

COVID-19 Grantees Report

The Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council awarded COVID-19 Relief Fund Grants to 30 organizations in Iowa. The grants were intended to fill gaps in services and supports that people with developmental disabilities and their families experience due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding initiative provided an opportunity for innovative methods of support. Funds were also used to support direct care staff during this time.

Arc of East Central Iowa	Activity bags containing, games, cards, chalk craft supplies for the 75 people they support
Autism Society	Zoom account and staffing costs to offer more virtual opportunity for 37 people they support
Balance Autism	Hotspots, headphones and tablets to provide applied behavioral analysis to 50 people they support
Camp High Hopes	Costs to hold camp virtually, zoom costs, mailing costs for supplies to campers, staff time
Courage League	19 Scholarships for Camp programs
Department of the Blind	Staffing costs to host virtual support groups and braille instruction
Discovery Living	Personal Protective Equipment for 350 direct care staff and people they support
Easterseals Iowa	Personal Protective Equipment for 250 direct care staff.
Epilepsy Foundation	Support staff costs and technology to implement Seizure First Aid course virtually
First Resources Corp.	Pizzas and movies for 32 people they support to help with social isolation
Goodwill of the Heartland	Tablets to help with social isolation and job search for the 150 people they support.
Hills and Dales	Meals and personal protective equipment for the 250 direct support staff
HOPE Agency	Art supplies and materials to make homemade masks to benefit 60 people they support and 25 direct care staff to help with social isolation
Hope Haven Area Dev. Ctr.	A laptop to help with social isolation and job searching for 8 people they support

Horizons Unlimited	Purchase of iPads to enable the members to reach out to family, friends, and guardians during the pandemic.
Howard Center Inc.	Gift cards for local restaurants for 40 direct care staff
Julian Unleashed	Garden supplies and plants to grow a "Superheroes" garden with 27 people they support. Teaches skills, helps food and social isolation
Larrabee Center	Transportation costs to run additional errands, shopping, additional social check-ins to the 65 people they support.
Link Associates	Cooking supplies and art supplies to implement 120 Facebook Leisure live programming to at least 150 people they support. Open to all.
Main Street School	Chromebooks 15 students they support
Mainstream Living	Crafts and art supplies, games and puzzles for the 350 people they support
MIW, Inc	Gift cards and professional protective equipment for direct care staff for 24 staff
NIVC/43 North Iowa	Amazon Firesticks, Netflix subscription, books and craft supplies for 40 people they support to help with social isolation
One Vision	Staff costs to support a person to provide individual training to the people they support on how to use technology and communication software
Opportunity Living	Tablets for 52 people they support
Passageways	Home delivered meals and care packages for the 33 people they support
Southern Iowa Resources for Families	Tablets for 11 people they support to help with social isolation
TASC Inc.	iPads to help with social isolation for 15 people they support
Tenco	Crafts and board games for the 225 people they support to help with social isolation
Vera French	Crafts, art supplies, board games, outdoor games for 30 people they support
Wesco	Chrome books to help with social isolation for 15 people they support