fiscal transfers differ in terms of the conditions attached to them by the level of state making the transfer (i.e., "the strings"), and the purpose(s) they are intended to support ("the direction")

UNCONDITIONAL

Fed → \$\$ → Prov
no strings, no direction

MATCHING

Fed → \$=\$ ← Prov
for every \$ by P, F provides \$ (or x\$)

SHARED COST

Fed → %\$/%\$ ← Prov
F fund a fixed % of P's program cost

BLOCK FUNDING

Fed → \$\$ $^{per}_{capita}$ → Prov

few or no strings, directed to program(s)

Figure 8.4 Fiscal Transfers