

# California Department of Social Services

Children and Family Services Division | System of Care Branch  
Foster Care Rates and Outcomes Bureau







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## OTHER COMPLEX CARE FUNDS

Assembly Bill 153 (Chapter 153, Statutes of 2021)

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## Capacity Building Plans/Funds



Ways CDSS  
Can Help

- The CDSS can offer technical assistance on:
  - Developing Capacity Plans.
  - Working with Tribes on engagement.
  - Technical Assistance for individual cases.

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Child Specific Funding  
Requests

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AB 153 – Child  
Specific Funds

- AB 153 -- \$18.1 million dollars annually (ACL 21-119).
- Children in foster care with complex needs.
- Consult with Tribes for tribal children.
- FY 21/22 and 22/23 funds were allocated based on the number of Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) placements in the county's jurisdiction.

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Submitting a Child Specific Funding Request

- All requests must have a recommendation basis
- Qualified individual (QI)
  - Technical assistance provided by CDSS
  - Clinical determination of an interagency placement committee (IPC)
  - Regional center assessments
  - Child and family teams recommendations (must include a clinician's agreeing to recommendation)
  - Educational Assessments
  - Psychological/Psychiatric assessments
  - Medical Assessments

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Submitting a Child Specific Funding Request Continued

- Develop a plan to address the needs identified by the qualifying child specific assessments.
  - If this is a tribal youth, consult/engage with the tribe in the development of the plan.
- Complete the Child Specific Funding Request Template attached to ACIN [I-03-23](#) and submit to [ratespolicy@dss.ca.gov](mailto:ratespolicy@dss.ca.gov).
- To submit an invoice after approval:
  - Complete the invoice form using the Reference Number provided in the approval letter.
  - Invoices can only be submitted after the services were rendered. If one time cost, can be submitted earlier but AFTER service provided.

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NOTE:

- Please note child specific funding cannot be used to pay for:
  - County staff who are already reimbursed through the time study process.
  - Shelter Care.
  - Youth placed in the home of a parent or guardian.
  - To supplant existing funding (such as AFDC-FC, Medi-Cal, Mental Health).

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Funding  
Limitations

- The funds do not rollover. If they are not expended, they are lost.
- Counties have 18 months after the end of the FY to claim the funds. However, the actual expenditure has to occur during the relevant FY.
- Example: County placed child in STRTP of 1 in February of 2022. Probation can submit a claim for these funds up to December 31, 2023.

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Posted  
Guidance—  
Capacity  
Building

- ACL 21-143
  - Capacity Building funding opportunity, requirements and guidelines
- CFL 21-22-54
  - Capacity Building Allocation
- CFL 21/22-68
  - Claiming Instructions For Capacity Building Administrative Activities

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Posted  
Guidance—  
Child Specific

- ACL 21-119
  - Child specific funding opportunity, requirements and guidelines
- CFL 21-22-35
  - Child Specific Funding Allocation FY 21-22
- CFL 22-23-08
  - Child Specific Funding Allocation FY 22-23
- ACIN I-03-23
  - Updated Child Specific Request Form and Additional Information

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