



**West Virginia
Developmental Disabilities Council**

**GRANT FUNDS
AVAILABLE**

UP TO \$150,000

**AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS TO SUPPORT THE
COUNCIL'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN**

THE MISSION OF THE COUNCIL IS TO ASSURE THAT WEST VIRGINIA CITIZENS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES RECEIVE THE SERVICES, SUPPORTS, AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE THEY NEED TO EXERCISE SELF-DETERMINATION AND ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE, PRODUCTIVITY, INTEGRATION, AND INCLUSION IN THE COMMUNITY.

[HTTPS://DDC.WV.GOV](https://ddc.wv.gov)

DEADLINE TO EMAIL LETTERS OF INTENT

**TO: STEVE.A.WISEMAN@WV.GOV
NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 6, 2021**

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
APPLICATIONS**

NOON JANUARY 5, 2022

SUBMIT BY MAIL TO:

**WV DD COUNCIL
110 STOCKTON STREET
CHARLESTON, WV 25387**

AND ELECTRONICALLY TO: DHHRWVDDC@WV.GOV

SEE REVERSE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

FUNDING DETAILS

- IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON YOUR IDEA – You may send a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Council telling us what you plan to do, how you plan to do it, how it fits in with an objective in the Council’s Plan, and how much money you anticipate requesting. **Email to Steve.A.Wiseman@wv.gov. Written feedback will be provided for any LOIs received by the end of business on 12/06/2021.**

- WE ARE LOOKING FOR PROJECTS TO ADDRESS THESE TARGET AREAS OF THE COUNCIL’S PLAN:
 - **Goal 1: Advocacy and Self-Advocacy: People with I/DD, their families, and allies will gain knowledge and develop necessary advocacy skills and use them to advocate for their rights, access to needed services, and systems’ changes.**
 - The Council will support the development of an information toolkit for aging family caregivers of people with I/DD to help them be more aware of relevant public and private community resources.

 - **Goal 2: Community Building and Engagement: Communities will include people with I/DD as participating, valued members.**
 - The Council will support or provide training for family members, advocates, and DD service personnel in the development of meaningful goals and strategies in service plans for people who are not likely to work full time.

 - **Goal 3: Service System: Public service systems will be more responsive to the needs of people with I/DD and their families so people will have better opportunities to learn, work, and thrive in their communities.**
 - The Council is looking for ways to encourage and support the collection of data by state systems to enable the gathering, compilation, and examination of information on the impact of changes to relevant public services that serve people with I/DD, identify abuse and neglect, and identify service disparities for unserved and underserved groups of people with I/DD.
 - The Council will collaborate with others to identify gaps, prioritize needs, and design strategies for addressing gaps in the prevention of sexual violence against people with disabilities.
 - The Council will support an initiative to study the apparent disparity in reported data showing high incidences of African American and black students placed in Behavior Disorder classrooms and less than expected diagnosis of autism and propose recommendations to address the disparity.
 - The Council will support the study and development of recommendations for increased hours of respite care in the I/DD Waiver program.
 - The Council is looking for ways to address the increasing inability of I/DD Waiver providers and families to find, hire, and keep adequate direct support personnel.

TO FIND GRANT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

<https://ddc.wv.gov/council-projects/grantfunding/Pages/default.aspx>