



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 260
[2017 Assembly Bill 787]

**Grants to Support Foster Parents
and Foster Children**

2017 Wisconsin Act 260 directs the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to distribute grants to counties, nonprofit organizations, or tribes for the purpose of supporting foster parents and providing normalcy for children in out-of-home care. Under the Act, qualifying expenses may include incentives for retaining of foster parents, enhancing foster parent education, and reimbursing foster parents for expenses related to foster care.

The Act appropriates \$400,000 to DCF for the grant program in fiscal year 2018-19. The Act also requires DCF to evaluate the effectiveness of the grant program in achieving its stated goals and submit a report on that evaluation to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature by June 30, 2021.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.