

Purpose

Provider Grants are intended to increase provider capacity to serve individuals with developmental disabilities or delays (IDDs) in Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas Counties. Over the past few years, Developmental Pathways gathered information from individuals in services, caregivers, and providers to identify the barriers to IDD services to identify key areas of need. The included Funding Areas address those needs.

Grant Objectives

Generally speaking, we are looking to support local providers in:

- Increasing access to person-centered services and supports so people with IDDs can live [more] meaningful lives.
- Addressing barriers to services for individuals with IDDs.

Funding Areas

Based on stakeholder input through various channels as well as funding goals for local Mill Levy dollars, we focus funding to support:

- Capacity building/expanding services
- Creating inclusive communities
- Creating new or innovative service offerings
- Community outreach and education
- COVID related requests (no PPE)
- Skill development for individuals with IDDs (trades, inclusive higher ed, etc.)
- Supporting an expanded workforce to serve individuals with IDDs
- Protecting, assisting with, and promoting healthy, safe, person-centered lives
- Systems change support
- Support with becoming or expanding program approval to be a PASA

Application Deadline

Applications will be received on a rolling basis until all funds are depleted. Applications will be reviewed the following month after submission.

Grantee Criteria

- Grant funds are available to non-profit and for-profit providers. Providers include but are not limited to:
 - Program Approved Service Agencies (PASA)
 - Community agencies (ie.- recreation centers, places of worship, non-profits, businesses)
 - Schools

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- Grant funds must be used on 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.
- 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 Adams, Arapahoe, or Douglas Counties.

Selection Process

Grant applications will be evaluated based on:

- Adherence to Grantee Criteria and Requirement guidelines
- Ability to meet the needs of the 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 those needs
- 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.

Funding Limitations

Approximately \$400,000 is available for Fiscal Year 2021 on a first-come, first-served basis and in line with the grant objectives. Individual grant amounts will be determined by the grant request, expansion capacity, need, financial stability of the organization and, sustainability of the program. There is not a limit on each individual grant, but keep in mind that our goal is to serve as many agencies as possible with the grant funds. Funds are expected to be used within a year.

Reporting Process

Brief pre- and post-grant data collection will be conducted electronically and managed by the Grant Administrator following notification of grant approval.

- Pre-grant: <https://tinyurl.com/pre-grant>
- Post-grant: <https://tinyurl.com/post-grant>

Within 30 days of the end of the grant period, the Grantee must provide a Final Grant Report to the Community Engagement Department of Developmental Pathways. A Mid-Term Grant Report may be required for long projects. Grant Agreements will indicate if a Mid-Term Grant Report is required. The Final Grant Report shall include the following:

- 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.

To Apply

1. Read the eligibility and requirements for this grant to ensure your organization qualifies.
2. Complete the application and submit the required Narrative Questions and financial documents at <https://tinyurl.com/ProviderGrant>.

Questions

For questions about eligibility or requirements to apply for this grant, contact Marilyn Udeen at m.udeen@dpcolo.org.

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