

TOWN HALL ADVOCACY *Grants*



The Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council) is excited to offer grant funds to local advocacy groups that are **led by people with disabilities!** These groups should have a plan to take action in their community by hosting a town hall meeting with elected officials and encouraging Iowans with disabilities to be advocates on disability-related issues.

Activities of grant recipients must be non-partisan and support individuals with disabilities in developing relationships with their elected officials.

AVAILABLE GRANTS

Grants are available in varying amounts beginning at \$100 and going up to \$2,000. You will have the option to select a grant range on the application. We encourage local advocacy groups to apply for any size grant they feel would have an impact in their community. Great ideas that have a big impact don't always carry a big price tag. Grant requests must include a plan detailing how it will be put into action.

Grant funds are provided as a reimbursement for actual expenses and receipts for all expenses must be submitted along with a final report prior to the disbursement of funds. Grants may be awarded for a portion of the proposed activities.

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

As a grant recipient, you will be required to:

1. Complete the grant application, including a plan and proposed budget.
2. Sign the grant agreement.
3. Provide a final report within three weeks of the conclusion of grant-related activities. The requirements of the final report will be based on grant activities and will be included in the agreement.
4. Provide receipts for grant-related expenses.

All grant-related activities must adhere to public health guidelines provided by both the state and the federal government.

ELIGIBILITY

Local groups of individuals with disabilities, family members, friends and advocates with an interest in supporting and encouraging Iowans with disabilities to get involved in advocacy are eligible.

Groups are expected to meet with elected officials and other community and state leaders and host a town

hall meeting on disability-related issues. Groups may be formal or informal, but a majority of the members must be individuals with disabilities.

EXPECTATIONS

The Iowa DD Council provides grants to allow local advocacy groups to take action in their communities. We want you to be creative and submit proposals that describe how your group will encourage and support community members with disabilities to get involved as advocates and meet with their elected officials and host a town hall meeting on disability-related issues.

Grants will be evaluated based on the following:

- How many individuals with disabilities, elected officials, and other community and state leaders will be reached through the grant?
- What will be the result of this grant?

SUPPORT

The DD Council offers resources to support grantees activities at no charge. The following are items the DD Council can provide therefore; these activities will not be approved for funding:

- Facilitate and/or provide advocacy trainings.
- Marketing materials (printing and distribution are the responsibility of the grantee).
- Public relations support to increase awareness of grantee's activities.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions regarding the guidelines of the grant or questions about the application, a member of our team would be happy to assist.

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GRANT *Application*



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Group Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

GRANT REQUEST

The DD Council will award multiple grants in varying ranges. Actual grant amounts awarded will be stated in the grant contract and reimbursements will be provided based on actual expenses.

Select the grant range you wish to apply for.

\$100-\$500

\$501-\$1,000

\$1,001-\$1,500

\$1,501-\$2,000

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Submit a narrative that includes the following information for review by the DD Council team. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until funds are depleted.

1. How many total people are in your group?
 - How many of those are persons with disabilities?
 - How many are family members?
2. Describe your plan for the town hall meeting. Include the following:
 - Planning timeline
 - Proposed activities and events
 - Disability issues to be discussed
 - List of elected officials and community and state leaders who will be invited
3. Who and how many will attend your activities?
4. What is the total cost of your town hall meeting? (Use form on following page to list estimated expenses and who will pay for what.)
5. What will be the outcome of your town hall meeting and how will you know that your project was successful?

