



2021 Community Integration

Request for Proposal

The Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities is pleased to announce a grant opportunity for private individuals and organizations that will help place clients in volunteer community settings. As part of the GCBDD annual plan for 2021, we would like to establish more choices for our clients to interact in the community. If successful, this partnership will grow from a one year “incubator” to serve 8-10 clients to an on-going effort to serve 30 or more clients. The partnership will transition from a grant fund in the first year to an outcome reimbursement relationship in future years.

GCBDD is looking for an inventive, entrepreneurial individual, program, or organization that will make use of current programs/employers to create opportunities for our non-vocational clients to volunteer/assist. The successful applicant will have innovative ideas and a proven track record of success.

Target Population: 8-10 adults who are either participating in a workshop or habilitation setting. This number could grow to 30 or more individuals in future years.

Types of Services: Volunteering in an established program
Shadowing/assisting an existing volunteer
Shadowing/assisting an employee of an organization
Creation of new volunteering programs

Rating Applications will be reviewed and rated based on the following criteria:
Innovation of options
Likelihood of successful placements in long-term volunteer opportunities
Capability to expand to include future volunteers
Clearly defined plans and processes that can be monitored and improved
Ability to bill Medicaid where reasonable
Aptitude to duplicate program in other areas
Focus on benefitting both DD clients and the community
Past experience of the applicant

Transportation: Transportation can be provided either by the GCBDD or by the grant recipient depending on the ability of the grant recipient.

Funding: GCBDD will make available up to \$100,000 during the first year of the grant to reimburse costs for the grant recipient. As the grant recipient begins to establish the volunteer options, billing other sources like Medicaid, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, etc. will reduce the amount that GCBDD will reimburse. Ultimately, GCBDD will stand as the funder of clients who are not eligible for other sources of funding.

Partner Requirements: The grant recipient must have or be able to obtain Medicaid certification and meet all the requirements of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and any other state agency which may become involved.

Timelines: The RFP will be released 1/4/21. A question and answer session will be held 2/1/21 at 9:00 AM in the GCBDD multipurpose room. All grant proposals will be due to GCBDD no later than 4:00 PM on 2/12/21. The grant and contract will be officially awarded and confirmed following the 2/17/21 GCBDD board meeting. The grant will cover 3/1/21 through 12/31/21.

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