Post-Permanency Support Grants

Post-Permanency Support Grants are provided through the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare, Division of Family and Community Services. These grants are intended to defray costs associated with parenting a child with special needs who was adopted or placed in a legal guardianship.

Who is eligible to apply for Post-Permanency Support Grants?

To be eligible for Post-Permanency Support Grants:

- The adopted or guardianship child must be under the age of 18 years; **AND**
- The child must have been adopted through a foster care, private, independent, or intercountry adoption in any state (excluding step-parent adoption); **OR**
- The child must have been placed in a legal guardianship through a child welfare system in any state; **AND**
- The child must have a current need related to their emotional/behavioral health; medical/physical health, education/development, culture, experiences of trauma; relationships with parents, relatives, or siblings; interests and community connections; or child/family placement needs.

*Documentation of the adoption/guardianship and/or identified need may be required.*

What can be paid for through a Post-Permanency Support Grant?

Services, activities, or supports related to the child’s identified need(s) which are:

- One time or time-limited.
- Not covered under other programs or community organizations.
- May include time-limited assistance meeting basic household needs in the event of financial crisis threatening the stability permanent placement.
- May include services or supports for birth children in the home if those services or supports are necessary to meet the needs of the adoptive/guardianship child.

Examples of appropriate services, activities, or supports:

- Transportation expenses to maintain birth sibling relationships.
- Time-limited in-home or community-based therapies.
- Parent registration and travel fees for training to meet the child’s needs.
- Child care for the family’s children so the parents can attend training to meet the child’s needs.
- Specialized summer camps or activities.

Excluded services, activities, and supports include:

- Residential treatment services.
- Orthodontics.
- Those which can be covered by other programs such as Medicaid, private health insurance, scholarships, or sponsorships.
- Those which adoption/guardianship subsidy funds are intended to meet.
- Individual therapies, camps, or activities for the family’s birth children.
- Reimbursement for items, services, treatment, or activities already purchased.
Is there a limit on the amount of grant awards?

The awarding of Post-Permanency Support Grants is dependent on available funds. Therefore, funds for a service requested one year may not be approved although it was approved the previous year. As funds are limited, any request exceeding $5,000 total for a family in a 12-month period requires additional approval. Priority may be given to those families who have not previously received a grant. Requests may be approved as requested, approved in part, or denied.

How are grants paid?

Grant payments are issued via check or direct deposit directly to the adoptive parents or guardian of the child. Payments may take up to six (6) weeks after grant approval to receive.

How do I apply?

To apply, contact the office for your area below and ask to speak with a member of the permanency or adoption team.

Region 1
Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, and Shoshone Counties
208-769-1515

Region 2
Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, and Nez Perce Counties
208-799-4360

Region 3
Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, and Washington Counties
208-455-7000

Region 4
Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties
208-334-6800

Region 5
Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Twin Falls Counties
208-734-4000

Region 6
Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, and Power Counties
208-239-6200

Region 7
Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, and Teton Counties
208-528-5900

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