

Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council Notice of Funds Available

EXPANDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE

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Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council

The Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council (MDDC or Council) is funded through the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act Amendments of 2000 (DD Act). The Council focuses on advocacy, capacity-building, and systems change to empower individuals with developmental disabilities to participate as an equal member of society.

Mission

To support people with developmental disabilities to achieve life dreams.

Vision

People with disabilities are supported across their lifespan to live self-determined and self-directed lives in a diverse and inclusive community.

Values

- 1. Including People with High and Complex Support Needs in all Activities.** This is the Council's core constituency. Developing supports that help them to live self-directed, inclusive lives automatically demonstrates that other people with disabilities can live self-determined lives in inclusive communities.
- 2. Self Determination.** The Council advocates for systems and communities that support people with developmental disabilities to live the lives they choose, including living where they choose with whom they choose and receiving services the way they choose.
- 3. Voice at the Policy Table.** People with developmental disabilities and their families must be able to make their voices heard across the landscape of policy development.
- 4. Economic Justice.** Improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities requires attention to economic justice and poverty. This attention opens opportunities for building partnerships with other economic justice advocates.
- 5. Community Inclusion.** The Council works to ensure supports and accommodations for full access to community living and community engagement.
- 6. Rights of People with Developmental Disabilities.** The Council helps people understand and exercise their rights. The Council advocates for accountability when governments or others ignore or violate those rights.
- 7. Diversity and Equity.** The Council intentionally focuses on race, ethnicity, and other intersectional identities to eliminate historical and systemic marginalization and create systems change.

This announces the availability of funds to be awarded by the Council for innovative project proposals for a federal initiative. Funding was provided by The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Community Living with partnership support from the Centers for Disease Control.

Grant funds, from \$10,000 up to \$50,000 each, will be awarded for an initiative designed to **“Enhance the public health workforce that directly support public health services for persons with disabilities”**.

Proposals must:

- (1) describe strategies that address or implement goals and objectives specific to the initiative
- (2) address regional or statewide issues affecting individuals with developmental disabilities; and
- (3) reach underserved communities and populations through culturally affirmative and linguistically accessible information and practices

AND

- (4) Target populations in one or more counties prioritized through the social vulnerability index* (N=22counties).

The social vulnerability index (SVI), developed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), combines 15 social factors included in the original CDC SVI with additional factors known to be associated with COVID-19 outcomes. The factors are developed using five-year estimates of demographic data from the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (ACS), and are organized into six themes: Socioeconomic Status, Household Composition and Disability, Minority Status and Language, Housing Type and Transportation, Health Care Infrastructure and Access, and Medical Vulnerability. It also includes statistics for specific race and ethnicity categories and languages. Specifically, data is included for the five racial and ethnic minority groups currently defined by the 1997 OMB Directive 15 and the top five languages spoken by populations with limited English proficient (LEP) at the county level.

The counties prioritized within Michigan are the following:

COUNTY	SVI %	COUNTY	SVI %	COUNTY	SVI %	COUNTY	SVI %
Berrien	73.1	Gratiot	64.1	Mecosta	65.8	Saginaw	70.5
Calhoun	63.3	Ingham	70.3	Montcalm	87.8	St. Joseph	70.2
Chippewa	63.4	Ionia	60.4	Muskegon	78.6	Van Buren	83.3
Clare	69.8	Isabella	68.5	Oceana	66.9	Wayne	93
Genesee	82	Jackson	61.8	Osceola	62.7		
Gladwin	67	Kent	65.3	Oscoda	61.2		

Local health departments, health centers, community-based organizations, and/or disability service providers, are encouraged to apply together and submit a joint workplan to build and leverage connections between these organizations.

Application Process

Click [here](#) to apply for Expanding the Public Health Workforce.

Click [here](#) to download Project Budget Form.

The 'Lead Organization' is the organization that will provide the administrative functions of the grant, and which will receive, disburse, account, and report for grant funds.

Terms

1. Applicants must disclose any conflicts of interest between themselves and Council members, employees, or their immediate families.
2. All projects targeting persons served must be individualized, integrated, and support full access to the greater community.
 - Individual means individual, not a group
 - Integrated means alongside individuals without disabilities
 - Greater community can be accessed by individuals not receiving services
3. The MDDC reserves the right not to fund any proposal under this announcement.

Funds provided by the MDDC **cannot** be used for:

1. Entertainment expenses
2. Capital expenditures or acquisition (construction, remodeling, or purchase of buildings)
3. The purchase or lease of vehicles
4. Operations costs for existing programs
5. Start-up costs for new businesses or organizations
6. Large equipment (such as playground equipment)
7. Programs that are not fully inclusive (such as centers specifically for people with disabilities)
8. Direct supports or services or,
9. Therapy or treatment

Timeline

Date	Actions
May 25, 2022	Updated Call for New Initiatives Disseminated
June 3, 2022	Informational Conference Call 11:00AM-12:00PM
June 30, 2022	New Initiative Proposals Due at 5:00PM
August 5, 2022	Funding decision(s) published
October 1, 2022	Project start date

Informational Conference Call

An informational conference call will be held on [Zoom Friday, June 3, 2022, from 11:00AM to 12:00 PM \(EST\)](#). We will review the specific requirements of the initiative and answer questions.

If you have any questions regarding this notice of funds available, please contact Yasmina Bouraoui at bouraoui@michigan.gov or 517-242-5047.

Expanding the Public Health Workforce

This funding is intended to expand the public health workforce that directly support public health services for persons with disabilities. This is one time funding.

Project Period: October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023

Targeted Population: People with disabilities, their families, support providers, and network staff and volunteers. Funding must be targeted to serve these populations.

Who can apply? Local health departments, health centers, community-based organizations, and disability service providers.

Funding can be used to: recruit, hire, and train public health workers to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for future public health challenges.

What kinds of professionals can be paid for with this funding?

- Community health worker
- Program manager
- Public health nurse
- Communication and policy experts
- Case investigator
- Contact tracer
- Social support specialist
- Disease intervention specialist
- Epidemiologist
- Laboratory personnel
- Informaticians (*use information technology to organize and analyze health records to improve healthcare outcomes*)
- Other positions required to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19

Funds **MAY** be used for equipment to support the recruiting, hiring, and training of staff supporting public health activities. This could include IT equipment, personal protective equipment, data management and other technology, or other necessary supplies.

Funds **MAY NOT** supplant existing funds. This means federal funds must be used to supplement existing state or local funds for program activities and may not replace state or local funds that have been appropriated or allocated for the same purpose.

What types of services **can** be provided with this funding?

A wide range of public health services and supports, including:

- culturally affirmative and linguistically accessible information, in plain language
- assistance with accessing vaccines (including boosters) and connecting to other services
- health and wellness education and information
- counseling, case management and assistance with accessing health care services,

including COVID-19 vaccinations

- transition and diversion from high-risk congregate settings to community living, health, and wellness programs
- activities that address social isolation and social determinants of health
- and other activities that support the public health and wellbeing of people with disabilities

What types of services **cannot** be provided with this funding?

- Purchase a vehicle to transport people with disabilities or older adults to vaccination appointments
- The provision of transportation stipends/vouchers to individuals
- General equipment purchases for staff who are not involved in public health activities, or for reorganization.