

**DOUGLAS COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY MILL LEVY GRANT
CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

SUMMARY:

The Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council of Douglas County developed a plan for services and supports that addresses a variety of the needs of adults with developmental disabilities. Major areas of focus include: **LIFE IN COMMON, HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, EMPLOYMENT, RECREATION/LEISURE and HEALTH.**

Douglas County Mill Levy grant funds will be used to fund projects and services that can demonstrate innovative and collaborative projects or programs in the six areas listed above. Preference will be given to best practices and the service of unmet needs. All proposals must be approved by the Douglas County Commissioners.

TIMELINE:

March 24, 2011	Applications available to the general public
April 28, 2011	Applications due to Douglas County
May 2011	Applications reviewed and oral presentations scheduled
June 30, 2011	Grantees notified of funding status

AREAS/AMOUNTS FUNDED:

Areas funded in the past include transportation services, employment, computer training, after school programs, planning workshops, and various scholarships for summer programs. Grants typically fall within the \$1,000 to \$25,000 range.

QUESTIONS? Call Maureen Waller at 303-660-7424

FUNDING CRITERIA

PLEASE NOTE: in Colorado, a developmental disability is defined as a disability that: occurs before the person reaches 22 years of age; substantially impacts the person's daily life; is caused by mental retardation or related conditions (e.g., cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, Down Syndrome, or other neurological conditions); impairs the person's general intellectual functioning: IQ 70 or below +/-5; and significantly limits daily living skills in two or more areas.

- Eligible projects must serve individuals with Developmental Disabilities and/or their families who are Douglas County residents. All qualifying organizations and local government agencies, regardless of home base, will be considered; however, the

project for which the grant funds are requested must serve Douglas County residents.

- Preference will be given to organizations that can demonstrate innovative and collaborative projects and programs. Organizations should describe how they know their program is innovative. Preference will also be given to best practices and the service of unmet needs. It is important that projects and programs demonstrate effective outcomes. Areas of concentration include Life in Common, Housing, Transportation, Employment, Recreation/Leisure, and Health.
- Douglas County Mill Levy funds shall be used to fund projects and services rather than serve as a substitute for fund-raising. No organization's existence should be totally dependent upon Douglas County support.
- Administrative funding is limited to two percent (2%) of the grant amount.
- There is no automatic entitlement to Douglas County Mill Levy funds distributed through the Douglas County Commissioners. Grants are funded on a yearly basis and are not automatically renewable.
- Please be advised that Douglas County Commissioners may revoke the grant at any time if funds are used inappropriately.
- Listed below are some of the major items that would generally **not** be considered appropriate use of Mill Levy funds. However, there may be other items that are not eligible for funds that are not included on this list.
 - Debt retirement
 - Endowments or reserve funds
 - Medical, scientific or academic research
 - Individual medical procedures
 - Grants to individuals
 - General Operations
 - Organizational start-up costs
 - Capital expenditures for administrative purposes (e.g., computers, printers)
- A Service provider that is not a 501 (c) 3 may still apply for a grant, however, you must provide documentation and proof of being incorporated or that you have a fiscal agent.