



**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 and
- Organizations to host trainings and conferences in Maryland.



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

2 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.



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 410-767-3660.

– 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).

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 410-767-3670.