

## A Programs Administered by FAA - Cash Assistance (CA) - Overview

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Deprivation for the dependent child is the primary eligibility factor for CA. When the dependent child is deprived of parental care or support, the [mandatory CA participants](#) with whom the child resides, may be eligible to receive CA.

The purpose of the CA program is to provide temporary cash assistance and [supportive services](#) to eligible participants included in the following groups:

- Single parents or caretaker relatives with dependent children under age 19 who are in their care
- Two parent budgetary units (See [Two-Parent Employment Program](#))
- Parents of a child who receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Nonparent caretaker relatives when a dependent child is placed in their custody (See [CA Foster Care \(FC\)](#))
- Refugees (See [Refugee Resettlement Program](#))

FAA is responsible for determining CA eligibility and eligibility for some [Tribal TANF programs](#).

When CA participants have the potential to become self-supporting with a onetime payment, [Grant Diversion](#) (GD) must be offered as an option. All CA applications are screened for potential GD eligibility.

The Grant Diversion Script and Applicant Agreement (FAA-1410A) form or the GD Applicant Agreement and Script (A029) notice must be completed, even when the participant declines the GD option.

The amount of CA or GD benefit that may be received is based on [Federal Poverty Level \(FPL\) income standards](#).

CA benefits are accessed through the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) process. EBT cards can be used at the following:

- Automated Teller Machine (ATM) to withdraw cash
- Make purchases at a retailer's Point of Sale (POS) device

- Request cash back at a retailer's POS
- Authorized online vendors (See [FAA Pilot Programs\(g\)](#))

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