



DD Council Notice of Available Request for Proposal(s) Funding

The Arkansas Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) is funded by the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act to promote capacity building and to advocate for a consumer and family centered comprehensive service system. Council goals are based on analysis of the state service system and public input. Funded projects and activities are designed to help individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to have the opportunity to live, work and be involved in community activities.

The Council announces the availability of funds for activities and projects in education and quality assurance.

1. Legislative Initiative Project

The project is to assist the DD Council to develop a strategic plan to provide information to policymakers on issues affecting persons with developmental disabilities. The purpose of the strategic plan is to provide information to federal, state and local policymakers to increase opportunities and enhance or adapt generic services to meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The strategic plan will include training and assistance in identification of issues and specific activities to accomplish the initiative. **Funding** of up to \$24,500 is available to fund one project.

2. State Self-Advocacy Organization

Funding available to expand and strengthen an existing state self-advocacy organization led by individuals with developmental disabilities. Project activities will continue to promote leadership development through training, peer support, and provide other opportunities to allow individuals to more actively participate in decisions concerning their lives. **Funding** up to \$100,000 is available to fund a one-year project.

3. Transportation

Funding available to expand and/or increase transportation services for individuals with developmental disabilities to be included in community activities by providing adequate transportation services. The Council seeks investment partners committed to developing a collaborative effort of using existing resources and/or creating new partnerships that address the Council goal. **Funding** up to \$50,000 is available to fund a project over a one year period of time.

4. Employment

Funding available to duplicate successful projects or develop innovative projects that will expand employment options to people with developmental disabilities in accordance with their wishes and desires. The Council's intent is to provide integrated settings by exploring new methods and processes. **Funding** up to \$60,000 is available to fund projects over a one year period of time.

5. Discretionary Funds

Funding available to support activities which will result in systemic change for individuals with developmental disabilities. Projects under this category must demonstrate how systemic change, capacity building and/or advocacy activities will be accomplished. **Funding** up to \$60,000 is available to fund a project.

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6. Camp for Siblings

Funding available to support the development and implementation of a Camp for Siblings for brothers and sisters of individuals with developmental disabilities. The intent of this project is for siblings to meet other siblings in similar circumstances and to encourage family communication and to become active partners in planning, guiding and supporting the efforts of their brother or sister. **Funding** up to \$60,000 is available to fund one project for a one year period of time.

Applicants must complete and submit a detailed application. Funding is awarded annually on a matching basis for up to three (3) years, unless otherwise stipulated, and based upon successful completion of yearly goals and objectives that are documented to be in compliance with DDC policies governing subgrantee activities.

Proposals must be submitted in accordance with the Request for Proposal and include a completed application packet. Completed applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. on May 5, 2008.

The Council reserves the right to reject any or all proposals based on the availability of federal funds, failure to submit a complete application, quality of the application and/or non-compliance with DDC policies. Fax and email transmissions ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE and applications received AFTER the closing time and date will not be accepted.

For more information and to obtain a copy of the detailed Notice of Funds Available and an Application Packet contact:

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