

05 Grant Diversion (GD) – Overview

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Grant Diversion (GD) is one nonrecurring payment of three months of CA. The purpose of the GD payment is to divert the CA participant from on-going CA when the participant is likely to gain full-time employment within 90 days.

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

(See [Conducting the Interview](#) for prior instructions.)

A GD payment can be received ONLY once in a 12-month period. (See Examples [GD Eligibility 4](#) and [GD Eligibility 5](#))

The GD period covers the first eligible month and the following two months. CA budgetary units are potentially eligible for GD when they meet all the following:

- They are eligible for at least \$1 of CA in the application month or the following month.

NOTE A CA application may be prorated into the third month but would be untimely if a determination is made beyond the 45th day.

- An adult is included in the benefit amount (keyed "IN" on SEPA).
- They did not receive CA in the month of application.
- The budgetary unit must have 12 months without a GD payment. Month one is the month of the new GD payment. (See Examples [GD Eligibility 4](#) and [GD Eligibility 5](#))

NOTE When the application is prorated to a future month the participant may be eligible.

- An adult in the budgetary unit is immediately available for full time employment and one of the following requirements is confirmed by the PI for that adult:

Has employment or self-employment history in the application month or within the 12 months prior to the application month

Has successfully completed an educational, vocational, or job training program in the application month or within the six months prior to the application month

Has a job offer for full time employment that will begin within the three calendar months of the GD period

When a participant meets one of the three criteria above, consider them likely to gain full time employment within 90 days.

NOTE A participant statement is acceptable verification when the participant is self-employed or when all other means of verification for employment have been exhausted.

- A participant may still be eligible for GD when they have received 12 months of CA and are requesting a hardship extension.

See [CA New Application Time Frames](#) for the legally required GD time frames.

The following apply to the GD option:

- The payment is not countable unearned income for NA.
- The purpose of the GD payment is to divert the CA participant from on-going CA when the participant is likely to gain full-time employment within 90 days.
- When all NA budgetary unit members are included in the GD budgetary unit, they are an NA [Basic categorically eligible](#) budgetary unit during GD approval period.

NOTE When the three-month GD approval period ends, the budgetary unit is no longer a Basic categorically eligible budgetary unit. When the budgetary unit is determined to be eligible for ongoing NA benefits, [Expanded categorical eligibility](#) may apply.

- All CA participants that are eligible for at least \$1 and identified as TPEP budgetary units must be processed as potentially eligible for GD.

- GD months are not countable towards the [Lifetime Benefit Limit](#).
- GD participants are exempt from:

[DCSS cooperation](#)

[Jobs Program Preliminary Orientation](#) (JPPO)

The three-day TPEP Jobs participation and completing the Recent Employment/Training Background (FAA-0155A) form and the Determination of Primary Wage Earner (FAA-0155B) form

Signing the Cash Programs Personal Responsibility Agreement (FAA-1523A) form

Policy and procedures regarding GD are outlined as follows:

- [Grant Diversion Eligibility Requirements](#)
- [Grant Diversion Process](#)
- [Grant Diversion Time Frames](#)
- [Grant Diversion Keying Procedures](#)
- [Budgeting Grant Diversion Payments](#)
- [Authorizing the Grant Diversion Payment](#)
- [Payment Standards Overview](#)
- [Transitional Child Care \(TCC\) Eligibility](#)
- [CA Employed Child Care](#)
- [Grant Diversion Changes](#)