

SELF-ADVOCACY RFP FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

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

The Developmental Disabilities Council is soliciting proposals that will provide self-advocacy leadership training opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are age 18 or older. The purpose of the training is to prepare individuals to speak up on issues affecting their own quality of life in addition to the quality of life of other people living with disabilities. The ultimate goal is to enable and assist people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to become members of councils, boards, committees or other decision making bodies.

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

Goal 4: Self-Advocacy

Objective 2: Will support at least 150 self-advocates in leadership training opportunities.

Additional requirements:

- Priority is given to proposals that include support and/or add to current Council initiatives.
- Proposals must include a 12-month S.M.A.R.T.—specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timed—work plan.
- Priority is given to proposals that include a self-advocate (18 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 that include programming for rural communities, but proposals may include programming in 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
South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council
(803) 734-0465**