

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 must be screened for potential GD eligibility. To screen for GD eligibility, use the Grant Diversion Screening Guide (FAA-1579A) form during the priors and place the form in the [case file\(g\)](#).

When the participant accepts or declines the GD option, one of the following must be completed, signed and retained in the case file:

- Grant Diversion Script and Applicant agreement (FAA-1410A) form
- GD Applicant Agreement and Script (A029) notice
- OnBase DBME Grant Diversion Unity form when the voice signature option is available

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\(g\)](#))

EBT cards cannot be used to purchase lottery tickets or to withdraw money from ATM or POS machines at the following locations:

- Liquor stores
- Casinos
- Horse or dog racing facilities
- Medical marijuana dispensaries
- Adult entertainment establishment