

South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council

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Small Grant Summaries September 9, 2026

Grant Title	Funds	Counties Served	Program Description
26/27 Employment			
Director <i>Employment Objective 1</i> Know Better Do Better Collective	\$20,000	Greenville	The Know Better Do Better Collective is a community-based program designed to support adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have aged out of school services but still need structured opportunities to continue learning, building independence, and participating meaningfully in their communities.
Pebbles Inclusive Employment and Sensory-Friendly Workplace Initiative <i>Employment Objective 1</i> Pebbles the Great Adventure Ice Cream Shop LLC	\$20,000	Laurens	Grant funds support the development and implementation of an inclusive workforce training and environmental support program at Pebbles Ice Cream. This will include evidence-based employee training materials, visual supports, structured work systems, sensory accommodations, and adaptive workplace modifications that support individuals with developmental disabilities in obtaining and maintaining meaningful employment.
26/27 Community Supports			
2026 Disability Resource Expo <i>Community Supports Objective 1</i> BRIDGED, Inc	\$20,000	Upstate	BRIDGED identified a need for a Disability Resource Expo in the Upstate to connect attendees with local service providers, state disability agencies and valuable resources and information for the lifespan of disability. Having accurate information and access to resources is essential for successful community participation and quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

2025 Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC) Clinic <i>Community Supports Objective 1</i> South Carolina Assistive Technology Program	\$10,000	Statewide	The SC Assistive Technology Expo provides a venue for individuals with disabilities, family members, and providers to learn about new augmentative alternative communication (AAC) technologies and opportunities.
2026 Assistive Technology Leadership Conference (ATLC) <i>Community Supports Objective 1</i> South Carolina Assistive Technology Program	\$5,500	Statewide	The Assistive Technology Leadership Conference is a 1-day conference designed to provide resources, networking and support to South Carolina school district assistive technology leaders and teams and other state agencies. The leadership conference provides opportunities to collaborate, share, and expand knowledge of best practices in assistive technology.
Enhancing Well-Being and Community Inclusion for Individuals with IDD <i>Community Supports Objective 1</i> Adaptive Pickleball	\$20,000	Upstate and Midlands	Adaptive Pickleball delivers a structured, community based adaptive sports program designed to improve health, independence, and social inclusion for youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
Sensory-Friendly Community Events <i>Community Supports Objective 1</i> The Arc of Horry County	\$20,000	Horry	This grant supports sensory-friendly community events for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, autism, and their families. These events help ensure families do not lose access to safe, welcoming, low-sensory opportunities for connection, recreation, and support.

2026-2027 Adapt2Learn Initiative <i>Community Supports Objective 1</i> South Carolina Assistive Technology Program	\$8,000	Statewide	The SC Assistive Technology Program, in collaboration with the SC Department of Education, invited 4 school districts to participate in a project-based learning initiative designed to engage students in rural communities; and 3 of the 4 school districts have accepted the invitation for the 26-2027 school year (Spartanburg 6; Florence 2, Beaufort County Schools). This initiative will guide each school district partner to host student led workshops to introduce hands-on educational experiences in areas such as 3D printing, mechanical engineering, and soldering. Each workshop will focus on adapting books or toys appropriate to meet the needs of children with developmental disabilities, learning disabilities, and physical disabilities.
Sensory-Inclusive Haircut Access Initiative <i>Community Supports Objective 1</i> Chasing Butterflies	\$20,000	Chesterfield	Chasing Butterflies will organize a six-month pilot initiative designed to improve access to sensory-inclusive haircut experiences for children with autism and other developmental disabilities.
Enhancing Accessibility & Inclusion <i>Community Supports Objective 2</i> City of Rock Hill	\$20,000	Rock Hill (York)	With these funds the Rock Hill Fire Department Museum will obtain intellectual and developmental disability-friendly exhibits and technology to support educational community opportunities.
Statewide Dementia Training and Network Development <i>Community Supports Objective 2</i> National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices	\$20,000	Statewide	This grant funds the delivery of a three-day, live virtual training and the development of a sustainable statewide NTG Affiliated Regional Trainer network to help address dementia in individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
iCan Shine: Bike Camp <i>Community Supports Objective 2</i> Hometown Pediatric Therapies	\$10,000	Dorchester	iCan Shine Bike Camp is a week-long program for people with disabilities (ages 8+) that teaches them to ride a conventional two-wheel bicycle independently, using adaptive equipment, tailored instruction, and volunteer support.

Beyond Par: Advancing IDD Health & Inclusion Through Golf <i>Community Supports Objective 2</i> Upstate-Carolina Adaptive Golf dba Carolina Adaptive Golf	\$20,000	Greenville/Upstate	Carolina Adaptive Golf implements a series of adaptive golf clinics, training workshops, and research-informed educational sessions designed to increase awareness of the benefits of exercise and promote the CDC's physical activity guidelines among individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families.
26/27 Self-Advocacy			
2026 United for Every Child Conference <i>Self-Advocacy Objective 3</i> USC, SCIC, SCPI, and Pyramid Pieces	\$20,000	Statewide	The United for Every Child Conference was created to advance the work of SC Child Care Inclusion Collaborative (SCIC), SC Partnerships for Inclusion (SCPI), and Pyramid PIECES to offer an elevated 3-day learning opportunity to promote evidence-based practices and healthy development of all young children with and without disabilities in South Carolina.