

Grant Award Staff Report

DATE: NOVEMBER 29, 2023
TO: DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE 2023 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MILL LEVY GRANT
AWARDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$445,720

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING: December 12, 2023 @ 1:30 p.m.

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A total of 22 organizations submitted 31 grant applications for the Developmental Disabilities Mill Levy (DDML) competitive grant program. Applications included requests for a variety of services, programs, and activities to serve residents with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (IDD). The DDML Advisory Council evaluated all applications and has prepared funding recommendations for the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) totaling \$445,720.

II. REQUEST

Approval of the 2023 DDML grant awards in the amount of \$445,720.

III. BACKGROUND

In November of 2001, the citizens of Douglas County approved a one mill property tax to be used for the benefit of citizens with developmental disabilities and their families. The County is the designated collection and disbursement agent for all property taxes within Douglas County, including the DDML. The County has historically distributed 93% of the mill levy funds to Developmental Pathways and 1.5% is used for Treasurer's fees. The remaining 5.5% is retained to distribute through the competitive grant process.

A seven-member Advisory Council and County staff established review criteria and developed a weighted evaluation tool as an objective rubric to guide discussion and make funding recommendations. The review criteria considers if a project meets a BCC core priority, the number of Douglas County residents each organization plans to assist, and the overall impact of the proposed project. The completeness and quality of the applications, organizational budgets, community partners, and leveraging data are also evaluated through this review process.

IV. DISCUSSION

On July 31, 2023, 31 grant applications were received from 22 organizations, totaling \$970,224 in requests. The 2023 competitive grant program award budget is \$445,720. The Advisory Council reviewed all applications received and prepared funding recommendations based on the evaluation scores.

The Advisory Council recommendations include awarding funds for adult day care, water safety, vocational training, therapeutic horse riding, housing, and transportation services. A list of the organizations containing a brief description of their proposals, the amount requested, and the funding recommended is attached.

V. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends approval of the 2023 DDML grant awards in the amount of \$445,720 as it complies with all County approval standards and policies.

ATTACHMENTS

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2023 Developmental Disabilities Mill Levy Grant Awards

Organization and Project Description	2022 Award	2023 Request	2023 Award
Beken Holdings - Behavioral Service Needs Assessment and Marketing Campaign Array Clinical and Therapeutic Services provides person-centered behavioral services and plans to conduct an in-depth behavioral service needs assessment as well as a marketing campaign in Douglas County.	\$0.00	\$39,600.00	\$0.00
Broken Tree - Camp Program Faith-based organization offers a 5-day confidence building summer camp experience for members and provides respite for their caregivers.	\$3,319.35	\$12,000.00	\$5,627.24
CentrePoint Support Living - Socialization, Personal Development, Community Engagement A for-profit PASA-Health First Colorado Medicaid provider offers STEM and arts exposure to increase creativity and employability of IDD individuals.	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Continuum of Colorado - Agave Home Project provides compliant and alternative wheelchair exit from residence housing three IDD individuals.	New Request	\$3,168.00	\$2,000.00
Continuum of Colorado - Risner Home Ineligible application - Funds requested to upgrade heating and cooling system and repair driveway for a privately owned residence.	New Request	\$18,472.00	\$0.00
DIRT - DIRT on the Road Funds will be used to bring coffee truck to Douglas County events, providing IDD workforce representation and a community navigator available to meet with individuals and families.	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$3,300.00
DIRT- Inclusive Employment Program Provides a three month paid internship to 5 individuals with little or no work experience. Upon graduation, job coaches will support interns in securing long term employment in community.	\$7,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$6,600.00
DIRT- Inclusive Workforce Employer Program The program will train business partners in inclusive hiring practices and effectively managing employees with IDD, and connect them with graduated interns who seek employment.	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
DIRT - Workforce Development Center Requested funds would be used to help with blueprints for renovations for center in downtown Littleton.	New Request	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
Easter Seals - Discovery Club Program led by nursing students to support youth ages 6-18 participating in the Highlands Ranch Discovery Club one-Saturday a month during the school year, where they learn how to problem solve, navigate social situations and adjust to new environments.	\$8,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,400.00
Easter Seals - Yay! Camp Six-week summer day camp allows children ages 7-18 to engage in social, recreational and artistic activities, providing respite for care givers.	\$8,400.00	\$25,000.00	\$16,000.00

Feel the Beat, Corp.- Inclusive Dance and Music Instruction Provide inclusive dance programming to engage individuals of all abilities through use of vibrotactile flooring and specialized programming for the IDD population.	\$13,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$12,800.00
Highlands Ranch Community Association - Therapeutic Recreation Program Scholarships for an inclusive community-based program at 4 recreation centers for Highlands Ranch residents 3-years of age through adulthood.	\$22,750.00	\$37,000.00	\$31,080.00
Jewish Family Service of Colorado, Inc. - JFS Integrated Adaptive Bicycling Program Pilot program provides adaptive bicycles and equipment, comprehensive bike and trail safety education, and individualized bicycle riding instruction and support to adults with IDD.	New Request	\$22,938.00	\$19,267.92
Lone Tree Arts Center- Sensory Inclusive Programming Sensory friendly programming through locally based performances.	\$10,625.00	\$12,500.00	\$10,500.00
Lone Tree Arts Center- Sensory Inclusive Usher Training and Job Resource Fair Funds will be used for direct services, support and curriculum development for usher trainees, workshops, and job fair coordination.	\$6,375.00	\$7,500.00	\$6,300.00
Praying Hands Ranch - Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies Therapeutic riding scholarships for equine assisted activities and therapies for children and adults to improve their self-confidence and increase independence.	\$12,250.00	\$30,000.00	\$13,200.00
Sky Cliff Center - Wheelchair Bus Grant funds would be used to purchase an accessible bus to transport program participants to community outings.	New Request	\$110,000.00	\$0.00
South Suburban Parks & Recreation - STAR Club Program support to offer community trips, recreation, cultural events and leisure programming two mornings a week to facilitate independence and socialization skills.	\$4,402.65	\$15,823.00	\$6,962.12
South Suburban Parks & Recreation - STAR DC Friday Fun The program will provide respite care for families with children ages 13 and up on the six Fridays during school year when no classes are scheduled.	New Request	\$7,090.00	\$4,537.60
Special Olympics Colorado - School & Community Programs Year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic sports to encourage health, life and common and recreation and leisure for children ages 2-18 years of age.	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$12,600.00
STAR Center Foundation - 4S Teen Club Adolescents gain self-advocacy and social skills by participation in a group based intervention which helps individuals learn sensory preferences and regulation strategies.	New Request	\$23,490.00	\$15,033.60
Tall Tales Ranch - Housing Development and Community Hub Funds will be used to pay for a portion of soft costs related to construction, specifically water and sewer taps, XCEL energy and permitting fees.	\$72,250.00	\$85,000.00	\$71,400.00
The al-Naas Civic And Cultural Foundation - Online Psychological Therapy Programs offers online therapeutic services to IDD victims of torture and political violence.	New Request	\$45,000.00	\$0.00

The Mane Mission - Mane Mission Summer IDD Program Organization provides day programs for local community IDD groups. Funds will be used to hire and support summer interns needed due to demand.	New Request	\$20,000.00	\$12,800.00
Therapies for Hope- Therapy Intensives Programs Therapy Intensives programs to serve five Douglas County IDD children ages six months to 18 years and their siblings.	\$11,890.20	\$17,500.00	\$11,200.00
To The Rescue - Purchase an accessible mini-van to support DVR Project Search contract for 2023/2024 school year Purchase an accessible mini-van to transport 10 participants of the Department of Vocation Rehabilitation Project Search program to and from their jobs at the Children's Hospital in Highlands Ranch.	New Request	\$80,000.00	\$35,200.00
Town of Parker - Therapeutic Recreation Program Scholarships Therapeutic recreation scholarships offer individual, family and group scholarships for programs that promote personal development, independence and fitness through organized sports and one-on-one adaptive training to improve self-esteem.	\$12,628.20	\$24,500.00	\$20,580.00
Town of Parker - Adaptive Water Safety & Swim Lessons Scholarships provide instruction to teach lifesaving skills in and around water using an individualized treatment plan to address fitness, cognitive and social goals.	\$6,762.00	\$14,000.00	\$8,960.00
Wellspring Community - Wheelchair Accessible Transit Van Purchase of a wheelchair accessible transit van will allow non-profit organization to expand services to individuals who require more support.	New Request	\$85,000.00	\$54,400.00
Wellspring Housing - Security System for the Unity at Park Grant to purchase a door and security system for housing that provides 24/7 services and supports for residents to live independently with success.	New Request	\$92,143.00	\$58,971.52
		\$970,224.00	\$445,720.00