

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 address an emerging health issue for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

State Plan Goal 2: Community Supports

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

Objective 2

Support at least one program that addresses an emerging health or other key issue for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, families, and service providers using evidence-based practices and interventions.

Additional proposal requirements:

- Implement evidence-based approaches to an emerging health or other key issue.
- 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 gain access to health.
- 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 | |
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| 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