

Accessibility Improvement Grant Application (Up to \$10,000)

Applicant:

Funding Request: Up to \$10,000

Project Period: October 1, 2026-September 30, 2027

This grant supports **projects that improve accessibility** for North Dakotans with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD). Funding may be used to enhance **physical access, digital access, or communication access** in schools, organizations, communities, or service settings.

Funds may be used for:

- **Digital accessibility upgrades**
- **Assistive Technology**
- **Communication access improvements**
- **Other costs that directly increase access for people with IDD**

The DD Council will also provide technical assistance, including:

- Accessibility guidance
- Examples of successful projects
- Help planning improvements
- Lived-experience insight

Section 1: Organization Information

Organization Name:

Primary Contact Person:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

City/Town in North Dakota:

Type of Organization: ☐ School ☐ Provider Agency ☐ Community Organization ☐ Local Government
☐ Nonprofit ☐ Other: _____

Section 2: About Your Accessibility Project

Project Name (if known):

Which type(s) of accessibility will your project improve?

- ☐ Physical Access (buildings, spaces, equipment)
- ☐ Digital Access (websites, online tools, technology)
- ☐ Communication Access (plain language, signage, materials, alternative formats)
- ☐ Multiple Areas

Describe the accessibility barriers you want to address:

Who will benefit from this project? (Examples: students with IDD, community members, clients, families, individuals with IDD)

Why is this project needed in your community or organization?

How will this project improve access for people with IDD?

Section 3: Activities You Plan to Do

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Improve physical access (accessibility supplies, assistive technology)
- ☐ Improve digital access (website updates, accessible documents, technology upgrades)
- ☐ Improve communication access (plain-language materials, signage, visual supports)
- ☐ Create new accessibility tools or resources
- ☐ Train staff or community members on accessibility
- ☐ Other: _____

Describe the activities you plan to do:

Section 4: Technical Assistance Needs

How would you like DD Council staff to support your project? (Examples: reviewing materials, accessibility guidance, lived-experience feedback, planning support)

Section 5: Budget (Up to \$10,000)

Physical Accessibility Improvements: \$

Digital Accessibility Improvements: \$

Communication Accessibility Improvements: \$

Materials, Supplies, or Equipment: \$

Other Costs (explain): Amount: \$

Description of Other Costs:

Total Amount Requested: \$

Section 6: Commitment

- ☐ We agree to use the funds only for accessibility improvements and other approved costs.
- ☐ We agree to work with DD Council staff for technical assistance during the year.

Section 7: In-Kind Match Requirement (30%)

This grant requires a **30% in-kind match** from the grantee. In-kind match may include:

- Staff time
- Space or facility use
- Volunteer hours
- Materials or supplies
- Transportation
- Administrative support
- Other non-cash contributions

Describe the in-kind match your organization will provide:

Estimated value of in-kind match: \$

Proposal Submission Instructions

Interested applicants should submit a completed proposal outlining their proposed activities, timeline, budget, anticipated outcomes, and any required matching contributions.

Proposals must be submitted electronically via email to:

Julie Horntvedt

Email: jhorntvedt@nd.gov

Please include "Accessibility Improvement Grant" in the subject line of the email. Applicants should also identify how they will provide the required **30% in-kind match**.