

<Name & Address>

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### **Graduate Resource Allowance for Development (GRAD) Fund**

Dear <Name >,

Leaving school after graduation is a time of big change. Choosing how to fill the day when you graduate high school is an important decision. I am happy to let you know that new funding is available to support participants in the Direct Family Support for Children (DFSC) program and the Flex program to help live a good life in community after you graduate.

The **Graduate Resource Allowance for Development (GRAD) Fund** is available to eligible youth in the DFSC and Flex program who have graduated and have a plan, other than returning to high school/university, for how they will spend their time. With the help of your family, you can develop a plan based on your interests, and goals. The activities that you build into your plan should help you to achieve your goals. Your plan could include attending programs at your local community center or library, employment, volunteering and/or skill building opportunities to be more independent. The GRAD funding cannot be used to attend an existing Adult Service Centre. With an approved plan, you can qualify for up to \$1000 per month in GRAD funding. You will be expected to submit receipts for this funding plan.

**The Graduate Resource Allowance for Development (GRAD) Fund is for youth age 17 up to the age of 21, who:**

- are currently eligible for the DFSC or Flex program
- are not returning to school after graduation
- have a day activity plan to submit for approval

If you have any questions or would like to apply for the GRAD fund, please contact your Care Coordinator directly.

Thank you,

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