

Small Grant Application Events and Innovative Projects



VT DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

The Mission of VTDDC is to help build connections and supports that bring people with developmental disabilities and their families into the  heart of Vermont communities.

The Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council is a state-wide board that works to increase public awareness about critical issues affecting people with developmental disabilities and their families. 14 of its 23 members are self-advocates and family members.

VTDDC follows the federal definition of developmental disability:

A disability that begins before age 22 that substantially affects three or more activities of daily life such as self-care, communication, movement, learning, self-direction, independent living, and employment.

A. Events: VTDDC provides a limited number of grants each year up to \$**1000** to organize and hold conferences, trainings, scholarship programs or other disability-related events for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Activities should expand knowledge about specific disabilities and the disability movement, grow leadership skills, increase the ability to advocate for themselves and others, and to realize their potential to be full participants in communities.

- Preference is given to scholarship requests to individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Applications from organizations will be considered four times a year. All application materials are due by October 31, January 31, April 30 and July 31.
- Requests must be made on the VTDDC application form and address why it is important to fund the event, and how the experience and information will be disseminated in the developmental disability community.
- VTDDC sponsorship will need to be recognized in project materials.

- Funds may be provided on either a grant or reimbursement-only basis.
- Follow-up reporting will be required about the event and the number of people benefited.

B. Innovative Projects: VTDDC provides a limited number of grants each year up to \$**1000** to support new short-term research, demonstration or other model project consistent with VTDDC's state plan, and which:

- 1) Provide individuals with developmental disabilities and their families with opportunities for community interactions that enhance growth and contribute to full participation in community life; and/or
 - 2) Foster innovative and alternative approaches to supports and services that bring those with disabilities into the heart of Vermont's communities.
- Typically funding will not be available for more than one year.
 - Deadlines for applications are October 31, January 31, April 30 and July 31.
 - Requests must be made on VTDDC's application form, and include:
 - Description of the applicant.
 - Description of the project.
 - Why the project needs to be funded at this time.
 - What results are expected that will impact the lives of Vermonters with developmental disabilities.
 - How the results of the project or event will be shared.
 - VTDDC may require a more detailed application that outlines objectives, activities, performance targets and timelines.
 - VTDDC sponsorship will need to be recognized in project materials.
 - Funds may be provided on either a grant or reimbursement-only basis.
 - Reporting will be required about the project, including the number of people benefited.

Call us at (802) 828-1310 or toll-free at (888) 317-2006 for more information.
You can also check our web-site at www.ddc.vermont.gov

**Please describe the project for which funding is being requested :
(example: name, date and location of conference, training, etc)**

How does the project fit the Fund criteria?

Attach any paperwork you have on the project -- Brochure, flyer, etc.

Why does this project need to be funded at this time?

What results do you expect that will impact the lives of those with developmental disabilities in Vermont?

Have you requested assistance from other sources?

Where and when?	Amount Requested	Amount Received

How will the results of the project or event be disseminated?

VTDDC may require a more detailed application that outlines objectives, activities, performance targets and timelines. At least one report on grant activities will be required as well as distribution of a Consumer Satisfaction Survey and photos with release. VTDDC's sponsorship will need to be recognized in project materials. VTDDC may choose to provide small grant funds on a reimbursement only basis.

I accept these conditions if I am awarded a grant.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please sign and mail completed application to:

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