



Money to Help Current and Aged Out Texas Foster Youth and Young Adults Buy Cars



**ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL
AUGUST 31, 2022**

THERE ARE EXTRA PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR BUYING A CAR. TO QUALIFY:



You must be between the ages of 17-20



You must be in foster care, extended foster care or have aged out of the Texas foster care system.



You must be able to provide insurance for the vehicle once you purchase the car.



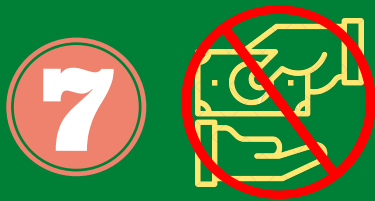
You must have a job or have a form of legal income that you can use to continue to pay insurance.



PAL staff must approve the vehicle that you are purchasing (making sure it is drivable, safe, and not a waste of money).



You can get up to \$5,500 that will be paid directly to the business/seller.



Funds cannot be paid to you or to reimburse you.



You need to apply ASAP. The funds are only available until August 31, 2022, but it will take some time to apply and get all the documents needed.

HOW TO GET THE FUNDS:

Ask your PAL worker. You can find your PAL worker at bit.ly/31lsD4k or call the **PAL State Office** at **512-460-7394**. Remember, if you are not able to speak with someone directly, you **MUST** leave a **voicemail**. You need to make it clear in your voicemail that you are a foster youth who wants to apply for money to buy a car. **Be sure you also leave your name and phone number** and check your voice mail messages.

IMPORTANT TIPS ON BUYING A USED CAR

Buying a car is complicated and you can make very expensive mistakes. You need to take important steps to make sure you get a car that is in good condition, that will pass inspection, and that you can register.

Unless there is a written warranty, used cars are sold “AS IS” so you cannot return for a refund.

You should not rely on the seller to tell you about the condition of the car. Pay for an independent mechanic, who has no connection to the seller, to inspect the car and make sure it is in good condition and that it will pass state inspection, so that you will be able to register and legally drive it.

YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BUYING A USED CAR AT:

Video on buying a used car from the FTC bit.ly/3zw3OAW

Video at the end of Consumer Reports: Protect Yourself When Buying a Used Car bit.ly/3oveF7Y

Nerd Wallet Tips for Buying a Used Car from a Private Seller bit.ly/3cFGCap

Texas Attorney General's Buying a New or Used Car bit.ly/3PRRDEa