The Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council) is excited to offer grant funds for advocacy training and support to local advocacy groups and family members of people with disabilities interested in meeting with their legislators at the Iowa State Capitol and advocating on behalf of disability-related issues.

Activities of grant recipients must be non-partisan and support individuals with disabilities in developing relationships with their elected officials.

**AVAILABLE GRANTS**

The DD Council will provide eight (8) Capitol Advocacy Days grants up to $500 each during the legislative session.

Grants will be provided as reimbursements for actual expenses including transportation or accommodations for participation. Lunch is provided during the training portion of the day and will not need to be reimbursed.

**GRANT REQUIREMENTS**

As a grant recipient, you will be required to:

- Schedule a Capitol Advocacy Day on a Tuesday or Wednesday in the months of January through March.
- Participate in an advocacy training at the beginning of the Capitol Advocacy Day.
- Schedule appointments with your legislators (Iowans with Disabilities in Action can assist).
- Provide a written recap of your Capitol Advocacy Day within two weeks after your visit including any follow up communication with legislators.

While at the capitol you may also want to participate in the following:

- Watch a floor debate.
- Attend a committee meeting.
- Meet with other state agencies.
- Meet with DD Council staff.

All grant-related activities must adhere to public health guidelines provided by both the state and the federal government.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The following are the requirements for your group to be eligible to apply for a Capitol Advocacy Days Grant:

- Your group must consist of at least 5 people with a disability and or family members (no more than 20).
- Advocate for disability-related issues.

Grants are available on a first come first serve basis for eligible groups.

**QUESTIONS**

If you have questions regarding the guidelines of the grant or questions about the application, a member of our team would be happy to assist.

Iowa DD Council
contactus@iowaddcouncil.org
(800) 452-1936
iowaddcouncil.org
APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: __________________________________________________________

Group Name: ______________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________ State: _______________ Zip: ___________

Phone Number: ___________________________ Email: ____________________

GRANT REQUEST

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Submit a narrative that includes the following information for review by the DD Council team. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until funds are depleted.

1. How many total people are in your group?
   - How many of those are persons with disabilities?
   - How many are family members?

2. What issue(s) is your group interested in advocating for?

3. What date would you like to visit the Capitol?

GRANT APPLICATION BUDGET

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To apply for a DD Council Capitol Advocacy Days grant, complete and submit the following grant application.

EMAIL TO: contactus@iowaddcouncil.org

MAIL TO: Iowa DD Council
700 2nd Ave Suite 101
Des Moines, IA 50309

FAX TO: (866) 797-7885