

South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Developmental Disabilities Council will have a maximum amount up to \$200,000.00 established for Community Supports priority area programming for Fiscal Year 2025- 2026.

The DD Council is soliciting proposals for projects that implement evidence-based approaches that improve community integration, inclusion, and self-determination in a community of choice.

State Plan Goal 2: Community Supports

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities have increased access to be fully included in the community of their choice.

Objective 1

Support at least two programs that provide people with intellectual and developmental disabilities opportunities to improve community integration, inclusion, and self-determination.

Additional proposal requirements:

Defined Concepts

Integration	<i>Exercising the equal rights of individuals with developmental disabilities to access and use the same community resources as are used by and available to other individuals.</i>
Inclusion	<i>Taking full advantage of their integration into the same community resources as individuals without disabilities, living, learning, working, and enjoying life in regular contact with individuals without disabilities.</i>
Self-Determination	<i>The freedom to live as one chooses, or to act or decide without consulting another or others.</i>

- Implement evidence-based approaches to community inclusion and organizational change.
- Include a professional development component for staff to increase their skills in person-centered service delivery, organizational planning, and/or person-centered quality management.
- Include strategies for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to build relationships leading to increased self-determination, independence, inclusion, and self-determination in the community.
- Include strategies for cooperation among service delivery providers, case management organizations, and other relevant organizations.
- Proposals must describe how the project aligns with the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule which values individuals receiving programming based on personally-defined outcomes in the most integrated community setting possible, in a manner that reflects personal choices and preferences, and which contributes to the assurance of health and wellness.
- Priority is given to proposals that include a self-advocate over 22 years old or family member in proposal development, oversight, decision making, and/or as a paid employee under the grant.
- Include letters of collaboration from project stakeholders describing each partner's specific contribution to grant activities.
- Proposal must include a S.M.A.R.T. work plan: specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timed.

Resources for Applicants

Community Inclusion	HCBS Final Rule & SC DDSN Guidance
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E. K. Shriver Ctr. At UMass Medical School• Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Disability Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SC DHHS HCBS Resources• SC DDSN HCBS Resources

Awards are for three years upon Council approval; however, reapplication is required for second and third-year funding. Year one is from 7/1/25 to 6/30/26. 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