

PURPOSE

This application is for funding from Developmental Pathways to help organizations expand access to resources for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and delays in the areas of 3-5 years old (3+), respite and transportation.

INITIATIVES DESCRIPTIONS

3+

The 3+ Initiative will ensure continuity of service with Developmental Pathways after Early Intervention and into the next program. Projects for the initiative aim to bring full inclusion and access to community resources for children 3 – 5 years of age and their families.

IDENTIFIED NEEDS:

- Sensory-friendly environments: materials, construction, activities, etc.
- Staff training: working with parents, inclusion, diagnoses, referrals, best practices, etc.
- Connecting families with community activities

RESPITE

To enhance and increase respite options for caregivers of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and delays, the Respite Initiative will work with caregivers, providers and community agencies. Efforts will be made to increase comfort level of caregivers who have not before trusted or used respite providers.

IDENTIFIED NEEDS:

- Expansion of in-home respite providers
- Increase locations and capacity of center-based respite
- Development or expansion of weekend and overnight options, including one-time needs
- Training for family and friends to provide respite
- Hiring and/or training of staff for Spanish-speaking or languages other than English
- Enhance respite activities and resource pooling (grouping, sharing) opportunities
- Develop programs to connect directly providers with caregivers & parents

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Initiative will increase opportunities for transportation through public and private entities. Opportunities for funding and resources will be available for providers through RFP's and grants. Training for individuals in service and their caregivers will open opportunity for more transportation options when appropriate.

IDENTIFIED NEEDS:

- Safety training for traveling alone or training for caregivers
- Sensitivity training for drivers
- Extended hours (early mornings, evenings, weekends and holidays)
- Expansion of transportation for one-time events on evenings and weekends
- Expand routes that will be self-sustainable once up and running

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications will be received on a rolling basis until all funds are depleted. Grants will be reviewed the first week of each month as applicable. Grants received the first week of the month will be reviewed the following month.

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

- Grant funds are available to organizations that support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and delays. Providers include but are not limited to:
 - Program Approved Service Agencies (PASA)
 - Community agencies (i.e.- recreation centers, places of worship, non-profits, businesses, etc.)
 - Schools
- Grant funds must be used on innovative projects or programs geared to expand capacity of existing or new providers. Expanding capacity may include increasing:
 - The number of people served,
 - Service times,
 - Populations served, or
 - Areas of service
- Grant recipient must show proof of financial stability.
- Grant recipient must submit pre- and post-grant data and a Final Report.
- Grants are limited to one-time use fund requests (ie.- training, volunteer recruitment, initial costs associated with hiring new staff, capital projects, specialized equipment, incentives).
- Grants must lead to a benefit to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities or delays living in Arapahoe or Douglas Counties or the City of Aurora.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Grant applications will be evaluated based on:

- Adherence to Eligibility and Requirement guidelines
- Ability to meet the needs of the intellectual and developmental disability and delay population
- Growth potential for program
- Sustainability of program
- Information provided in proposal describes an understanding of the specific needs in our community, and a well-thought out plan to address needs specific to the Developmental Pathways Initiatives
- Funds requested are connected to the needs and plan presented in the proposal

Applicants will be notified of grant approval status 4-6 weeks after grant submission.

Grant payments will be issued after we have received pre-grant data and a signed grant agreement.

GRANT AMOUNTS

A total of \$100,000 is available for each Initiative. Individual grant amounts will be determined by the grant request, expansion capacity, need, financial stability of the organization and, sustainability of the program.

- **Maximum Grant Award:** Please note that not everyone will receive their requested amount. Organizations with potential for significant expansion and with clearly described plans for achieving their goals will be most likely to receive the total amount requested.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Brief pre- and post-grant data collection will be conducted through JotForm and collected by the Grant Administrator.

A mid-term report may be required, depending on the length of the grant period.

Thirty days following the end of the grant period (specific dates provided in Grant Agreement), a Final Grant Report must be submitted to include:

- **Results/Outcomes**
 - Describe the progress made toward the goals and objectives provided in the grant application.
 - Describe the impact this grant had on the population you serve.
- **Lessons Learned**
 - What worked and did not work in your proposed plan? What, if anything, would you do differently next time?
 - Describe what you learned based of the results/outcomes reported above and what, if any, programmatic or organizational changes you will make based on your results/outcomes.
- **Sustainability**
 - Will you continue this program? If so, how?
 - If you do not plan to continue this work, please explain why.
 - What suggestions do you have to make more long-term change?
- **Financials**
 - Please complete a financial report showcasing the use of funds in alignment with the grant application and agreement.
 - Include income and expenditure details compared to the approved budget from the grant application. Explain any variances.
 - Grantee agrees to return to the Funder any part of the grant amount unencumbered at the end of the grant period, as identified in the financial report.

TO APPLY

1. Read the eligibility and requirements for this grant to ensure your organization qualifies.
2. Complete the application and submit the required financial documents to COevents@dpcolo.org. Once you have completed your application, you can click on the “Submit Form” button found on the application. Clicking “Submit Form” will ensure your application is submitted and processed in a timely manner.

QUESTIONS

For questions about eligibility or requirement to apply for this grant or about the Initiatives in general, contact Dinah Frey at d.frey@dpcolo.org.

Technical questions about completing the application form may be directed to COevents@dpcolo.org.