

Funding Agreement Implementation

Reformed First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Program in Ontario



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Purpose of the Presentation

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the changes to your Funding Agreement under the Reformed FNCFS Program in Ontario.

Agenda:

- What are the Changes to the Funding Agreement?
- Key changes under the FNCFS Funding Mechanism
- Eligibility for the FNCFS Funding Mechanism
- First Nation Planning
- Accountability for Agencies
- Current Status - Funding Agreement Implementation
- Annex A: Sections of the OFA Referred to in the Presentation

What are the Changes to the Funding Agreement?

The Ontario Final Agreement will introduce key changes to the Terms & Conditions of the Funding Agreement:

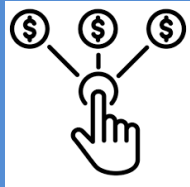
New FNCFS Funding Mechanism

- Reallocation of Funding
- Carry-Forward of Funding

Strengthening Program Delivery Requirements

- Accountability Measures
- Reporting Requirements
- Flexibility to redirect unexpended funds to First Nations, where appropriate.

Key Changes under FNCFS Funding Mechanism



Funding re-allocation

First Nations will be able to reallocate FNCFS funding as required to meet the needs outlined in their multi-year plan.

Agencies receiving prevention can only reallocate prevention for least disruptive measures.

Reallocation of funds for capital projects is permitted upon submission of a plan and its approval by ISC.



Carry-forward of unexpended funds

First Nations and Agencies may carry forward unexpended funds for next FY, subject to an approved spending plan

Extension of agreements may be granted if the recipient notifies ISC and submits their unexpended funding plan before the end of each FY.






Transfer of funding between recipients

Agencies may redirect FNCFS program funding to affiliated First Nations, to support their Housing objective

Redirection and funding transfers are subject to advance notification to ISC in writing

Eligibility to the FNCFS Funding Mechanism

General Assessment		
 Low Score	 Medium Score	 High Score
Recipient Eligible for FNCFS Funding Mechanism ISC may assist with building and maintaining capacity, as needed		Recipient Eligible for Fixed contribution Funding ISC will assist recipient in qualifying for FNCFS Funding Mechanism.

Accountability for Agencies

The OFA is designed to strengthen Agency accountability to the First Nations they serve

Planning

Co-developed Child and Community Wellbeing Plan

Agencies must work with their affiliated First Nation(s) to develop this plan, which will guide planning, design, and activities supporting FNCFS program funding. Plans are updated annually, and as priorities evolve or change.

Reporting

Activity and Financial Reporting

Agencies will report on the activities undertaken and the performance measurement indicators outlined in Appendix 2 of OFA and outlined in the Data collection instruments (DCIs).

Reporting to Stakeholders

Agencies must also collect specified data and report annually on community well-being indicators, particularly for children placed in out-of-home care

Agencies must report annually on indicators to their affiliated First Nation(s) and the Ontario FNCFS Data Secretariat.

Planning and Reporting for First Nations

The multi-year plan will allow for Nations to develop and deliver programs and services that meet their communities needs. ISC will provide long term funding, (beginning April 1, 2027) so First Nations are aware of future year allocations. Plans are due November 29th, 2026. Reporting due dates are outlined in the agreements.

Planning

Multi-year plan
 Plans will outline the activities and initiatives for prevention, First Nation Representative and post majority support services that First Nations will undertake, in alignment with the Program’s Terms and conditions. Plans are updated annually, and as priorities evolve or change.

Reporting

Activity Reporting
 First Nations will report on the activities undertook and the performance measurement indicators outlined in Appendix 2 of OFA and outlined in the Data collection instruments (DCIs).

Financial Reporting
 First Nations will provide their Annual Audited Financial Statement as well as an unexpended funding plan (if required) for any unspent funds.

Current Status – Funding Agreement Implementation

To deploy the Funding Agreement implementation, ISC has developed two (2) amendment templates:

- A template specific for the Agencies
 - A template specific for the First Nations
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- These templates include the provisions from the Appendix 6 of the OFA
 - The drafting of Funding Agreement amendments is currently underway. Recipients will begin receiving their respective amendment for review and signature.
 - Funding will be released based on the cashflow once ISC's receives the signed agreement.

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QUESTIONS?



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Annex A: Sections of the OFA Referred to in the Presentation

FNCFS Funding Mechanism and Key Changes :

- PART V – THE REFORMED FNCFS FUNDING APPROACH: INITIAL FUNDING PERIOD (E. FNCFS Funding Mechanism paragraphs 48-53)

Eligibility under FNCFS Funding Mechanism

- PART V – THE REFORMED FNCFS FUNDING APPROACH: INITIAL FUNDING PERIOD (E. FNCFS Funding Mechanism paragraph 49)

Planning:

- Part XIII – AGENCY ACCOUNTABILITY TO FIRST NATIONS IN RELATION TO THE REFORMED FNCFS PROGRAM (paragraph 108 to 119)

Reporting:

- Part XIII – AGENCY ACCOUNTABILITY TO FIRST NATIONS IN RELATION TO THE REFORMED FNCFS PROGRAM (Community-Wellness reporting paragraph 113 to 117)

Multi-year plans:

- PART V – THE REFORMED FNCFS FUNDING APPROACH: INITIAL FUNDING PERIOD (C. First Nations planning paragraphs 45 – 46 & Appendix 4)

Annex B: First Nation and FNCFS Agency Sample Funding Agreement Amendment Templates

First Nation Sample Funding
Agreement Amendment
Template



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FNCFS Agency Sample
Funding Agreement
Amendment Template



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