

**FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM  
INFORMATION BULLETIN  
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**Ontario Final Agreement: Key Dates and Claims Deadlines**

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Following the March 30, 2026, decision of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (Tribunal) approving the *Final Agreement on Long-Term Reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services Program in Ontario (Ontario Final Agreement)*, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is providing information on claim deadlines and other administrative changes as the Ontario Final Agreement approaches its effective date.

**Effective Date (Paragraphs 4(x), 294, 295)**

The effective date is defined in the [Ontario Final Agreement](#) (OFA) as 60 days after the Tribunal approves the OFA. The OFA's effective date will be **May 29, 2026**.

**Post-Majority Support Services (Paragraphs 44(f)(i), 54(g)(ii))**

As of May 29, 2026, ISC will begin to implement the Post-Majority Support Services funding approach described in the OFA. First Nations (or their Band Council Resolution-designated authorized service providers) will receive a direct annual allocation for these services **starting in the 2026-27 fiscal year**, and Post-Majority Support Services funding through the actuals process will end (including direct and indirect costs).

ISC will calculate a First Nation's 2026-27 allocation based on the OFA funding approach minus any Post-Majority Support Services funding provided to that First Nation in advance of the allocation. First Nations will be provided their full funding allocation for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

FNCFS Agencies may submit claims for eligible Post-Majority Support Services provided between April 1, 2026 and May 28, 2026. The deadline to submit claims for **2025-26** and for the period from **April 1, 2026, to May 28, 2026**, will be **September 20, 2026**.

**Capital Requests (2021 CHRT 41) (Paragraphs 44(e), 54(f)(ii)(iv), Appendix 11)**

As of May 29, 2026, ISC will begin the implementation of the co-developed capital process described in the OFA. Under the OFA, ISC will administer capital funding through the Priority Ranking Framework process. First Nations and authorized service providers, including FNCFS Agencies, will identify projects linked to the delivery of child and family services through their FNCFS First Nation Infrastructure Investment Plans and Agency Infrastructure Investment Plans. Capital projects are then evaluated and ranked based on need and Program objectives. In year one, the plans will be due by **November 29, 2026**, six months following the effective date.

As of May 29, 2026, ISC will no longer accept new capital requests in Ontario under the 2021 CHRT 41 order. Capital funding requests submitted **before the OFA effective date of May 29, 2026**, will continue to be assessed under the 2021 CHRT 41 process, even if ISC's assessment is not complete as of the effective date.

If a capital project is still at the pre-capital phase as of May 29, 2026, requests for design, construction, or completion funding will follow the new capital process. If a project has already been approved for design funding under the 2021 CHRT 41 approval process, requests for construction funding will not be subject to the full OFA capital process. ISC will approve such requests, if they are eligible and supported by sufficient documentation. They will only be ranked to determine the fiscal year in which the construction phase will be funded.

#### **2018 CHRT 4 Claims for Agency Operations (Paragraphs 18(b), 54(a)(ii))**

For fiscal year 2026-27, ISC will continue to fund FNCFS Agencies for actual eligible costs incurred for intake and investigation, legal fees, and building repairs through the current claims process until March 31, 2027, per the 2018 CHRT 4 decision. Starting April 1, 2027, agencies will transition to Baseline Funding, as outlined in the OFA. Additional information will be provided to support the transition.

The deadline for submitting claims for costs incurred in **2025-26** will be **September 20, 2026**.

The deadline for submitting claims for costs incurred in **2026-27** will be **September 20, 2027**.

#### **First Nation Representative Services (FNRS) On-Reserve Claims Deadline (Paragraphs 54(e)(i))**

For the 2026-27 fiscal year, ISC will continue to reimburse eligible on-reserve FNRS actual costs incurred up to March 31, 2027, pursuant to the 2018 CHRT 4 order and applicable Program requirements. To request additional funds, recipients must:

- Demonstrate that at least 75% of their existing FNRS on-reserve allocation has been expended; and
- Provide a plan outlining how the remaining 25% will be used.

The deadline for submitting claims for costs incurred in **2025-26** will be **September 20, 2026**.

The deadline for submitting claims for costs incurred in **2026-27** will be **September 20, 2027**.

## **FNCFS Agency Community and Child Wellbeing Plans and First Nation Multi-Year Plans**

The First Nation Multi-Year Plan details the planned use of FNCFS Program funding, including related service delivery activities, timelines and objectives.

The FNCFS Agency Community and Child Wellbeing Plan outlines the FNCFS Agency's service delivery plan for child protection and wellbeing services. This plan must be co-developed with the First Nations the agency serves to ensure it respects First Nations' goals and aligns with their service initiatives.

The deadline for submitting both the First Nations Multi-Year Plan and the FNCFS Agency Community and Child Wellbeing Plan is **November 29, 2026**.

For any claims questions, please contact the ISC Ontario regional office at [creancesdeschrt-chrtclaims@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:creancesdeschrt-chrtclaims@sac-isc.gc.ca) or for other enquiries, contact [sefpn-fncfs@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:sefpn-fncfs@sac-isc.gc.ca).

**Attached:** Reformed FNCFS Program in Ontario - Funding Timeline

# Reformed FNCFS Program in Ontario - Funding Timeline

Funding	April 1, 2026	May 29, 2026 - OFA Effective Date	April 1, 2027
<b>Baseline Funding</b>	<b>Continuation of Current Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocation from the Government of Ontario through the 1965 Agreement.</li> <li>Access to actual costs of Intake &amp; Investigation, Building Repairs, and Legal Fees from ISC to FNCFS Agencies.</li> </ul>	<b>No Change (Transition Year)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuation of current Program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocation from the Government of Ontario</li> <li>Access to actual costs of Intake &amp; Investigation, Building Repairs, and Legal Fees from ISC to FNCFS Agencies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Full Implementation of Reformed Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocation from the Government of Ontario through the 1965 Agreement.</li> <li>OFA predetermined allocation based on actual expenditures incurred in 2022–2023 for Intake &amp; Investigation, Building Repairs, and Legal Fees increased for population and inflation for FNCFS Agencies.</li> <li>The deadline for the submission of claims at actual cost related to the previous 2026/2027 fiscal year's expenditures is <b>September 20, 2027</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Top-Up Funding</b>	<b>Continuation of Current Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not applicable until the Effective Date.</li> </ul>	<b>Change to Reformed Program*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Top-Up funding will begin (<b>*prorated from May 29, 2026, to March 31, 2027</b>), and be adjusted for inflation and population growth, and if applicable, for remoteness per the RQAF methodology in the OFA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information Technology (provided to First Nations)</li> <li>Results (provided to First Nations)</li> <li>Emergency (split 50/50 between First Nation and FNCFS Agency)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Full Implementation of Reformed Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuation of fully implemented Top-Up funding.</li> </ul>
<b>Household Supports Funding</b>	<b>Continuation of Current Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not applicable until the Effective Date.</li> </ul>	<b>Change to Reformed Program*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Household Supports funding will begin (<b>*prorated from May 29, 2026, to March 31, 2027</b>).</li> <li>Predetermined allocation adjusted annually for inflation, and, if applicable, remoteness per the RQAF methodology in the OFA.</li> <li>Provided to First Nations.</li> </ul>	<b>Full Implementation of Reformed Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuation of fully implemented Household Supports funding.</li> </ul>
<b>Remoteness Adjustment</b>	<b>Continuation of Current Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current Remoteness Adjustment Formula (Remoteness Cost Adjustment Factor (RCAF)) applied to Prevention.</li> </ul>	<b>Change to Reformed Program*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where applicable, OFA Remoteness Quotient Adjustment Factor (RQAF) will be applied to (<b>*prorated from May 29, 2026, to March 31, 2027</b>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-Majority Support Services</li> <li>Top-Ups: Information Technology, Results, Emergency Funding</li> <li>Household Supports</li> </ul> </li> <li>First Nations with an Index Remoteness Score at or above 0.40 will receive remoteness.</li> <li>FNCFS Service Providers may receive remoteness based on whether their affiliated First Nation(s) qualify.</li> <li>RQAF will be applied to FNRS and Prevention in 2027-28 allocation.</li> </ul>	<b>Full Implementation of Reformed Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuation of fully implemented OFA Remoteness Adjustment Formula (Remoteness Quotient Adjustment Factor (RCAF)) applied to all applicable funding streams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevention</li> <li>First Nation Representative Services</li> <li>Post-Majority Support Services</li> <li>Top-Ups: Information Technology, Results, Emergency Funding</li> <li>Household Supports</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Prevention Funding</b>	<b>Continuation of Current Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$2,500 adjusted for inflation (\$2708.73 for 2026/2027), population, and current remoteness adjustment (RCAF).</li> <li>Or a minimum of \$75,000 adjusted for inflation and current remoteness adjustment (RCAF).</li> </ul>	<b>No Change (Transition Year)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuation of current Program.</li> </ul>	<b>Full Implementation of Reformed Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$2,500 adjusted for inflation (estimated \$2,762.90 for 2027/2028), population, and remoteness per the RQAF methodology in the OFA.</li> <li>Or a minimum of \$75,000 adjusted for inflation and remoteness per the RQAF methodology in the OFA.</li> </ul>
<b>First Nation Representative Services Funding</b>	<b>Continuation of Current Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocation based on highest amount of: FNRS funding received in 2019-2020, or 2020-2021, or 2021-2022 OR \$407.84 per capita based on registered population residing on-reserve or on Crown land, OR a minimum of \$75,000.</li> <li>Access to actual costs where a First Nation has expended at least 75% of its total 2026-2027 allocation, and any applicable unexpended FNCFS funding.</li> </ul>	<b>No Change (Transition Year)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuation of current Program.</li> </ul>	<b>Full Implementation of Reformed Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OFA predetermined allocation based on the highest annual amount of FNRS funding received between fiscal year 2019-2020 to fiscal year 2023-2024, increased for inflation, population growth, and remoteness per the RQAF methodology in the OFA.</li> <li>Provided directly to First Nations unless directed otherwise through a BCR.</li> <li>The deadline to submit all claims at actual cost related to the previous 2026/2027 fiscal year's FNRS expenditures is <b>September 20, 2027</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Capital Funding</b>	<b>Continuation of Current Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current Capital CHRT 41 request process with access to actual costs up to <b>the day before the Effective Date (May 28, 2026)</b>.</li> <li>The deadline to submit any capital request is the <b>Effective Date (May 29, 2026)</b>.</li> <li>The CHRT 41 request process for Jordan's Principle remains available.</li> </ul>	<b>Change to Reformed Program*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OFA Priority Ranking Framework (PRF) process First Nations and FNCFS Service Providers may submit Capital planning (FNIIP and AIIP) <b>6 months after the Effective Date (November 29, 2026)</b>.</li> <li><b>Where a capital request is submitted before the Effective Date, ISC will continue to apply the CHRT 41 approval process until ISC makes a final determination.</b></li> <li>The CHRT 41 request process for Jordan's Principle remains available.</li> </ul>	<b>Full Implementation of Reformed Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuation of fully implemented OFA Priority Ranking Framework (PRF) (except where a capital request is submitted before the Effective Date as ISC will continue to apply the CHRT 41 approval process until ISC makes a final determination).</li> <li>The CHRT 41 request process for Jordan's Principle remains available.</li> </ul>
<b>Post-Majority Support Services Funding</b>	<b>Continuation of Current Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current Post-Majority Support Services request process with access to actual costs up to <b>the day before the Effective Date (May 28, 2026)</b>.</li> </ul>	<b>Change to Reformed Program*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Nations will be provided their full funding allocations for 2026-27 OFA (<b>*minus any funding provided to the First Nations at actual cost for 2026/2027 prior to receiving the full funding allocation</b>) based on the size of a First Nation's eligible young adult population relative to the total eligible population in Ontario.</li> <li>Or a minimum of \$75,000 adjusted for inflation, and if applicable, remoteness per the RQAF methodology in the OFA.</li> <li>Provided directly to First Nations unless directed otherwise through a BCR.</li> <li>The deadline to submit all claims at actual cost for post-majority incurred from April 1, 2026, to May 28, 2026, for <b>FNCFS agencies is September 20, 2026</b>.</li> </ul>	<b>Full Implementation of Reformed Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuation of fully implemented Post-Majority Support Services OFA methodology.</li> </ul>
<b>First Nations 5 Year Housing Fund</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year of Funding Commitment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027, Canada provided housing funding to First Nations in Ontario through the Capital Facilities and Maintenance Program.</li> <li>This is a part of a five-year commitment agreed to in the <i>Agreement in Principle on Long Term Reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services Program and Jordan's Principle</i>.</li> </ul>	<b>Continuation of 4<sup>th</sup> Year</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuation of 2026/2027 funding through the Capital Facilities and Maintenance Program.</li> </ul>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> and Final Year of Funding Commitment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final year of housing fund in 2027/2028.</li> </ul>