” or “Latino” means individuals who origin is Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or any other Spanish-speaking country.</p>		
Program Requirements:	Survey collection from program participants		
Funding Stream(s):	State GPR		
Match Requirement:	25% cash or in-kind based on state statutory requirements		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	Stacey Cicero Stacey.Cicero@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Sexual Assault Support Services to Tribes		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	One time grant		
Funding Cycle:	Funding cycle began April 1, 2023; funds will be available until Sept 30, 2024. DCF is currently reviewing the funding, may extend contracts to September 30, 2025.		
Description (Purpose):	To provide support services to victims of sexual assault		
Target Population:	Victims of sexual assault		
Program Requirements:	Pending federal FVPSA criteria		
Funding Stream(s):	Federal FVPSA American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) funds		
Match Requirement:	none		

Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	Stacey Cicero Stacey.Cicero@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Family Foundations Home Visiting Program (FFHV)		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Annual funding is available on a Federal Fiscal Year cycle; there will be a multiple year contract period beginning with FFY 2026 with RFP to be issued in early 2025		
Funding Cycle:	Contracts are awarded on a Federal Fiscal Year cycle October 1 – September 30		
Description (Purpose):	Through the state's FFHV program, local Lead Implementing Agencies (LIAs) aim to improve maternal, child, and family outcomes in at-risk communities through the provision of voluntary, high-quality, evidence-based home visiting programming and coordination with needed services.		
Target Population:	<p>Eligible families who reside in communities in need of such services, as identified in the statewide needs assessment, taking into account the staffing, community resources, and other requirements to operate at least one approved model of home visiting and demonstrate improvements for eligible families as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-income families; • Families with pregnant women who have not attained age 21; • Families that have a history of child abuse or neglect or have had interactions with child welfare services; • Families that have a history of substance abuse or need substance abuse treatment; • Families that have users of tobacco products in the home; • Families that are or have children with low student achievement; • Families with children with developmental delays or disabilities; and Families that include individuals who are serving or formerly served in the Armed Forces, including such families that have members of the Armed Forces who have had multiple deployments outside of the United States. 		
Program Requirements:	<p>FFHV program requests implementation by an LIA of one of the following approved Evidenced Based Home Visiting Models:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Families of America • Parents as Teachers • Nurse Family Partnership • Early Head Start Home Visiting • Family Spirit 		
Funding Stream(s):	<p>DCF braids funding from the following sources for the FFHV program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State General Purpose Revenue (GPR) • Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) • Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Federal Grant 		
Match Requirement:	25% cash or in-kind match		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	FFHV Program Coordinator: Terri Enters Terri2.Enters@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Targeted Safety Supports Funding (TSSF)		

Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	Annual funding is available to all county and tribal child welfare agencies. In the spring prior to the start of a federal fiscal year funding cycle, tribal child welfare agencies must select which funding they'd like to receive (IV-E only or TANF + IV-E).		
Description (Purpose):	TSSF can be used when a County or Tribal Child Welfare Agency finds that a child is unsafe, but a plan is implemented to keep the child in their home. Funding provided by TSSF is available to participating agencies to support services, both formal and informal, during the critical phases of protective and safety planning intervention.		
Target Population:	Families with children who have been identified to be unsafe who could remain in their family homes through the implementation of protective or safety plan put in place to ensure child safety.		
Program Requirements:	TSSF is available for agencies to be reimbursed the cost of select services used during in-home protective and safety planning intervention.		
Funding Stream(s):	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and federal IV-E revenue.		
Match Requirement:	9.89% local cash match requirement required by state statute (for TANF only); no match required for IV-E funds.		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	Kat Kosmaule Kathryn.Kosmaule@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Prevention and Early Intervention Grants		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	July 1 – June 30		
Description (Purpose):	The goal of the Prevention and Early Intervention Grants is to expand prevention services aimed at reducing the contact families may have with the child welfare system and preventing the removal of children from their homes. Given the long-term impact that child maltreatment can have on a child's life, these grants expand the child abuse and neglect prevention service array through the implementation of evidence-based programs or evidence-informed innovative strategies to meet a community's specific needs.		
Target Population:	<p>The target population eligible for Prevention and Early Intervention services will be any of the following populations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parents or relatives caring for children who are at risk of contact with the child welfare system or in contact with the child welfare system and have a child at risk of removal from the home. 2. Children who are at risk of contact with the child welfare system or are in contact with the child welfare system and are at risk of being removed from their home; or 3. Pregnant or parenting youth in out of home care. 		
Program Requirements:	Programs will submit an annual grant application indicating the target areas that will be served and a detailed budget indicating how the funds will be spent. Expenses must be reported to the DCF fiscal system. Programs must submit a quarterly report		

	indicating the number of persons served and program outcomes for those persons along with any other pertinent information to the grant.		
Funding Stream(s):	The funding for this contract is part of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) federal block received by the state of Wisconsin and administered through the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. As such, funding may not be carried over at the end of the budget period into a subsequent funding period.		
Match Requirement:	10%		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	Lisa Hanks lisa.hanks1@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Connections Count		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	July 1 – June 30		
Description (Purpose):	Connections Count is a Prevention-Intervention outreach and resource referral program aimed at vulnerable young families. The purpose of the Connections Count program is: (1) to improve and sustain the connectedness of vulnerable families with young children to ongoing formal and natural supports; and (2) to assist these families with accessing benefits and services that could meet their needs. The project targets high need areas in order to reach families with children at risk of child abuse or neglect. It is a voluntary program with individualized services based on each family's needs. The program will address immediate short-term needs as well as facilitate long lasting connections for families that help them to build social capital to support economic and social-emotional stability.		
Target Population:	Vulnerable families with children under the age of 18 in high-needs communities or neighborhoods that are at risk of experiencing abuse or neglect. A special emphasis is put on seeking out families who may not be connected to systems or services yet, and who may be in need of connections to informal supports as well as formal supports.		
Program Requirements:	<p>The agency must collect and report demographic, performance measure, and program data in accordance with federal, state, and grant requirements. A quarterly report and annual report template will be provided to the agencies. Agencies will be required to pull provide data summaries, on a quarterly basis, of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family goals: type of goals set, how many completed, how many not completed and why • Participant survey results and feedback, if available at end of quarter • Results of initial and follow up assessments, if available at end of quarter • Data from follow up interview phone calls at 6 months after program completion 		
Funding Stream(s):	The funding for this contract is part of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) federal block received by the state of Wisconsin and administered through the		

	Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. As such, funding may not be carried over at the end of the budget period into a subsequent funding period.		
Match Requirement:	10%		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	Ricky Ferrari Traner richard.ferraritraner@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Brighter Futures Initiative (BFI) Program		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Grant		
Funding Cycle:	3 year		
Description (Purpose):	The purpose of BFI is to promote healthy families and youth; school success for youth; youth safety in their families and communities; and successful navigation from adolescence to adulthood.		
Target Population:	The target population for BFI programs is youth between the ages of 12 and 21 in or at risk of entering the child welfare or juvenile justice system.		
Program Requirements:	<p>The goal of BFI is to help youth achieve their maximum potential by using a community-based, positive youth development approach to increase adolescent self-sufficiency while preventing pregnancy, substance abuse, delinquency, and child abuse and neglect.</p> <p>The Initiative supports evidence-based prevention strategies focusing on the following legislative outcomes set forth in s. 48.545, Wis. Stats., Brighter Futures Initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent and reduce the incidence of youth violence and other delinquent behavior; • Prevent and reduce the incidence of youth alcohol and other drug use and abuse; • Prevent and reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect; • Prevent and reduce the incidence of non-marital pregnancy and increase the use of abstinence to prevent non-marital pregnancy; and • Increase adolescent self-sufficiency by encouraging high school graduation, vocational preparedness, improved social and other interpersonal skills and responsible decision-making. 		
Funding Stream(s):	Three sources of funding, state General Purpose Revenue (GPR), federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and federal Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant (SAPTBG) are blended for BFI funding.		
Match Requirement:	15%		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BYS	DCF Contact Name:	Faith Price Faith.Price1@Wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Independent Living (IL)		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	Federal Fiscal Year		

Description (Purpose):	Supports and services to qualifying youth in out-of-home care or aged out of out-of-home care to support their needs/goals to become stable and self-sufficient adults. Broadly, this relates to services/supports in the areas of employment, education, housing, health and well-being, and permanent connections.		
Target Population:	IL-eligible youth ages 14-23; tribes may elect to serve a subset of qualifying population.		
Program Requirements:	<p>The program has the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth input into programs • Collaboration with stakeholders • Creation of annual budget and annual work plan • Biannual outcome reporting 		
Funding Stream(s):	Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (Chafee program)		
Match Requirement:	20%		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BYS	DCF Contact Name:	Greta Munns Margaret.Munns@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Independent Living (IL), including Education and Training Voucher (ETV) funds		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Referral to Transition Resource Agencies (TRAs)		
Funding Cycle:	For TRAs, calendar year		
Description (Purpose):	Youth who are IL-eligible following discharge from care and primarily served by a tribal child welfare agency may access additional independent living supports via one of the state's seven TRAs. This includes supports and services related to the areas of employment, education, housing, health and well-being, and permanent connections. Specific to postsecondary education, eligible youth may access Education and Training Voucher (ETV) funds via the TRAs. This financial assistance, also known in Wisconsin as Brighter Star, is intended to help reduce the financial burden for qualifying youth enrolled in postsecondary education/training.		
Target Population:	Aged out youth ages 18-23 for general IL supports and/or ETV funding.		
Program Requirements:	For Independent Living & Education and Training Voucher funds, Tribal Child Welfare Agencies refer youth to a Transition Resource Agency (TRA) using the Tribal Child Welfare IL and Brighter Star Referral Guide. For a youth to qualify for Education Training Voucher funds, they must be IL-eligible and their program/institution must meet funding requirements. TRAs must work with the youth receiving ETV to develop the youth's education plan.		
Funding Stream(s):	Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (Chafee program)		
Match Requirement:	None		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BYS	DCF Contact Name:	Kelsey Hill KelseyR.Hill@wisconsin.gov

Program Name:	Runaway and Homeless Youth Program (RHY)		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	RHY runs calendar year (CY), i.e. Jan-Dec for regional RHY programs		
Description (Purpose):	<p>To reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness and prevent homelessness by ensuring that youth and their families have the services they need. The goals of the program include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe & stable housing • Increase permanent connections • Support self-sufficiency • Improve health outcomes 		
Target Population:	<p>Youth and young adults ages 12-21 who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have run away • Are At-Risk of Running Away • Are Homeless • Imminent Risk of Becoming Homeless 		
Program Requirements:	<p>The following are program requirements for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report outcomes to DCF annually and biannually, via HMIS and via outcomes reports submitted via SPARC • Comply with site visits at least once every three years by DCF staff • Staff must meet qualifications to provide services (i.e. background checks, training, etc.) • Funds cannot supplant current salaries • Consistent targeted intake assessments must be completed • Grantee must meet goals listed above under "Description (Purpose)" 		
Funding Stream(s):	CFDA No 93.645 (Fed) & \$50,000 GPR (State)		
Match Requirement:	15% match required for awarded contracts		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BYS	DCF Contact Name:	Faith Price Faith.Price1@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Support Services for Sex Trafficking Survivors		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	Fiscal Year		
Description (Purpose):	The purpose is to provide support to survivors of sex trafficking via the following services: case management, support groups, mentoring, advocacy and accompaniment, multidisciplinary team coordination, or other related and complementary services, including culturally relevant methods of care.		
Target Population:	Adolescents and/or young adults up to age 21 who have experienced sex trafficking while under the age of 18.		
Program Requirements:	Programs will be required to provide DCF with a concise summary documenting accomplishments, outreach efforts, program evaluation and outcomes monthly.		

Funding Stream(s):	State GPR appropriation 190		
Match Requirement:	None		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BYS	DCF Contact Name:	Asia Jackson Asia.Jackson@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Sex Trafficking Survivors and Caregiver Support Services		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	Fiscal Year		
Description (Purpose):	The purpose is to provide support to survivors of sex trafficking via the following services: case management, support groups, mentoring, advocacy and accompaniment, multidisciplinary team coordination, or other related and complementary services, including culturally relevant methods of care. Services for caregivers of youth who have experienced sex trafficking are also eligible services. Those services include: a caregiver hotline, caregiver or parent advocates, providing training and support for caregivers using existing programs or curricula, developing training and resources for caregivers.		
Target Population:	Adolescents and/or young adults up to age 21 who have experienced sex trafficking while under the age of 18 and their caregivers.		
Program Requirements:	Programs will be required to provide DCF with a concise summary documenting accomplishments, outreach efforts, program evaluation and outcomes monthly.		
Funding Stream(s):	State GPR appropriation 190		
Match Requirement:	None		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BYS	DCF Contact Name:	Asia Jackson Asia.Jackson@Wisconsin.Gov
Program Name:	Increasing and Improving Services for Youth who have Experienced Sex Trafficking (Regions 3,4,5,6)		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	Fiscal Year		
Description (Purpose):	To provide support to survivors of sex trafficking via the following services: case management, support groups, mentoring, advocacy and accompaniment, or other related and complementary services, including culturally relevant methods of care. Services for caregivers of youth who have experienced sex trafficking are also eligible services. All programs must include a multidisciplinary team (MDT) component which can be achieved either through participation of an existing, or coordination of, an MDT and include a part-time or full-time coordinator to facilitate or participate in an MDT.		
Target Population:	Adolescents and/or young adults up to age 21 who have experienced sex trafficking while under the age of 18 and their caregivers.		

Program Requirements:	Programs will be required to provide DCF with a concise summary documenting accomplishments, outreach efforts, program evaluation and outcomes monthly.		
Funding Stream(s):	State GPR appropriation 190		
Match Requirement:	None		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BYS	DCF Contact Name:	Asia Jackson Asia.Jackson@Wisconsin.Gov
Program Name:	Tribal/State Title IV-E Pass-Through Agreements		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	Quarterly (based on DCF Title IV-E Claiming Cycle)		
Description (Purpose):	Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or Tribal Consortiums can request to develop an agreement with the state to administer all or part of a Title IV-E program on behalf of Indian children under the authority of the tribe, tribal organization, or tribal consortium. The scope of specific agreements may include claiming for administrative costs, foster care maintenance, guardianship, or adoption assistance payments on behalf of children who are placed in state or tribally licensed foster family homes. The department will also coordinate with any Tribe interested in a direct Tribal/Federal IV-E agreement to ensure tribal access to resources for administration, training, and data collection available under title IV-E.		
Target Population:	Tribal children who are placed in state or tribally licensed foster family homes or being served in the family home to prevent a child's removal from his or her home		
Program Requirements:	A signed Tribal/State Title IV-E Financial Agreement, submission of quarterly cost reports, and participation in a Title IV-E Tribal Time Study		
Funding Stream(s):	Title IV-E		
Match Requirement:	Reimbursement based: tribes submit expenses, receive contracted % of reimbursement		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BCRA	DCF Contact Name:	DCF IV-E Program Dcfiv-eprogram@wisconsin.gov https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/title4e
Program Name:	High-Cost Pool Fund		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Cost reimbursement		
Funding Cycle:	Calendar Year		
Description (Purpose):	Reimburses counties and tribes for the placement costs of high-cost placements of Indian children.		
Target Population:	Indian children placed in out-of-home care by a Tribal Court that is in Wisconsin.		
Program Requirements:	Counties and tribes are eligible to receive reimbursement for unexpected or unusually high-costs for out-of-home care placements of Indian children who are under the jurisdiction of tribal courts. High-Cost is statutorily defined to mean out-of-home care		

	placements that exceeds \$50,000. There is a total of \$642,500/fiscal year allocated for the program that is dispersed through a prorated system.		
Match Requirement:	None		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/AO	DCF Contact Name:	Tania Cornelius Tania.Cornelius@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Adoption Assistance (AA)		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract – AA is established through a written contract, known as the Adoption Assistance Agreement between the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, and adoptive parent(s).		
Funding Cycle:	State fiscal year		
Description (Purpose):	Adoption Assistance is a supportive resource for children who have been adopted and their families. AA provides Foster Care Medicaid and the chance to apply for a one-time reimbursement for adoption-related expenses. Some families may also qualify for a monthly adoption assistance subsidy. AA is established prior to the finalization of an adoption, including adoptions finalized either by a circuit court or tribal court (tribal or customary adoption).		
Target Population:	Families adopting children with special care needs as defined in <u>Wis. Admin. Code § DCF 50.09(1)(b)</u> . This includes Indian children, as defined by <u>Wi. Stat. § 48.02(8m)</u> as well as children adopted through tribal customary adoption.		
Program Requirements:	Child must be eligible per <u>Wis. Admin. Code § DCF 50.09</u> for an adoptive family to receive adoption assistance.		
Funding Stream(s):	IV-E and GPR		
Match Requirement:	None		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BPOHC	DCF Contact Name:	Jennifer Sailer Jennifer.sailer@wisconsin.gov
Program Name	Tribal Administered Subsidized Guardianship		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	Federal fiscal year		
Description (Purpose):	Subsidized Guardianship supports the legal permanence option of guardianship (s. 48.977 or a tribal court order that is substantially similar) by allowing the guardian to continue receiving a monthly payment to offset the costs of caring for the child.		
Target Population:	Eligible placements seeking to achieve permanency through guardianship.		
Program Requirements:	There are eligibility criteria for the child and prospective guardian as defined in <u>Wis. Admin. Code § DCF 55.03</u> . Tribes must determine that the eligibility criteria are met prior to the guardianship being established. Tribes must enter qualifying expenses monthly in SPARC by the 23rd of the month. On an annual basis, Tribes are required to complete the contract monitoring template by December 31st for the prior fiscal year (October 1st – September 30th).		

Funding Stream(s):	Tribal Gaming Revenue		
Match Requirement:	None		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BPOHC	DCF Contact Name:	Britny Isaacs Britny.Isaacs@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Kinship Care		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Each Tribe is allocated funds each year to run the Kinship Care Program. Contract amounts are based on the previous contract period's reported caseloads and any children who were waitlisted. Tribes may be reimbursed for over expenditures reported in SPARC if there are funds available. The Department may reallocate funds at contract closeout based on underspending reported in SPARC. Agencies receive allocations that fall into two categories: (1) the "benefit" which is used only for the \$375 monthly payments for each child, and (2) "assessment" which are costs incurred for kinship care assessment activities.		
Funding Cycle:	Fed Fiscal Year for tribes		
Description (Purpose):	Kinship care is a program designed to help support a child who resides with family and like-kin outside of his or her own home due to neglect or abuse, either temporarily or long-term.		
Target Population:	Family members caring for their minor relative either voluntarily or through a court-order.		
Program Requirements:	Relatives and like-kin caregivers must be eligible per DCF 58. This includes all adults (18+) in the home completing required criminal background checks and may be denied based on findings; any barred offenses will require the applicant to request a review from the kinship care agency. Cooperation with the agency is required. An application and home visit are required, as is an annual review of eligibility. See DCF 58 for additional eligibility details.		
Funding Stream(s):	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)		
Match Requirement:	None		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BPOHC	DCF Contact Name:	Holly Telfer Holly.Telfer@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Foster Parent Grants		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Grant		
Funding Cycle:	State Fiscal Year		
Description (Purpose):	2017 Wisconsin Act 260 provides \$400,000 in funding per fiscal year to the Department of Children and Families for grants to counties, nonprofit organizations, or Tribes for the purpose of supporting foster parents and providing normalcy for children in out-of-home care. Qualifying expenses may include incentives for the retention of foster parents, enhancing foster parent education, and reimbursing foster parents for foster care related expenses.		

Target Population:	<p>Funding may be used to provide support to relatives/like-kin caregivers and non-relative foster parents providing care to children placed through child welfare. Agencies may apply for funding in one or more of the following three topic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentives for the retention of relatives/like-kin caregivers and non-relative foster parents • Relative/like-kin and non-relative foster parent training activities; or • Reimbursement to relatives/like-kin caregivers and non-relative foster parents for child specific related expenses that allow for normalcy opportunities for children in out-of-home care. 		
Program Requirements:	Agencies that are awarded the grant must submit an exit summary to the Department by September 1 st each year following the end of the grant cycle.		
Funding Stream(s):	GPR		
Match Requirement:	None		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BPOHC	DCF Contact Name:	Jennifer Sailer DCFDSPPGeneralFosterCare@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Relative Caregiver Support Grants (Kinship Navigator)		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Grant		
Funding Cycle:	October 1 – September 30		
Description (Purpose):	<p>DCF applies to ACF annually to receive funding to maintain and enhance Wisconsin's Kinship Navigator Program. Part of DCF's Kinship Navigator funding is allocated to support county, tribal, and community non-profit agencies with grants to engage with relative and like-kin caregivers throughout the state and assist them in obtaining benefits and services to meet their family's specific needs and the needs of the children they are raising. Awarded agencies may be reimbursed by DCF for qualifying expenses under this grant that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs associated with concrete supports such as bus passes, gas vouchers or grocery store cards, and school fees when they are used to help relative caregivers access benefits and services to meet their needs and the needs of the children they are raising. These funds can also be used to promote normalcy and support the child and families' access to and participation in extracurricular, cultural, or family engagement activities. • Costs associated with brief legal services to assist relative caregivers in learning about, finding and using programs and services to meet their needs and the needs of the children they are raising, which may include supporting any activities designed to assist relative caregivers in obtaining benefits and services to improve their caregiving. This includes, but is not limited to, helping caregivers with court fees, obtaining legal representation for, or consultation on, permanency options, creating reasonable visitation plans, and preparing wills or power of attorney documents. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs associated with maintaining existing programs and services for relative caregivers, such as support groups. • Costs associated with outreach and print materials to engage relative caregivers in the plan's activities. • Staffing costs associated with preparation and coordination of the plan's activities. • Costs associated with childcare needs for each activity. • Costs associated with venue rental fees for each activity. • Costs associated with food and beverage for each activity; not to exceed allowable costs for state rate meals per individual attending. 		
Target Population:	Relative and like-kin caregivers of minor children throughout Wisconsin.		
Program Requirements:	Agencies that are awarded this grant will be expected to submit a semiannual summary report to DCF that outlines how they utilized their allocated funding for that time period and its effectiveness as measured by the agency. Agencies that are awarded this grant must agree to document expenses in SPARC monthly, on or before the 23 rd date of the month following the month for which reimbursement is being claimed. Awarded agencies must report all expenses for reimbursement within 60 calendar days of the end of the contract period.		
Funding Stream(s):	Title IV-B, subpart 2 of the Social Security Act		
Match Requirement:	None		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BPOHC	DCF Contact Name:	Britny Isaacs & Holly Telfer Britny.Isaacs@wisconsin.gov Holly.Telfer@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Tribal Domestic Violence (DV) Program Training and Technical Assistance Services (New)		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	October 1, 2025, until September 30, 2030		
Description (Purpose):	The goal of this new grant will be to provide specialized training and technical assistance (Training and TA) to tribal agencies that provide domestic violence services. The tribal training and TA provider will assist tribal agencies to carry out the goals of the DCF domestic abuse service grants, including but not limited to allowable services defined in the tribal domestic abuse program contract scopes of service, reporting requirements, and expenditure reimbursement requirements.		
Target Population:	Tribal agencies providing DV services.		
Program Requirements:	The tribal training and TA provider must be able to provide training on domestic violence topics, including current best practices, the judicial system and legal considerations (including relevant changes in federal and state law), culturally specific approach to supporting victims and survivors, and other topics identified by tribal DV agencies and/or DCF. In addition, the tribal training and TA provider, with necessary guidance and support from DCF, will be responsible to assist tribal domestic violence programs with program budgeting, allowable services, expenditure		

	claiming including the use of DCF's system for payment and reports of contracts (SPARC), grant reporting, spending down grant funding, training program leadership, and providing staff training on various programmatic topics and providing technical assistance to local domestic abuse programs, as needed. Finally, the tribal training and TA provider will be responsible for conducting a formal training and TA needs assessment with tribal DV programs and working with DCF staff to use results to plan for future training topics and TA support priorities.		
Funding Stream(s):	Federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) grant funds		
Match Requirement:	None		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	Ricky Ferrari Traner richard.ferraritraner@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Statewide DV Program Training and Technical Assistance Services (New)		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2030		
Description (Purpose):	The goal of this new grant will be to provide specialized training and technical assistance (training and TA) to agencies across the state that have contracts with DCF to provide domestic violence services. The statewide training and TA provider will assist agencies to carry out the goals of the DCF domestic abuse service grants, including but not limited to allowable services defined in the tribal domestic abuse program contract scopes of service, reporting requirements, and expenditure reimbursement requirements.		
Target Population:	Public and private agencies across the state providing DV services with funding from the federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) grant, state General Purpose Revenue, and other potential funding sources administered by the Wisconsin Department and Children and Families (DCF).		
Program Requirements:	The statewide training and TA provider must be able to provide training on domestic violence topics, including current best practices, the judicial system and legal considerations (including relevant changes in federal and state law), the impacts of domestic violence on people, and other topics identified by local DV agencies and/or DCF. In addition, the statewide training and TA provider, with necessary guidance and support from DCF, will be responsible to assist to tribal domestic violence programs will be needed on program budgeting, allowable services, expenditure claiming including the use of DCF's system for payment and reports of contracts (SPARC), grant reporting, spending down grant funding, training program leadership, and providing staff training on various programmatic topics, and providing technical assistance to local domestic abuse programs, as needed. Finally, the statewide training and TA provider will be responsible for conducting a formal training and TA needs assessment with local tribal domestic abuse programs and working with DCF staff to use results to plan for future training topics and TA support priorities.		
Funding Stream(s):	State GPR & federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) grant funds.		
Match Requirement:	25%		

Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	Ricky Ferrari Traner richard.ferraritraner@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Family First Transition Funds		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	One-time contract		
Funding Cycle:	July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025		
Description (Purpose):	<p>The funds must be used for utilizing community-based services to accomplish the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protecting and promoting the welfare of all children and youth and their families. - Preventing the neglect, abuse or exploitation of children and youth and their families. - Supporting at-risk children, youth, and their families through services which allow families to remain intact, including relative supports. 		
Target Population:	Family First funds may be used to cover the costs of formal and informal supports and resources provided to children, youth and their families who are being served by local child protective service and youth justice systems prior to or to prevent the need for ongoing case management services or to expedite or stabilize a child or youth's reunification to their family home.		
Program Requirements:	Recipients must report costs accurately and timely.		
Funding Stream(s):	Federal Family First Transition Act (FFTA) grant funding		
Match Requirement:	None		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	Kat Kosmaule Kathryn.Kosmaule@wisconsin.gov