



**DOUGLAS COUNTY**  
Office of the County Manager

**2010-2011 Developmental Disabilities Grant Committee Recommendations**

For the 2010-2011 Developmental Disabilities grant cycle, grant requests totaled \$543,983.95. A committee of citizens, parents, a Developmental Pathways employee, and county employees reviewed the grant applications and met with the applicants to ask follow-up questions.

The following are the recommendations of the DD mill levy grant committee (a total of \$295,619.45 plus a \$1,282 reimbursement for each qualified participant in the Family Leadership Training Institute).

**1. Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council (ACECC)**

Amount Requested: \$ 29,533  
Recommended Amount: \$ 1,282 per qualifying participant

The grant will be used to reimburse ACECC for qualified Douglas County residents who participate in the Family Leadership Training Institute. In addition to being a Douglas County resident, participants must either have a developmental disability themselves or have a family member with a developmental disability. The program is a 20 week training course that teaches families how to become effective advocates/policy makers/community leaders – who can advocate for and guide appropriate policy development for children’s issues.

**2. Arapahoe Douglas Mental Health Network (ADMHN)**

Amount Requested: \$ 16,767  
Recommended Amount: \$ 16,767

The grant will be used to provide training to psychiatrists, therapists and other ADMHN staff in best practices in treating people with developmental disabilities. A number of ADMHN’s clients have a dual diagnosis of a mental illness and a developmental disability, but their staff is not appropriately trained to work with people with developmental disabilities. The grant dollars will also fund a .25 FTE to serve as a liaison with Developmental Pathways.

**3. Castle View High School**

Amount Requested: \$ 10,000  
Recommended Amount: \$ 10,000

The grant dollars will be used to purchase the barista coffee service and equipment from the company that is discontinuing the service at Castle View. Teachers will develop a pre-vocational program that will train students with developmental disabilities to run the coffee service. Students will be able to learn a variety of work skills – and they will be able to learn at their own pace (something that is not easy to do at a traditional place of work).

Students will be better able to find employment after high school.

**4. Cresthill Middle School**

Amount Requested: \$ 3,500  
Recommended Amount: \$ 3,500

The grant dollars will be used to encourage and enable students with developmental disabilities to participate in a variety of service learning projects (e.g., recycling and conservation). Through the projects, the students will be exposed to a wide variety of community services (including hospitals, fire and police departments, government buildings and recreation centers).

**5. Developmental Pathways**

Amount Requested: \$ 18,000  
Recommended Amount: \$ 18,000

Developmental Pathways operates a commercial laundry – its employees are Pathways clients (10 of the 15 employees are Douglas County residents). The employees have become so productive that they do not have enough work to keep them busy all day. If they had a commercial iron, they could add tablecloths to the services they offer. They could also add additional employees – there is a wait list of clients who would be a good fit for the laundry. The grant dollars would be used to purchase the commercial iron.

**6. Disability Center for Independent Living (DCIL)**

Amount Requested: \$ 50,286 – adjusted down to \$37,400  
Recommended Amount: \$ 37,400

DCIL received its first grant last year. They have been very successful in providing mini case management services to individuals on Developmental Pathways' waiting list. DCIL staff assists clients in developing the individual independent living skills they have self-identified. DCIL also helps clients obtain the resources they need and they help them understand how to more effectively advocate for themselves. DCIL intends to double their capacity this year (from 30 to 60 individuals).

**7. Douglas County Young Life**

Amount Requested: \$ 8,580  
Recommended Amount: \$ 8,580

To provide teens and young adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity to develop long-term, meaningful relationships and to experience adventure-based recreational activities by attending integrated summer and winter camps. DC Young Life is the only chapter in the nation that brings kids with special needs to their typical camp.

**8. Easter Seals**

Amount Requested: \$ 9,500  
Recommended Amount: \$ 9,500

To provide (through the Discovery Club) recreation, socialization and skill development for children with developmental disabilities. This once-a-month club lasts for six hours – parents may drop off their children (thus providing much-needed respite). The club is atypical in that it provides services to children with high medical needs. The club also allows nursing students the opportunity to receive training and experience working with children with special needs and their families. The program has expanded to three locations since its inception in Douglas County (it started with the help of mill levy funds).

**9. Highlands Ranch Community Association, Therapeutic Recreation Program**

Amount Requested: \$ 43,566

Recommended Amount: \$ 43,566

The request was to fund additional staffing, equipment, and scholarships for the Therapeutic Recreation Program. The Therapeutic Rec program provides a much-needed and much-appreciated program for people with developmental disabilities. HRCA's Therapeutic Rec program is a leader in the field and we are lucky to have them in the county. The program serves people from all over Douglas County – not just Highlands Ranch.

**10. Mountain Vista Middle School**

Amount Requested: \$ 5,090

Recommended Amount: \$ 5,090

To help fund activities that will expose students with developmental disabilities to their communities. The goal is to get the students out in the community - the money will go toward the purchase of RTD passes, recreation fees, and classroom and athletic supplies.

**11. New Day in Home Support and Respite Services – Explorer Program**

Amount Requested: \$ 40,300

Recommended Amount: \$ 20,000

To supplement funding for the Explorer Program – which seeks to better connect individuals with their community. The program takes participants out in the community every day – they participate in job training, community service and every day activities that seek to improve the individual's quality of life and independent living skills. We asked New Day to provide a revised budget to show how they will allocate \$20,000 worth of funding.

**12. New Day in Home Support and Respite Services – Recreation/Day Program**

Amount Requested: \$ 40,132

Recommended Amount: \$ 20,000

The request was for funds to expand the current recreation/leisure curriculum in the Sunlight Day Program. Funds were requested to provide a number of enhanced programs (pottery, cooking, music, art, and fitness therapy). We asked New Day to provide a revised budget to show how they will allocate \$20,000 worth of funding.

**13. New Day in Home Support and Respite Services – Transportation**

Amount Requested: \$ 59,195  
Recommended Amount: \$ 29,472.50

Request was to help acquire two wheelchair accessible vehicles. After a lot of discussion, the group decided to recommend contributing half the cost of the wheelchair accessible van. The group is also going to ask New Day to certify that the vehicle will be used for its intended purpose for 5 years. If New Day chooses to sell the vehicle during the first 5 years, we will ask them to use our share of the proceeds to help fund their transportation program (or to return the county's share of the proceeds to the DD Mill Levy fund).

**14. Town of Parker – Recreation Program**

Amount Requested: \$ 20,000  
Recommended Amount: \$ 29,360

Parker received grant funds for the first time last year; they used the funds to help launch a recreation program for individuals with disabilities. A very enthusiastic therapeutic recreation coordinator was hired (half-time) to get the program up and running. Parker has made a lot of progress in the last year. They are back this year asking for funds to continue to develop their young program.

**15. Sky Cliff Center – Therapeutic Riding**

Amount Requested: \$ 3,000  
Recommended Amount: \$ 3,000

The request is for funds to help construct a horse riding arena that will be used for therapeutic riding for adults with developmental disabilities.

**16. Sky Cliff Center – Transportation**

Amount Requested: \$ 27,431.50  
Recommended Amount: \$ 27,431.50

The request is for funds to purchase a vehicle with a wheelchair lift. The van will be used to transport young adults with disabilities to a variety of off site activities. Three times a week participants take trips to a variety of activities (e.g., bowling, swimming, museums, restaurants, shopping). The Castle Rock Senior Center used to help Sky Cliff by providing vans for the outings. The senior center is no longer able to do that. Sky Cliff is coming up with the money for half the cost of the van. The van certification will apply to Sky Cliff (as well as New Day).

**17. South Suburban Parks and Recreation**

Amount Requested: \$ 3,989.45  
Recommended Amount: \$ 3,989.45

This is a new grant request. The grant will be used to provide a six week summer recreation program for people with developmental disabilities. The program will be held at the Lone

Tree Recreation Center. We have funded HRCA's and Parker's recreation programs, and we are always happy when another recreational opportunity comes along for people with special needs.

**18. To The Rescue**

They will continue to use the funds they received last year – all of which have not yet been spent. With their mill levy grant, they are providing *free* transportation to people with developmental disabilities. They have a 24/7 dispatch number that recipients call to schedule a ride.

**19. Wellspring Community – Over 21 Club**

Amount Requested:                 \$ 4,622  
Recommended Amount:             \$ 4,622

Grant will help subsidize a twice-a-month club for young adults with developmental disabilities. There are not many other social options for this population of young adults. The club plans to have a coffee bar and tables for visiting with friends. There will be large group activities and many small group activities – including games, skits, dancing, talent shows, and karaoke. Participants will be invited to plan activities for future meetings.

**20. Wellspring Community – Work and Enrichment Program**

Amount Requested:                 \$ 5,341  
Recommended Amount:             \$ 5,341

Grant to help subsidize two full-time, three-week summer work and enrichment programs. Participants will learn specific job functions; produce marketable products; participate in marketing and sales; engage in a variety of educational and recreational activities; perform on stage; and socialize with their peers.