



2016-2021 State Plan Activities

Responsibilities of the Council

North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities focuses on diverse projects that improve opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including education, employment, transportation, community living, and health care projects. Just as importantly, the Council works to build the capabilities of individuals, families, and communities, enabling each to become more self-sufficient through the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (the DD Act).

Council projects are developed in direct response to the concerns and ideas voiced by consumers, families, service providers, policymakers, and other professionals. Members of the Council uses information about the service system, disability issues, and people's needs to:

- Develop projects and activities that are focused on the gaps and barriers in the current array of services and supports
- Help North Dakotans with disabilities and their families live in, work in, and contribute to their communities

These activities are designed to impact the entire state and are developed in close collaboration with consumers, parents, advocate groups, state agencies, service providers, and state and local policymakers.

The Council submits a five-year State Plan to the U.S. Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The 2016-2021 State Plan includes targeted goals and objectives relating to all or some of these priority areas:




2020 Grant Opportunities

The purpose of Council grants is to support new and innovative projects; as well as to expand best practices and contribute to system wide changes that support the rights of people with developmental disabilities and their full inclusion as community members.

The Council is authorized to grant funds to public and non-profit entities and for-profit organizations. The funding of projects is contingent on the Council's receipt of sufficient federal funds.

There are several types of funding opportunities available through the North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Small Innovative Grants - These are Small Grants of \$9,800 or less that support new ideas or new small projects to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families through one of our goal areas.



Consumer Leadership Investment Fund -Each year, the Council sets aside funds to assist individuals with developmental disabilities and family members of individuals with developmental disabilities with the cost of attending conferences.

Specific Requests for Proposals - The North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities invests in and funds projects through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process.