



Menu of Supports Funding Opportunity

*Foster and Kinship Recommending
Agencies Information Session*

October 3, 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.

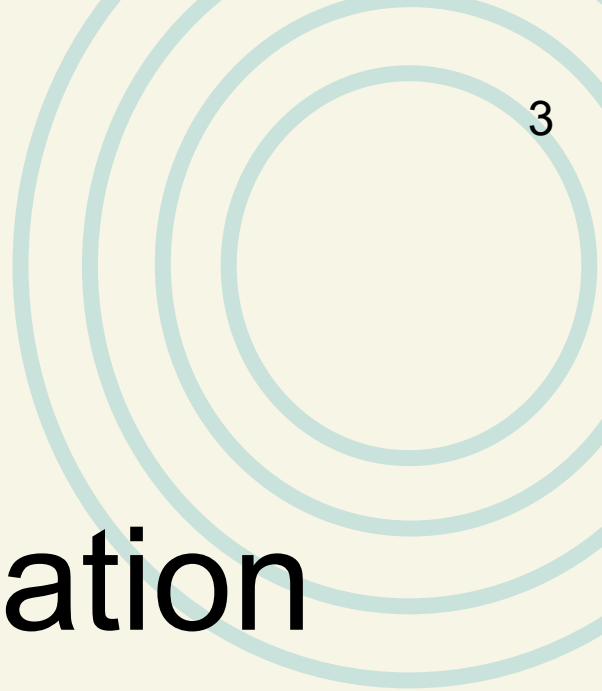
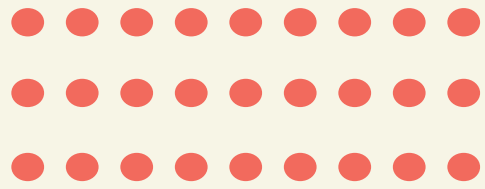


Pathways Overview

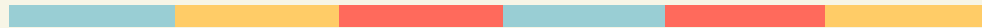
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Pathway 1: Increased Utilization of Residential and Group Homes



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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

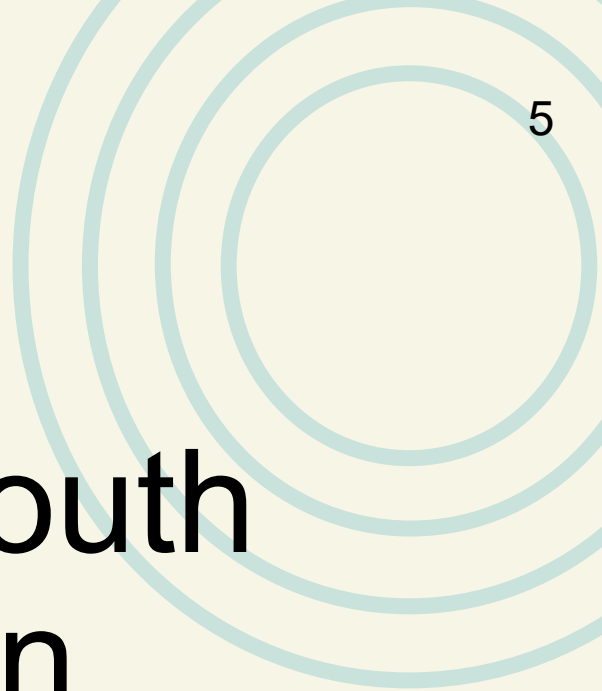
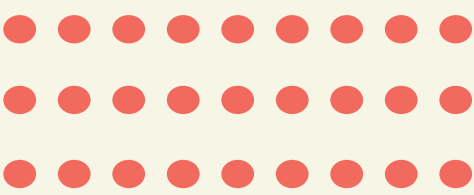
Eligible Residential Providers:

Children's Residential Center

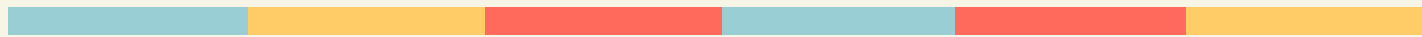
Class 1 Residential Facility

SUD Residential Treatment Program

Group Homes



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, an 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

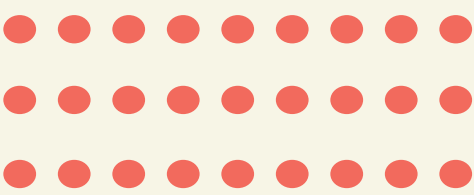
Funding

Criteria for Second Payment:

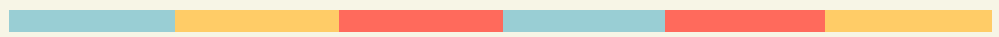
1. Maintain youth for a minimum of 90 Days, or
 - Documentation: Current treatment plan and/or monthly PCSA report confirming placement status
2. Achieve treatment plan completion and support step down in less than 90 Days, or
 - Documentation: Current treatment plan or discharge plan confirming the 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.



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

Applications

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

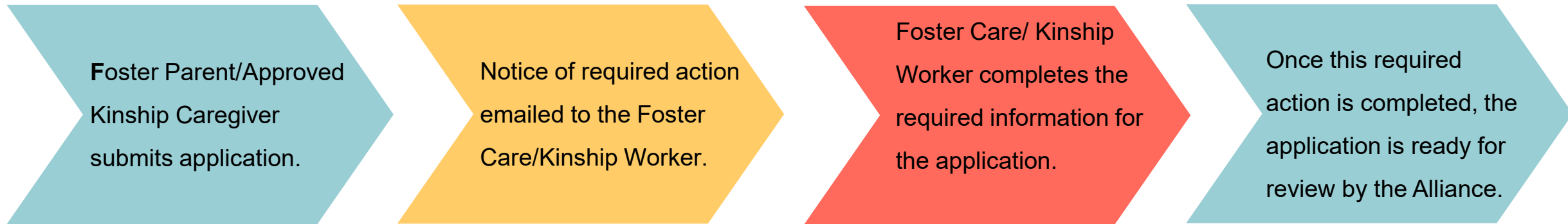
To apply for any of the Menu of Supports funding opportunities, **an applicant must create an account in Good Grants**. All communication regarding applications will be conducted through Good Grants to the email address entered by the applicant when creating their account.

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 Kinship Worker is typically the person who conducted the Kinship Home Assessment/Home Study.

The Foster Care Worker/Home Study Assessor is typically the person at a PCSA or private agency through which the applicant is licensed.

Foster Care/Kinship Worker Role in Application Process

The Applicant will identify their Foster Care/Kinship Worker when completing the application.

The Foster Care/Kinship Worker 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"
- Use the Good Grants link in the email to review the application information entered by the applicant
- Enter the Foster Care/Kinship Worker contact information



Foster Care/Kinship Worker Role in Application Process

Kinship Workers must provide responses to the following questions:

- Whether the applicant is currently an approved Kinship Caregiver OR in the process of becoming an approved Kinship Caregiver via an Ohio Kinship Assessment for the specific youth(s)
- Whether the youth is currently placed in this kinship caregiver's home OR will be placed in this kinship caregiver's home within 90 days if awarded funding
- Whether the youth is in PCSA custody OR custody been given to the Kinship Caregiver and the youth has an open case with a PCSA

Foster Care Workers must provide responses to the following questions:

- Whether the applicant is currently a licensed Treatment Foster Parent OR in the process of becoming a licensed Treatment Foster Parent
- Whether treatment level youth(s) is currently placed in this foster parent's home OR will be placed in this foster parent's home within 90 days if awarded funding

Foster Care/Kinship Worker electronic signature on the application



Foster Care/Kinship Worker Role in Application Process

The Foster Care/Kinship Worker will:

- Receive email notification when their required action has been successfully completed and submitted
- If the application is approved for funding, the Foster Care/Kinship Worker will receive a courtesy email notifying them of the approval.

A determination on the application cannot be completed until the Foster Care/Kinship Worker has completed this required action.

Detailed instructions for Foster Care/Kinship Worker use of Good Grants will be available on the Menu of Supports Webpage.

Timeframe & Reporting Requirements

Application Timeframe: Opens October 7, 2024, available until funds are depleted. Funds will be disseminated on a first-come-first serve basis.

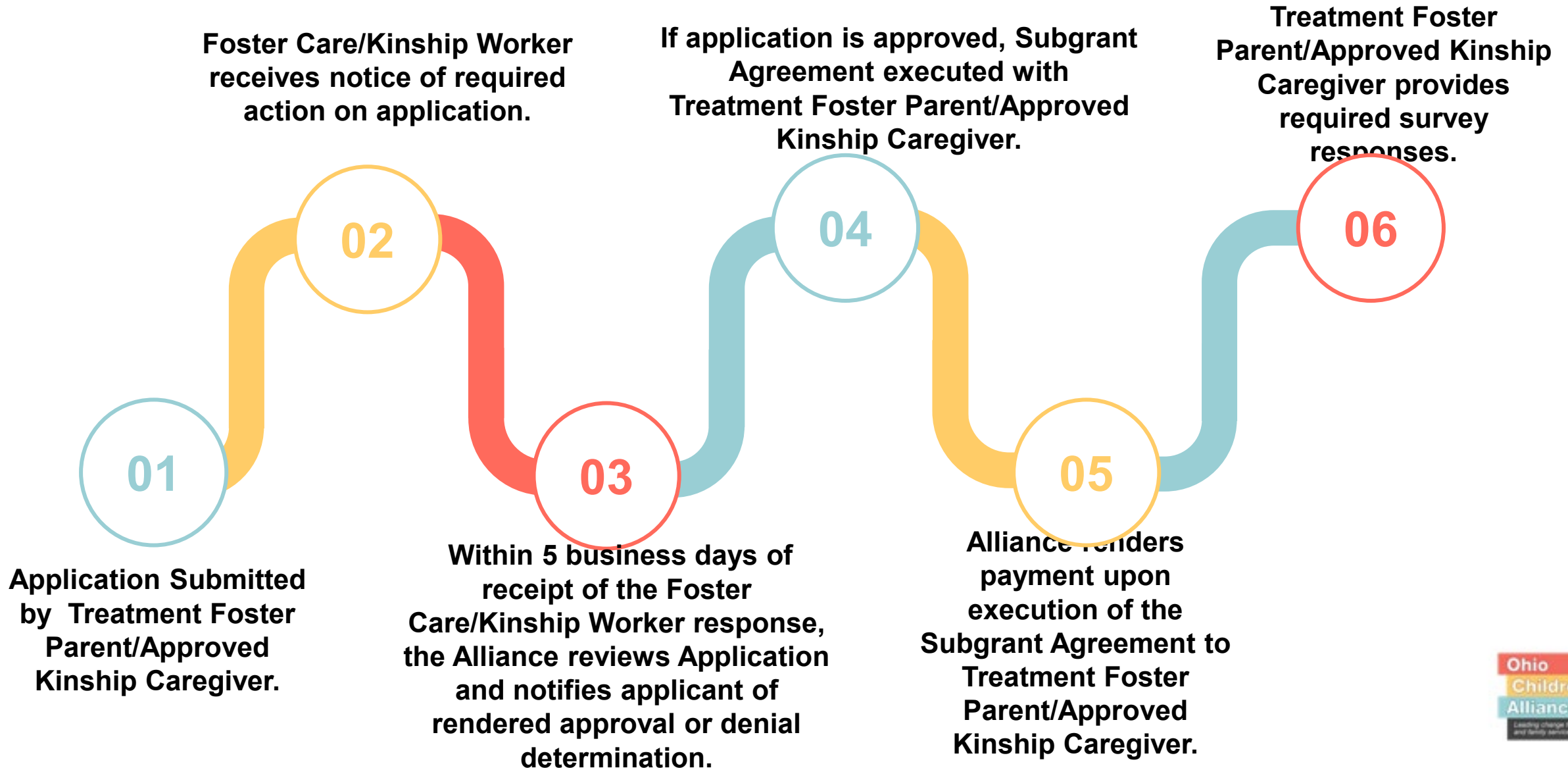
Treatment Foster Parents/Approved Kinship Caregivers who receive funding are required to complete an electronic survey:

- 60 days from the executed Subgrant Agreement when the youth is already in the home
- 120 days from the executed Subgrant Agreement when the youth is not yet in the home

The electronic survey will include an opportunity for the Treatment Foster Parent/Approved Kinship Caregiver to provide responses to questions including:

- Number of youth placed in the home during the funding period
- What the funding was used for
- How the funding impacted their ability to meet the needs of the youth placed in the home
- What additional supports and services would be beneficial

Pathway 2: Applicant Journey



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 being rendered 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 how to submit an appeal is available in the Ongoing Call for Applications document located on the Menu of Supports website.

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 Foster Care/Kinship Worker 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

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Pathway 2A: Treatment Foster Parent Supports

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Treatment Foster Parent

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Pathway 2B: Approved Kinship Caregiver Supports

Applicant: Approved Kinship Caregiver

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
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