

FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM

ADDENDUM to FNCFS Information Bulletin 2025-001-E Management of Unexpended Funds

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This is an update to the February 25, 2025 Information Bulletin to First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) recipients on managing unexpended FNCFS Program funding from current or previous fiscal years (Bulletin 2025-001-E).

Additional Details

Vehicles

Vehicle purchases remain eligible under CHRT 41. FNCFS agencies and First Nations can access funding for vehicle purchases as part of 2021 CHRT 41 to support FNCFS activities. Vehicle purchases are intended to enable recipients to carry out their daily operations and service delivery of the FNCFS Program. Vehicle purchases need to demonstrate a direct link to service delivery.

Unexpended funds can be used for vehicle purchases as part of an unexpended funding plan. Reallocation of unexpended funds to vehicle purchase or replacement are subject to the same restrictions outlined in Bulletin 2025-001-E. The purchase must be outlined within recipients' unexpended funding plan and submitted to the department. For example, in instances where a First Nation or FNCFS agency has unexpended prevention funding, the funds can be applied to a necessary vehicle purchase or replacement as part of an unexpended funding plan. ISC Regional offices are responsible for reviewing and approving these plans and requesting clarification if needed.

As part of the regional review of the funding requests, officers must check if the recipient has unexpended funds that could be applied to the expense. If this is the case, regional officials will evaluate the request and work with the recipient to fund the purchase as part of a revised unexpended funds plan where appropriate.

Building Repair and Maintenance

FNCFS agencies that have planned building renovations or repair projects that ensure FNCFS facilities comply with applicable fire, safety, and building codes and regulations can access 2018 CHRT 4 to cover eligible costs. The guidelines for in-year reallocation of funding and use of unexpended funding plans outlined in Bulletin 2025-001-E apply. When assessing claims for building repairs and maintenance, regional officers are required to review eligible claims alongside unexpended funding plans and to direct Agencies to use any unexpended operational funds before requesting additional operations funding.

If you have questions about this bulletin or its implementation, please contact your ISC regional office.