Tribal Fiscal Support

In November 2024, DCF scheduled a listening session to outreach to Tribal fiscal and grant staff across programs to hear about what is working and not working for tribal partners in accessing and expending DCF funding. The goal of the discussion was to consider how DCF can better meet the needs of Tribal Nations regarding grant spending and reporting. DCF also provided an overview of available resources.

As a result of the discussion, DCF staff outlined the following top 4 priorities to support Tribal fiscal operations:

- 1. Create a distribution list of Tribal finance partners
- 2. Create a resource website for Tribal grants and contracts
- 3. Virtual trainings and resource sessions
- 4. Annual Tribal Program and Finance Listening Session

As of the end of February 2025, DCF has completed creation of a distribution list of Tribal finance partners and initiated a series of 7 virtual training and resource sessions across six different fiscal and grant topics; see the flier for the fiscal training and technical assistance sessions. DCF staff are beginning work on development of a resource website and plan for the second annual listening session in 2025.

Tribal Fiscal Training and Resource Sessions

Virtual Training & Technical Assistance to Tribal Program and Fiscal Staff



The Department of Children and Families is excited to offer a virtual training and technical assistance series to tribal grant and fiscal staff in 2025. This series will:

- Provide a series of training and technical assistance sessions to Tribal Program and Fiscal staff to:
 - Support knowledge of program areas and funding sources.
 - Increase understanding of grant application, parameters and exclusions.
- Provide a forum for questions and answers.

Trainings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month from 3-4pm, in January through July 2025.

Audience: Tribal program, fiscal and support staff

Presentations will include:

- Overview of program/area
- · Allowable activities and exclusions
- · Examples of successful use of funds
- Discussion

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General Calendar and Topics

- January 28: SPARC
- **February 25:** Domestic Abuse Services
- March 25: Independent Living
- April 22: Kinship Care
- May 27: Targeted Safety Services Funding (TSSF)
- June 24: Family Services
 Program (FSP)
- July 22: Final Questions & Answers

