

South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council

**EMPLOYMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
Request for Proposals**

The Developmental Disabilities Council will have a maximum amount up to \$80,000 established for Employment priority area programming for Fiscal Year 2017- 2018.

The Developmental Disabilities Council is soliciting proposals for projects that will eliminate barriers to coordinated systems of workforce development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

State Plan Goal 1: Employment

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities have access to competitive, community-based career opportunities throughout their lifetime.

Objective 1

Support programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that improve access to integrated workforce development systems.

Additional requirements:

- Proposals must include collaborative interagency programming comprising local vocational rehabilitation agency, local DD service provider, local workforce investment board, and/or other relevant entities.
- Proposals submitted by local educational agencies must include a letter of support from the entity's administration.
- Proposals must include letters of support from stakeholders describing each partner's specific contributions to programming that increases coordinated, community-based employment service delivery.
- Proposals must include evidence-based best or promising practices that contribute to people with disabilities receiving individualized employment services and supports.
- Proposals must describe how programming contributes to or aligns with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) South Carolina Unified State Plan, Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule, and South Carolina Employment First efforts.
- Proposals must include a S.M.A.R.T. work plan: specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timed.

Resources for Applicants

WIOA SC Unified State Plan	Home and Community Based Services Final Rule	Employment First
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unified State Plan Presentation• SC Unified State Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SC DHHS HCBS Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SC DD Council Employment Policy Position• SC DDSN Employment First Policy Directive

Awards are for three years upon Council approval; however, reapplication is required for second and third-year funding. Year one is from 7/1/17 to 6/30/18. Please direct questions regarding the grant application process to Valarie Bishop at (803) 734-0215 or valarie.bishop@admin.sc.gov.

To retrieve a copy of the grant application visit our web site at <http://scddc.sc.gov/> or call (803) 734-0465

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