

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS RFP FUNDING OPPORTUNITY #2

The Developmental Disabilities Council will have a maximum amount up to \$100,000 established for the priority area of Community Supports programming for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

The Developmental Disabilities Council is soliciting proposals that will provide opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities 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 Supports

Objective 2: Will support at least one innovative project that improves socialization skills leading to greater community participation for children and/or adults with severe disabilities.

Additional requirements:

- Priority is given to proposals providing programming to individuals who have aged out of the school system.
- Proposals must include support programs that lead to improved interaction with their environment including appropriate behavior and communication.
- Proposals must include support programs that lead to improved opportunities to participate in inclusive recreational or social activities.
- Evening/after school programs must be safe, affordable with qualified professionals. (Professionals may be volunteers).
- Community outings with structured activities. Possible collaboration with existing agencies such as the YMCA.
- 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.
- Proposals must include a 12-month S.M.A.R.T.—specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timed—work plan.
- Priority is given to proposals including programming for rural communities but may include programming for local, county, regional, district, or statewide areas.
- Non-profit organization.

The South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council is committed to ensuring all individuals with 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 year upon Council approval (amounts decrease each year); however, reapplication is required for second and third-year funding. Year one is from 7/1/16 to 6/30/17.

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/>
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