



Maryland Developmental
Disabilities Council

Small Grants

What are Small Grants?



The Council works to make life better for people with developmental disabilities and their families.



One way we do that is by funding Small Grants. This means the Council gives money to:

- People and organizations to work on projects,
- Organizations to host trainings and conferences in Maryland, and
- People with developmental disabilities and family members to go to conferences in other states.



All of these activities have to make life better for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Three kinds of Small Grants

– Projects –



Projects are things like:

- Helping people learn to be strong advocates.
- Making policies, programs, and services better.
- Making the community a better place for people with developmental disabilities.
- Helping families, schools, employers, and community members better understand what people with developmental disabilities can do.



People, groups, and organizations can apply.

You can ask for up to \$5000 to support a project.



NO

Council funds **cannot** be used for:

- Activities that only help one person or family,
- Services for people with developmental disabilities,
- T-shirts, buttons, or other things like that,
- Social activities or events, or
- Fundraising.

The Council usually does not fund equipment. To find out where you might get help with equipment, contact the Department of Disabilities at 800-637-4113.

– Trainings in Maryland –



- Groups and organizations that want to host a training or conference can apply.
- You can ask for up to \$3000 to help pay for the training or conference.
- The training must be in Maryland.



The money can pay for things like: meeting space, speaker fees, travel costs for speakers, and printing conference information. It can also pay for sign language interpreters and translators if people who speak other languages come.



The trainings must be for:

- People with developmental disabilities,
- Family members of people with developmental disabilities, and/or
- Professionals that work with people developmental disabilities.



Council funds **cannot** be used for:

- T-shirts, buttons, or other things like that,
- Social activities or events, or
- Breakfast or dinner. Lunch can sometimes be paid for (Council staff can explain).

– Conferences in other States –



- Adults with developmental disabilities and family members of people with developmental disabilities can apply. You must live in Maryland.
- You can ask for up to \$1000 to help cover the cost of attending a conference in another state.



You must agree to use what you learn to help others, not just yourself and your family.



The conference must be:

- Related to developmental disabilities,
- Help you learn new things, and
- Take place in states other than Maryland.



Council funds can be used for:

- Registration
- Transportation
- Hotel
- Personal Assistance Services
- Child care
- Other costs related to the conference

Other things to know



To ask for a small grant:

- The Council has an application you fill out.
- Send in your application far ahead of when you need the money. If you wait too long, the committee that reviews applications might not meet in time.
- The Council will let you know if your Small Grant application is approved or not.



To learn more:

Go to the Council's website and click on the "Funding" tab.

or

Contact the Council at info@md-council.org or

410-767-6249.