



## Board Action Report

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Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Funds from the Consolidated Appropriations Act for One-Time Supplemental Funds for the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood in the Amount of \$264,592

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### **BUDGET IMPACT**

Appropriate Federal revenues. No additional County funds.

### **BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT**

Increase Federal revenues by \$264,592 and appropriate \$264,592 into Special Programs account.

### **BACKGROUND**

The federal Administration of Children and Families (ACF) issued program instructions (ACYF-CB-PI- 21-04) noting that it had heard from many young people who are in or were in foster care that they had not benefited from previous COVID relief efforts including stimulus checks. The program instructions specifically allow a portion of the supplemental funding to be used to provide unrestricted one-time financial assistance to youth/young adults to assist them in meeting their needs during the pandemic. However, the flexibility to provide assistance in this way to eligible young adults expires on September 30, 2021. DHHS is instructing counties to provide assistance for this population of very vulnerable young adults, therefore, each county in North Carolina will receive a one-time increase in their LINKS allocation from the supplemental funding in the Consolidated Care Act.

### **POLICY IMPACT**

N/A

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Budget Change Request (BCR)