

# Family Incentive Grant Report

(FY 2021 Appropriation Act - Public Act 166 of 2020)

**March 1, 2021**

**Sec. 574.** (1) 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.

**(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 grants to private and community-based foster care service providers for home improvements or physical exams as referenced in subsection (1) and the number of grants issued.***



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In fiscal year 2020, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) received \$375,000 to fund Family Incentive Grants (FIG) for the purpose of alleviating barriers to licensure for foster parents and relative caregivers. In FY 2020, MDHHS authorized and expended \$375,000 to fund 174 FIG requests. Examples of items funded include repair of heating systems, egress window installation, replacement of broken doors and windows, repair of leaking roofs and providing safe and appropriate beds/cribs.