

Benefit Bridge Program



Current BBP Participant Snapshot

• 8 Recipients

- 7 recipients emancipated on or after 1/1/2020
- 1 recipient is still in HCJFS custody

- 4 payments made for rent
- 3 payments made for auto insurance
- 1 payment made for car repairs
- 1 payment made for public utilities
- 1 past due phone bill paid

\$9,576.24

requested as of 12/20/2021

A Path to Self-Sufficiency

The purpose of the Benefit Bridge program (BBP) is to help young people who experience a reduction or loss of benefits due to emancipation save money and continue their path to self-sufficiency. BBP is a new temporary funding source from ODJFS. Each BBP recipient can request up to \$7,000 within the next 18 months.

To participate, young people must have either emancipated from HCJFS custody on or after 1/1/2020, or still be in HCJFS custody and be 18 or older. If there are youth 18- 26 not meeting the above criteria, email Hamil_Hemi@jfs.ohio.gov and we can try to get them qualified. No guarantees but will try to get them qualified.

BBP funding is designed to be flexible. Participating youth could potentially benefit from services such as assistance with rent, utilities, transportation, car repairs, work uniforms, education, or training.



Please send questions and referrals to: Hamil_Hemi@jfs.ohio.gov