

Self-Advocacy Group Start-Up Grant Application: (Up to \$10,000)

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

Project Summary: Individuals with developmental disabilities have the right to speak for themselves, make choices about their lives, and influence decisions that affect their communities. However, many communities throughout North Dakota lack organized opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to come together, develop leadership skills, learn about their rights, and advocate for issues that matter to them.

This project will support the development and sustainability of local self-advocacy groups in communities across North Dakota. Funding will be used to assist with meeting space, transportation, training materials, leadership development, accessibility supports, and group facilitation. The project will help individuals with developmental disabilities build confidence, strengthen self-determination skills, and increase participation in community life.

Section 1: Organization Information

Organization Name:

Contact Person:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

City/Town in North Dakota:

Section 2: About Your Self-Advocacy Group

Proposed Group Name (if known):

Who will the group serve?

How often will the group meet? ☐ Weekly ☐ Twice a month ☐ Monthly ☐ Other:

Where will meetings take place?

Why do you want to start this group in your community?

Section 3: Staff Support

Who will help run the group?

What experience do they have working with self-advocates?

How will you make sure the group is accessible and welcoming?

Section 4: Technical Assistance Needs

How would you like DD Council staff to support your group? (Examples: planning first meeting, training ideas, outreach support)

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

Room Rental: \$

Staff Time: \$

Food for Meetings: \$

Supplies: \$

Other Costs (explain): \$

Description of Other Costs:

Total Amount Requested: \$

Section 6: Commitment

- ☐ We agree to use the funds only for room rental, staff time, food, supplies, 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 "Self-Advocacy Group Start-Up" in the subject line of the email. Applicants should also identify how they will provide the required **30% in-kind match**.