

Family Incentive Grant

(FY 2020 Appropriation Act - Public Act 67 of 2019)

March 1, 2020

Sec. 574. (1) *From the funds appropriated in part 1 for foster care payments, \$2,000,000.00 is allocated to support performance-based contracts with child placing agencies to facilitate the licensure of relative caregivers as foster parents. Agencies shall receive \$4,500.00 for each facilitated licensure if completed within 180 days after case acceptance, or, if a waiver was previously approved, 180 days from the referral date. If the facilitated licensure, or approved waiver, is completed after 180 days, the agency shall receive up to \$3,500.00. The agency facilitating the licensure would retain the placement and continue to provide case management services for the newly licensed cases for which the placement was appropriate to the agency. The 180-day period shall not include any delay due to actions solely in the control of the department as accounted for by the child placing agency assisting with licensure.*

(2) *By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall submit to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices, and the state budget office a report on the total amount expended in the previous year for payments to child placing agencies for completed licensures of relative caregivers as foster parents as referenced in subsection (1) and the number of newly licensed caregivers for which the child placing agencies received these payments.*

(3) *From the funds appropriated for foster care payments, \$375,000.00 is allocated to support family incentive grants to private and community-based foster care service providers to assist with home improvements or payment for physical exams for applicants needed by foster families and unlicensed relatives caring for a family member through the child welfare system to accommodate children in foster care.*

(4) *By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall submit to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices, and the state budget office a report on the total amount expended in the previous year for grants to private and community-based foster care service providers for home improvements or physical exams as referenced in subsection (3) and the number of grants issued.*



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In FY 2019, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) received \$375,000 to fund Family Incentive Grants (FIG) and expended \$377,974.06 to fund 223 FIG requests.