

Menu of Supports Funding Opportunity

Information Session: Providers

October 1, 2024

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Welcome and Background

The new Menu of Supports Funding Opportunity empowers community agencies and foster/kinship caregivers to meet emergent needs of youth involved in Ohio's children services system.

Through a financial incentive approach of \$3.2 million dollars, this opportunity will increase the availability of placement options to serve children in need of placement. Treatment foster homes, residential and group home facilities, and kinship caregivers may be eligible.

The Menu of Support Funding Opportunity is administered by the Ohio Department of Children and Youth through a contract with Ohio Children's Alliance.

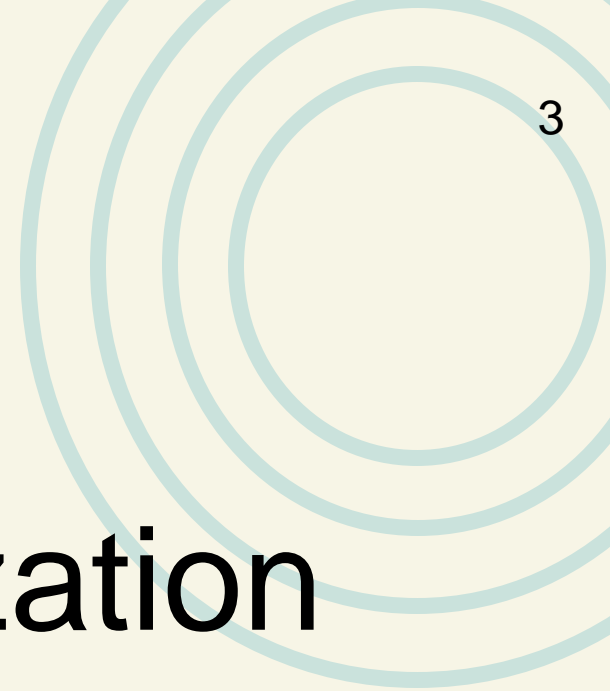
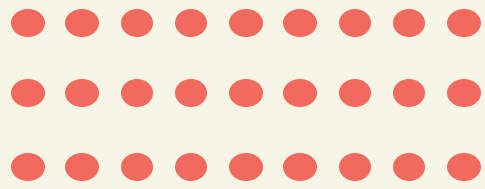


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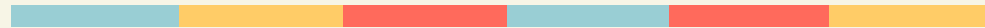
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Pathway 1: Increased Utilization of Residential and Group Homes



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Applicant: Residential Agencies

Purpose: Support the increase of residential treatment by REOPENING closed residential beds that have not be in use for at least 60 days due to staffing shortages.

Application Timeframe: October 7, 2024 – March 1, 2025, or until funds are depleted

Grantee Award: Up to \$20,000 per bed re-opened

\$10,000 for approved applications

\$10,000 at 6 months of accepting and/or serving youth in the reopened bed

Max of \$200,000 per residential provider

Eligible Residential Providers:

Children's Residential Center

Class 1 Residential Facility

SUD Residential Treatment Program

Group Homes

Eligibility & Timeframe

Eligible Residential Agencies:

- 1) Children's Residential Centers
- 2) Class 1 Residential Facilities
- 3) Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Programs
- 4) Group Homes

Eligibility Requirements:

- In good standing with either Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) or Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS)
- Have existing licensed beds that have been closed for at least 60 days due to staffing shortages and can be reopened.
- Serves children/youth between the ages of 6-21 years old

Application Timeframe: October 7, 2024 – March 1, 2025, or until funds are depleted

Funding

The residential agency is eligible for \$20,000 per bed reopened, disseminated in two payments:

- Payment One: \$10,000 (if approved, upon Subgrant Agreement execution)
- Payment Two: \$10,000 (when the reopened bed accepts/serves youth for 6 months and attestation approved)

The **maximum per residential agency** is \$200,000 regardless of the number of residential programs or physical locations, the residential agency operates. Included in this \$200,000 cap are anticipated forthcoming second payments. Once this cap has been met, new applications will be denied.

Acceptable Use of Funds:

- Workforce supports (e.g. wages, onboarding, training, professional development, benefits, etc.)
- Non-Medicaid reimbursable supplies necessary for the care and treatment of children/youth within the residential facilities

Funds **CANNOT** be used for opening a new building or licensing a new bed.

Specifications

To qualify as a **reopened bed**, a bed cannot have been in use for at least 60 days prior to submitting an application due to the residential provider being unable to accept referrals/admissions for this bed due to staffing shortages.

Definition of 6 months of **accepting/serving** youth in the reopened bed:

- **Accepting Youth:** Defined as an agency has issued an affirmative decision to accept an Ohio youth in county custody for the reopened bed and an admission date has been set during the 6-month period; and/or:
- **Serving Youth:** Defined as an agency is admitting/has admitted and is serving/has served an Ohio youth in county custody in that reopened bed during the 6-month period.

Applicants must attest that the bed will be reopened and accepting/serving youth within 90 days of award date.

Applicants must provide responses to the Sustainability Plan questions on the application that includes their strategies to keep the bed open for one year.

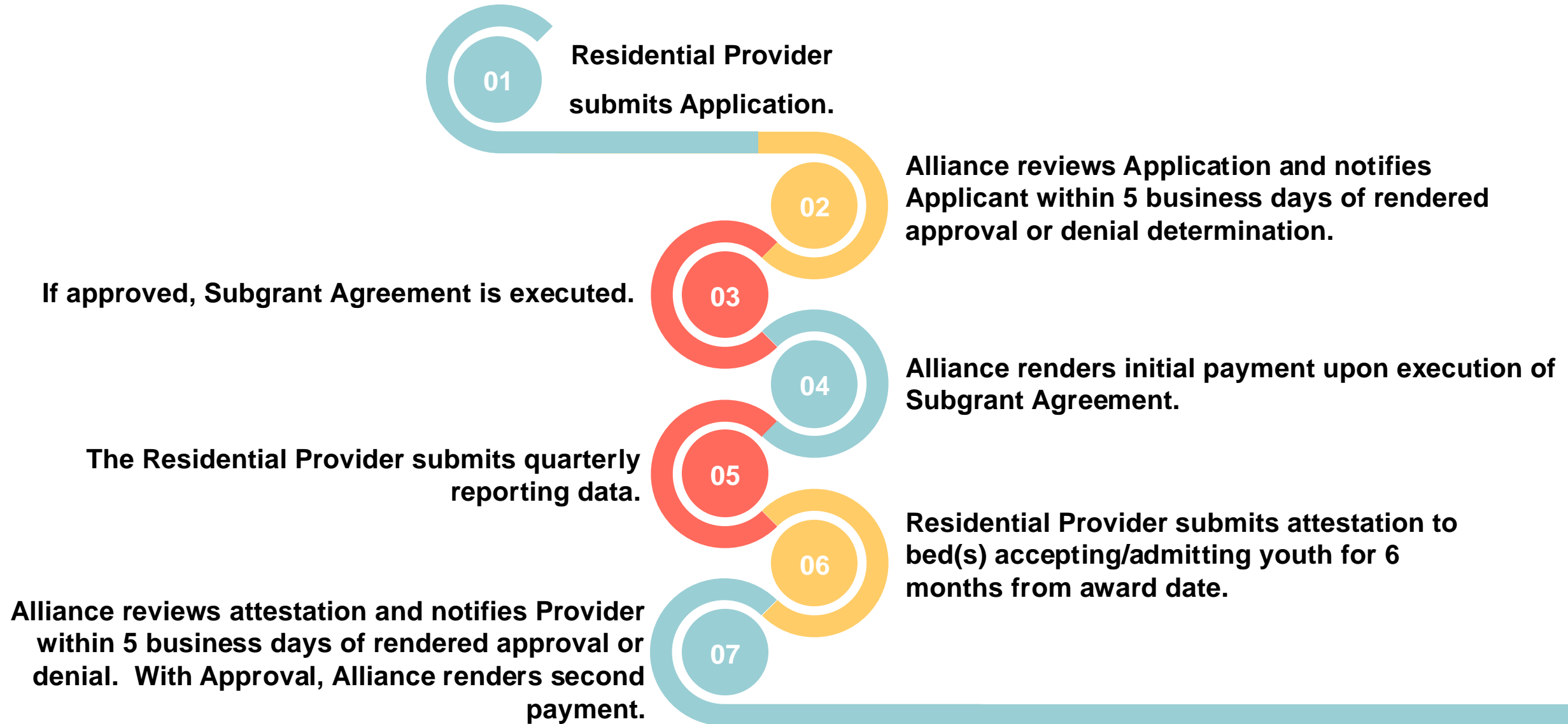
Reporting Requirements

Funded applicants are required to submit quarterly reports.

Reporting requirements:

- Number of youth accepted into each reopened bed, including:
 - Youth age
 - Gender
 - Placing Agency (County Public Children Service Agency)
- Number of youth admitted into each reopened bed, including:
 - Youth age
 - Gender
 - Placing Agency (County Public Children Service Agency)
 - Length of stay
- The title and number of positions in your facility in which you have experienced turnover
- Explanation on how awarded funds were utilized
- Best practices and lessons learned as a result of the funding

Pathway 1: Applicant Journey





Pathway 2: Treatment Foster Parent and Approved Kinship Caregiver Supports



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Pathway 2A:
Treatment Foster
Parent Supports

Pathway 2B:
Approved Kinship
Caregiver Supports

Applicant:
Treatment Foster
Parent

Applicant:
Approved Kinship
Caregiver

Purpose: Provide financial supports to meet the needs of new and existing treatment foster and approved kinship homes

Application Timeframe: Opens October 7, 2024, available until funds are depleted

Grantee Award: One-time payment of \$3,000 per treatment foster or approved kinship home

Pathway 2A: Treatment Foster Parents Eligibility

To be eligible to receive funding, Treatment Foster Parents must be:

- Licensed by DCY as a Treatment Foster Parent, at the time of application, or plan to utilize awarded funds to become licensed with DCY within 90 days of receiving funds.
 - "Treatment Foster Home or Medically Fragile Foster Home" must be indicated on the Treatment Foster Parent's license
 - In good standing with DCY
 - Within one of the following eligible categories:
 - Planning to accept treatment level Ohio youth in public children services custody within 90 days of receiving funds or within 90 days of being licensed, whichever comes first.
- OR**
- Planning to utilize the funds to support a treatment level Ohio youth currently placed in the Treatment Foster Parents home.

Pathway 2B: Approved Kinship Caregivers Eligibility

To be eligible to receive funding, Kinship Caregivers must be:

- Approved Kinship Caregiver or in the process of becoming an Approved Kinship Caregiver by a PCSA or private recommending agency via an Ohio Kinship Assessment.
 - In addition, the applicant must meet one of the following requirements:
 - Planning to accept an Ohio youth in public children services custody within 90 days of receiving funds or within 90 days of being approved, whichever comes first.
- OR**
- Approved Kinship Caregiver has been given custody and the youth has an open case with the PCSA
- OR**
- Planning to utilize the funds to support an Ohio youth currently placed with an Approved Kinship Caregiver.

Funding

Treatment Foster Parent/Approved Kinship Caregiver can apply for one-time funding of \$3,000 for services and supports in the following categories:

Treatment Foster Parent / Approved Kinship Caregiver Professional Development:

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Treatment Foster Parent/Approved Kinship Caregiver mentoring
- Treatment Foster Parent specific training above and beyond required training for licensure / Approved Kinship Caregiver training

Placement Specific Supports and Services:

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Respite support
- Non-Medicaid reimbursable therapy modalities
- Non-clinical supports, medical supports, in-home ADL skills, etc.
- Home repairs related to youth placement
- Home alarm systems

Youth Specific Supports and Services:

Examples include, but are not limited to:

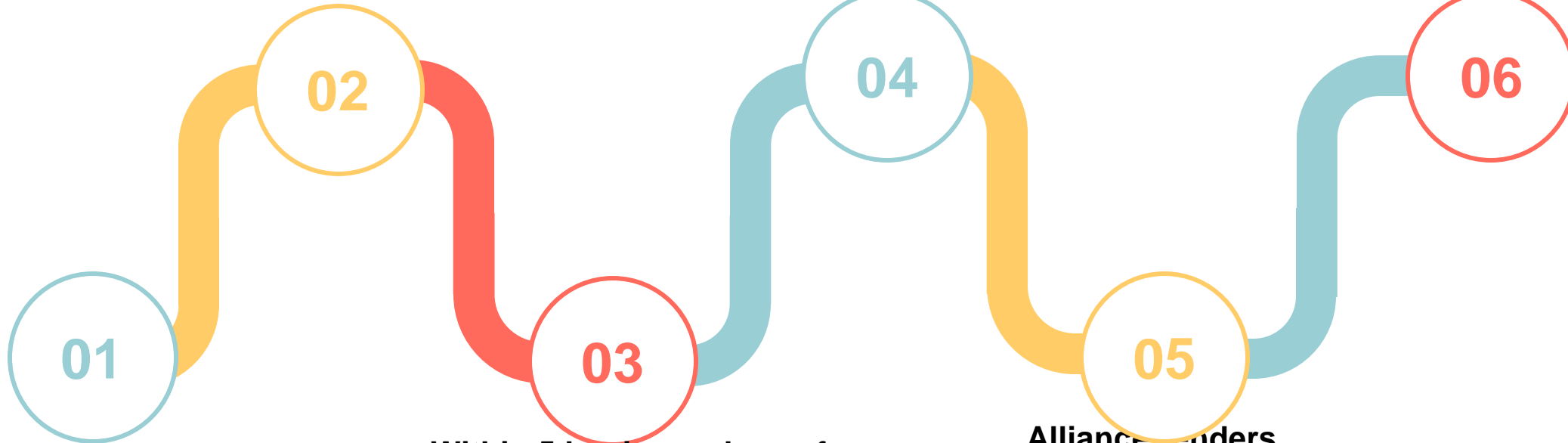
- Extracurricular activity supports
- Sporting equipment
- Theater/art classes
- Tutoring

Pathway 2: Applicant Journey

Foster Care/Kinship Worker receives notice of required action on application.

If application is approved, Subgrant Agreement executed with Treatment Foster Parent/Approved Kinship Caregiver.

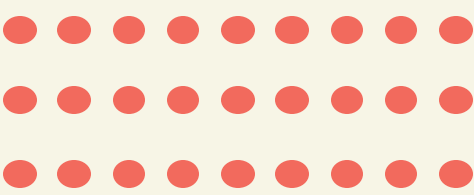
Treatment Foster Parent/Approved Kinship Caregiver provides required survey responses.



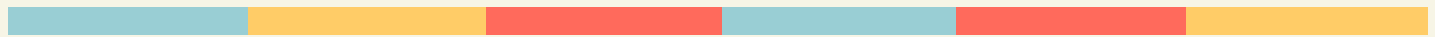
Application Submitted by Treatment Foster Parent/Approved Kinship Caregiver.

Within 5 business days of receipt of the Foster Care/Kinship Worker response, the Alliance reviews Application and notifies applicant of rendered approval or denial determination.

Alliance renders payment upon execution of the Subgrant Agreement to Treatment Foster Parent/Approved Kinship Caregiver.



Pathway 3: Transition of Youth Residing in a PCSA or in Hospitals



Eligibility & Timeframe

Eligible Applicants:

- 1) Children's Residential Centers
- 2) Class 1 Residential Facilities
- 3) SUD Residential Treatment Programs
- 4) Group Homes
- 5) Treatment Foster Care Agencies

Eligibility Requirements:

- Licensed and in good standing with either DCY or OhioMHAS
- Has admitted a youth who is either:
 - Resided in a PCSA for greater than 24 hours and the PCSA has struggled to find a suitable placement setting, or
 - Resided in a hospital or emergency department for a medical or psychiatric reason for greater than 24 hours and is ready for discharge, and the PCSA has struggled to find a suitable placement setting.

Application Timeframe: October 7, 2024 – June 1, 2025, or until funds are depleted

Funding

Tiered payments are based on provider type and disseminated in two payments. If awarded, applicant is eligible for funding depending on the placement type:

- 25% upon approved application and executed Subgrant Agreement
- 75% following approved attestation that the necessary eligibility criteria have been met

If the agency admits more than one youth as part of this funding opportunity, a new application must be submitted for each youth.

Funding Tiers

Residential Facilities

- Eligible for \$25,000 per admission, disseminated in two payments:
- 1st Payment: \$6,250
- 2nd Payment: \$18,750

Group Homes

- Eligible for \$15,000 per admission, disseminated in two payments:
- 1st Payment: \$3,750
- 2nd Payment: \$11,250

Foster Care Agencies

- Eligible for \$10,000 per admission, disseminated in two payments:
- 1st Payment: \$2,500
- 2nd Payment: \$7,500

Funding

Criteria for Second Payment:

1. Maintain youth for a minimum of 90 days, or
 - Documentation: Current treatment plan and/or monthly PCSA report confirming placement status
2. Achieve treatment plan completion and support step down in less than 90 Days, or
 - Documentation: Current treatment plan or discharge plan confirming the completion of treatment goals
3. Safely step down the youth from foster care to their family of origin or kin in less than 90 days
 - Documentation: Discharge plan from foster care to family of origin or kin

Any day(s) the youth is on leave during placement are to be counted as:

- All trial visits less than 14 days are included within the 90-day period.
- All other leave types (for example: detention, hospitalization, etc.) are NOT included within the 90 days and must be added on as additional days to the 90-day period.

Applications

The Alliance has elected to use **Good Grants**, a grant portal, to manage the Menu of Supports Funding Opportunity.

To apply for any of the Menu of Supports funding opportunities, **an applicant must create an account in Good Grants**. All communication regarding applications will be conducted through Good Grants to the email address entered by the applicant when creating their account.

With the Good Grants account, the applicant will be able to:

- submit applications
- save an application and log back in to complete it later
- view the status of your application(s)
- submit required post-grant reporting (for applications that are approved for funding)

Detailed instructions on how to set up an account in Good Grants and submit and manage applications will be available on the Menu of Supports Webpage.

Application Process

The Agency submits the application within 7 days of placement.

PCSA Caseworker receives notice of required action that must be completed within 14 days of placement.

PCSA Caseworker completes the required action for the application.

Once this required action is completed, the application is ready for review by the Alliance.

PCSA Caseworker Role in Application Process

The Applicant will identify the PCSA Caseworker for the admitted youth when completing the application.

The PCSA Caseworker will:

- Receive an email from Ohio Children's Alliance (email: sender@app.goodgrants.com) with the subject: "ACTION REQUIRED: Please complete Menu of Supports grant application"
- If the PCSA Caseworker who receives the ACTION REQUIRED email is not authorized or not the appropriate person to complete the required action, they may forward the email to the person in their agency who can complete the required action in Good Grants



PCSA Caseworker Role in Application Process

The PCSA Caseworker will:

- Use the Good Grants link in the email to review the application information entered by the applicant
- Enter the following information in the application:
 - PCSA Caseworker contact information
 - Responses to three questions about the youth's custody and placement
 - Whether the youth identified on the application is in PCSA custody
 - Whether the youth was admitted directly by the applicant from residing in a PCSA for greater than 24 hours OR directly from being treated in a hospital for more than 24 hours and ready for discharge
 - Whether the PCSA was struggling to find a suitable placement setting for the youth
 - PCSA Caseworker electronic signature

Pathway 3: Transition of Youth
Residing in a PCSA or in Hospitals



PCSA Caseworker Role in Application Process

The PCSA Caseworker will:

- Receive email notification when their required action has been successfully completed and submitted
- If the application is approved for funding, the PCSA Caseworker or PCSA Representative who completed the required action will receive a courtesy email notifying them if the application is approved.

This required action by the PCSA Caseworker must be completed within 14 days of placement.

A determination on the application cannot be completed until the PCSA Caseworker (or PCSA Representative) has completed this required action.

Detailed instructions for PCSA Caseworkers use of Good Grants will be available on the Menu of Supports Webpage.

Reporting Requirements

Funded applicants are required to submit quarterly reports.

Reporting requirements include:

- Number of youth placed into each bed/home:
 - Youth age
 - Gender
 - Placing county
 - Length of stay
- Number of referrals processed and the outcome (accepted/denied/pending)
- Best practices & Lessons learned as a result of this funding

Pathway 3: Applicant Journey



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Application submitted within 7 days of youth placement. PCSA completes required action within 14 days of youth placement.



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Once PCSA required action is completed, the Alliance reviews Application and notifies applicant of rendered approval or denial determination.



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If approved, Subgrant Agreement is executed with the Residential Provider, Group Home or Foster Care Agency.



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The Alliance will initiate 25% payment.



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The Residential Provider, Group Home or Foster Care Agency provides quarterly reporting data.



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90 Days From Award: The Residential Provider, Group Home or Foster Care Agency verifies that 1 of the 3 youth statuses has been met.



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Alliance reviews documentation and notifies provider/agency of rendered approval or denial determination.



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If approved, Alliance renders 75% second payment.

Appeals Process

- An applicant may appeal the decision made on their application, within 30 calendar days of the date of the decision notification to the applicant.
- Appeals received after 30 days of the decision notification to the applicant will not be considered.
- The Alliance will provide an appeal decision within 15 business days of the receipt of the appeal. All decisions on submitted appeals are considered final.
- Information on the Appeals Process is available in the Ongoing Call for Applications document located on the Menu of Supports webpage.

Subgrant Agreement Process

- The Alliance utilizes DocuSign, an online document management platform, for Subgrant Agreement processing.
- If approved, DocuSign will email the Subgrant Agreement to the identified contact person on the approved Application responsible for signing contracts.
- The applicant's contact person must electronically sign the Subgrant Agreement.
- Signed Subgrant Agreements are required in order to render payment.
- Information on the Subgrant Agreement and Payment Process is available in the Ongoing Call for Applications document located on the Menu of Supports webpage.

Payment Process

- The Alliance utilizes an automated financial operations platform, BILL, for payments.
- Upon receipt of the fully executed Subgrant Agreement, BILL will email the identified finance contact person within five (5) business days. (This person is identified on the approved application).
- Upon completion of the BILL.com payment instructions, payment will be rendered.
- Information on the Payment Process is available in the Ongoing Call for Applications document located on the Menu of Supports webpage.

Helpful Resources

Menu of Supports Website: <https://www.ohiochildrensalliance.org/menu-of-supports>

Resources available on the Menu of Supports Website:

- Ongoing Call for Applications document
- Good Grants Applicant Instructions
- Instructions for PCSA Caseworkers Reviewing Eligibility
- FAQ document curated after the virtual sessions
- Virtual information session recordings

Contact for support and/or questions: menuofsupports@ohiochildrensalliance.org



THANK YOU!



The Good Grants Application Portal opens at 10:00 AM EST on Monday, October 7, 2024.

Pathways Overview

Pathway 1: Increased Utilization of Residential and Group Homes

Applicant: Residential Agencies

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Eligible Residential Providers:

- Children’s Residential Center
- Class 1 Residential Facility
- SUD Residential Treatment Program
- Group Homes

Pathway 2A: Treatment Foster Parent Supports

Pathway 2B: Approved Kinship Caregiver Supports

Applicant: Treatment Foster Parent

Applicant: Approved Kinship Caregiver

Purpose: Provide financial supports to meet the needs of new and existing treatment foster and approved kinship homes

Application Timeframe: Opens October 7, 2024, available until funds are depleted

Grantee Award: One time payment of \$3,000 per treatment foster or approved kinship home

Pathway 3: Transition of Youth Residing in a PCSA or in Hospitals

Applicant: Residential Facility, Group Homes, and Foster Care Agencies

Purpose: Prioritize placement stability for difficult to place Ohio youth

Application Timeframe: October 7, 2024 – June 1, 2025, or until funds are depleted

Grantee Award: Tiered payments of up to \$25,000 for each admitted youth

- 25% upon approved application
- 75% when documentation provided that youth has met necessary criteria

Eligible Providers:

- Children’s Residential Center
- Class 1 Residential Facility
- SUD Residential Treatment
- Group Homes
- Foster Care Agencies

