

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS RFP FUNDING OPPORTUNITY #1

The Developmental Disabilities Council will have a maximum amount up to \$80,000 established for the priority area of Community Supports.

The Developmental Disabilities Council is soliciting proposals that will provide individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities opportunities to participate in inclusive recreational and social activities in the community.

The proposal must be consistent with the following Developmental Disabilities Council State Plan objective:

Goal 3: Community Support

Objective 1: Will provide funding and/or resources to improve access to information for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families about services, supports, and their rights.

Additional requirements:

- Priority is given to proposals providing programming to individuals who have aged out of the school system.
- Proposals must include a 12-month S.M.A.R.T.—specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timed—work plan.
- Proposals should include how the program will enhance information and/or create access to services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families regarding services, supports, and their rights.
- Proposals should support educational programs that enhance the learning services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families/caregivers.
- Priority is given to proposals that include a self-advocate (22 years of age or older) in the proposal development, oversight/decision-making (if grant is awarded) and/or as a paid employee under the grant.
- Priority is given to proposals including programming in rural communities, but may include local, county, regional, district, or statewide areas.
- Non-profit organization.

The South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council is committed to ensuring all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities receive services in community-based environments that encourage self-determined, integrative experiences. Therefore, the Council requests proposals align with Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule values. These values include individuals receiving programming based on personally-defined outcomes in the most integrated community setting possible, individuals receiving services in a manner that reflects personal choices and preferences, and individuals participating in programming that contributes to the assurance of health and wellness.

- [Summary of Key Provisions of the Home and Community Based Services Final Rule](#)

Awards are for three years upon Council approval; however, reapplication is required for second and third-year funding. Year one is from 7/1/15 to 6/30/16.

Please direct questions regarding the grant application process to Valarie Bishop at (803) 734-0215 or vbishop@oepp.sc.gov.

**Current forms must be used and can be found at www.oepp.sc.gov/scddc
on the Grants Page or call
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