



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



Request for Grant Applications #1 FY 2027

Date: June 30, 2026

Title: Grants for State Plan Activities of the Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities (the Council).

Scope: The purpose of this program is to perform activities to achieve the Goals and Objectives in the Council's State Plan for federal fiscal year 2027, which is October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.

Schedule: The initial period of performance shall be from the time of award until September 30, 2027. New projects may be renewed for not more than two (2) subsequent years. Projects will not be funded for more than three (3) consecutive years.

Statement of Work:

The Contractor shall propose to perform one or more activities in support of the following Goals and Objectives of the Council's State Plan for 2027–2031:

Eligibility: Reduce gaps in eligibility for Home and Community Based Services by collaborating with state agencies, cross-disability coalitions, and policy boards, to inform policymakers about promising practices, policies, and regulations that would implement more inclusive functional eligibility criteria.

Navigation: Improve access to services and supports by developing tools and processes to navigate across public and private agencies and programs; by outreach and training to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families; by facilitating interagency collaboration; and by recommending navigation tools, processes, and training to policymakers.

Behavioral Health: Eliminate barriers and improve access to specialized behavioral health services by collaborating with individuals, families, behavioral health providers, hospitals, advocates, higher education institutions, and appropriate regulatory and professional channels to compile a guide to resources and promising practices; and by recommending tools and practices to government and industry.

Advocacy Academy: Develop and pilot an Advocacy Academy in collaboration with self-advocates, cross-disability coalitions, and like-minded advocacy organizations, providing outreach, education, and training in housing, transportation, employment, health, wellness, and independent living skills.

Health and Wellness: Increase knowledge and awareness among individuals with developmental disabilities of diet, nutrition, exercise, access to healthcare, mental health, social connectivity, and independent living skills, in collaboration with other advocacy organizations, medical societies, educational institutions, and state agencies.

Organization Development: Increase the capacity and sustainability of self-advocacy organizations by outreach, training, and technical assistance in business and financial planning, organizing, leading, controls, communications, collaboration, and coalition building.

Access to Healthcare: Improve access to generic healthcare, especially primary care, urgent care, and emergency care by outreach and training; by technical assistance to healthcare providers; by interagency collaboration including with the State Department of Public Health, Department of Social Services, and State Insurance Department; and by informing policymakers about promising practices and regulations that would implement accommodations for developmental disabilities in the delivery of healthcare.

Trauma-Informed Accommodations and Neuro-Affirmation: Eliminate barriers and increase access to community services for neurodivergent individuals by outreach, training, and technical assistance to businesses and public agencies about best practices for engaging and serving neurodivergent individuals, and by informing policymakers about promising practices and regulations that would implement trauma-informed accommodations and neuro-affirmation.

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Employment, Transportation, and Housing: Eliminate barriers and increase access to competitive integrated employment, on-demand transportation, and affordable, accessible, supported housing by providing technical assistance and facilitating collaboration with business associations, public transportation providers, and public housing programs, and by informing policymakers about promising practices and regulations that would implement supported employment, affordable on-demand transportation, and supported housing.

Allowable uses of funds:

Grants shall be used for advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities in support of the State Plan activities shown above. Grants shall not be used to sustain the operation of existing programs. Grants may not be used to duplicate or replace services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families who are eligible for Federal assistance under other State programs. Grants may not be used to supplant any non-Federal funds that would otherwise be made available for the purposes of the State Plan.

Deliverables:

The contractor shall deliver a final report on these activities. The final report shall have six (6) parts:

1. A narrative of not more than 300 words that describes the outcomes of the work for the Council.
2. An expenditure report that includes all the items in the Expenditure Report form available at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CTCDD/Grants/CTCDDCostProposalxlsx.xlsx>. The Contractor may use the form or its own format that includes the same information. In any case the Contractor must report its actual expenditures and matching funds.
3. Answers to the DD Council Performance Measures at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CTCDD/Grants/AIDD-DD-Council-Performance-Measures.pdf>.
4. Demographic data at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CTCDD/Grants/Demographics.pdf> on the participants in any programs funded by this grant.
5. A plan for the sustainability of the Contractor without Council funding after the period of performance.
6. An appendix of any documents, data files, sign-in sheets, attendance lists, or other work product that were produced using funds from the Council.

Cost and Match:

The size of awards will vary depending on the nature of the work. The Council anticipates multiple awards that would total approximately \$400,000 for the fiscal year. Individual awards will not exceed \$50,000. The contractor shall contribute (match) at least 25% of the total cost of the project in the form of staff time, purchased materials, purchased services, or in-kind services. (In the case of projects whose activities or products target individuals with developmental disabilities who live in urban or rural poverty areas, the contractor shall contribute at least 10% of the total cost of this project.) Indirect costs may not exceed 10% of the total cost of this project. The application shall show the form and the amount of the contribution (match) provided by the Contractor.

Qualifications:

Organizations that would perform this work shall have demonstrated knowledge and experience with: home and community-based services for individuals who live with developmental disabilities; the unique needs of individuals who live with developmental disabilities; and whatever products or services are proposed by the applicant.

Organizations that would perform this work shall have demonstrated support and commitment to the values of the Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities as articulated in the findings, purposes, and policy of the Congress of the United States in Public Law 106–402, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000.

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Nondiscrimination:

The Contractor must comply with the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties of Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a, as amended.

Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964:

The Contractor shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including reasonable steps to make the programs, services, and activities funded by the Council accessible by eligible persons with limited English proficiency.

Evaluation Criteria:

Applications shall be scored according to the following rubric:

- Approach — 25%
- Qualifications — 25%
- Cost realism — 25%
- Schedule — 25%

The application shall describe how persons with developmental disabilities are involved in the design, refinement, implementation, and evaluation of the project.

The outcome(s) that you hope to achieve, and related measure(s) shall be clearly defined.

Late applications or applications that do not follow the instructions may be summarily rejected.

Applications by organizations that do not support the values of The Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities may be summarily rejected.

Terms:

The agreement between the contractor and the Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities shall take the form of the Memorandum of Understanding at

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/ctcdd/grants/mou-template-2025.pdf>.

Application Instructions:

Please organize your application on not more than six pages plus appendices as follows:

Cover Sheet available at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/ctcdd/grants/proposalcoverpagepdf.pdf>.

A two-page narrative describing your approach to accomplish the Statement of Work.

A two-page narrative describing your organization's Qualifications.

Cost proposal available at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/ctcdd/grants/ctcddcostproposalxlsx.xlsx>.

Appendices. You may attach additional fact sheets, brochures, articles, resumes, and other materials to support your approach, your qualifications, and your cost proposal.

Applications shall be submitted via email to walter.glomb@ct.gov,

or by U.S. mail or delivery to:

Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities

460 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT 06106

Applications that are received before August 15, 2026, will receive first consideration. Applications received after August 15, 2026, will be considered in the order they are received, and awards will be made subject to the availability of funding. Grants will be awarded in October 2026.

Caveat:

All grants by the Council are contingent upon the appropriation and availability of federal funds, and in no event shall the Council be liable for any payments in excess of such appropriated funds.