

Dan Thompson Memorial Developmental Disabilities Community Services Account Round 3 (2025-2027)

Questions and Answers

The intent of this document is to provide general information for the open application period. The final determination of project eligibility will be made during the application review period. The pertinent laws, regulations, DSHS policies, and application guidance will control any determination of eligibility and guide final award decisions.

Thanks for all the questions submitted via email and by attending the technical assistance sessions. If you have any questions after reviewing the document, please contact us via email at applydanthompson@dshs.wa.gov. If you have any questions regarding how your organization can become contracted with DSHS/DDCS, please contact us and we will connect you with a team of staff that can assist. If you have questions regarding specific aspects of waiver covered services, please review WAC [388-845](#).

****Application submissions are due by 11:59 pm on Sept. 1, 2025.**

****Awardees will be notified by Oct., 17th, 2025.****

General Questions

What are the award amounts for Round 3?

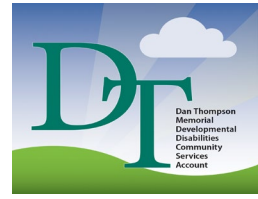
Grant amounts are for \$500,000, \$250,000, \$100,000, \$50,000, and \$20,000.

When is the expected performance period for the project's work?

The goal is Jan. 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027

Are there any partial awards?

We will be reviewing each proposal with its associated budget. The budget must be very clear in what/why requesting money related to each topic area. We



would like to see rounded up numbers on your budget, to account for costs changing (expected costs vs actual). You must select one of the offered amounts.

What level of funding do you recommend people apply for? Do you want more applications for lower dollar amounts?

Apply for the amount that will accomplish your project within the time allotted. We need to see direct expenses: any leftover funds that are not directly tied to expenses would remain in the account, hopefully to be spent towards future grants.

Would a lower amount requested be more feasible to get awarded?

Not necessarily. We encourage you to apply for the amount that is needed to accomplish your project's goals.

How is this grant funded? Is it through federal or state funds?

No federal money, this grant is funded solely through state funds.

Is there match funding?

No.

How do we know if the project proposal is not already covered by a waiver or otherwise funded through Medicaid?

Expenditures from the account must supplement, and may not replace, supplant, or reduce current state expenditure levels for supports and services in the community setting for eligible persons with developmental disabilities (RCW 71A.20.170).

The Medicaid State Plan information is available at:

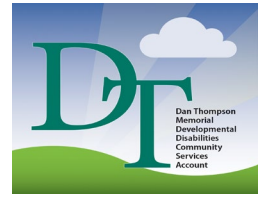
<https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/programs-and-initiatives/apple-health-medicaid/what-state-plan>

The Managed Care or Home and Community Based Services waiver (Basic Plus, Children's Intensive In-home Behavioral Supports, Community Protection, Core, and Individual and Family Services) is available at:

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/consumers-and-families/home-and-community-based-waivers-hcbs>

Do we need to guarantee that 100% of the people receiving services/benefits from the award are eligible for DDA services?

The purpose of the funds is to directly benefit individuals who are eligible for [DDA services](#). This should be the primary intent of the application submitted. We also understand the importance of community-integrated programs and services for all ability levels. However, the application must clearly show how the purpose is to benefit people who are eligible for DDA services.



How can I show emphasis on our involvement in servicing BIPOC communities?

Please provide this information in any/all areas of the application as you see fit.

Will there be bonus points assigned to applications that have the BIPOC or Tribal emphasis?

Each application will be considered in its entirety. It can be said that if the project is known to be impactful on the BIPOC or Tribal community, to include that insight into the application.

Are the grant dollars reimbursement only?

Yes.

Can you propose serving/making an impact in more than one county?

Yes.

Are DSHS-contracted providers eligible? Such as respite providers, supported living providers, etc.

Yes.

Are government entities eligible? Such as WA state agencies, WA counties, WA city municipalities, etc.

Yes.

We have previously applied in Round 1 and Round 2. We were awarded in Round 2, are we eligible to apply for Round 3?

Yes, previous applicants and awardees are eligible to apply for Round 3.

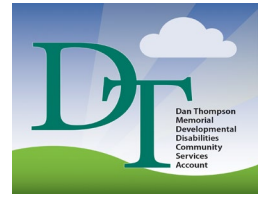
If you previously received a Dan Thompson grant, the Round 3 application would need to be significantly different from the previous grant funding. The statute for this account requires that it is distributed as "one-time funding." The new proposal would need to be different enough that it is not continuing the same program/costs that were previously funded.

Is there an advantage or disadvantage for having funding in the previous year? Will that be a weighted determinant?

No.

Can we apply more than once this round?

One application per organization.



Can we utilize funds for services that are also being covered by Medicaid or Waiver programs?

Unfortunately, no. Expenditures from the account must supplement, and may not replace, supplant, or reduce current state expenditure levels for supports and services in the community setting for eligible persons with developmental disabilities (RCW 71A.20.170). If you have another DSHS contract, these funds can't be used to supplement a shortage in rate from the other contract.

For further information please refer to WAC [388-845](#) for information regarding DDA Home and Community Based Services Waivers.

For those people on a waiver, do we have to offer things above and beyond what they're receiving through their waiver?

Yes, and the organization must show how the funding will increase direct benefits to people on the waiver and **not** duplicating services.

We currently serve people who are eligible to receive DDA services, but we are not currently accepting DDA payment for our services. Is it required that we accept DDA as a form of payment for the services we provide?

If you are providing a service available under a waiver, then this is a duplication, and therefore, not eligible regardless of whether you are contracted with DDA or currently claiming reimbursement.

We have an idea to do X, Y, and Z. Is this idea eligible?

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide guidance for specific ideas or proposed plans. This is done to ensure fairness so that all proposals follow the same review process. If you have an idea but are unsure if it is eligible, we encourage you to apply.

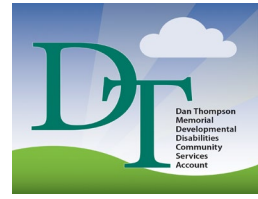
Can the funds be used to fund program positions?

Only if the position is intended to enhance and expand services. We cannot pay for staffing that is doing the work already as part of their normal duties.

How are the deliverables determined or monitored?

Within the application, you are required to tell us your project deliverables and reporting metrics. Additional reporting requirements may be included in the formal contract. Monitoring includes reviewing your quarterly reports, reviewing the supplemental documentation in your quarterly invoices, email and phone correspondence, and site/monitoring visits (virtually or in-person). DDA may use all of these to monitor your award.

If awarded, when can I start being reimbursed?



After there is a fully executed contract in place, meaning the contract has been signed by all parties. Purchases, or work started prior to a fully executed contract is in place, will not be eligible for reimbursement. If there are aspects of the proposal or contract that cannot be fully completed prior to the June 30, 2027 deadline, they cannot be reimbursed.

If you have an existing program and want to continue it, or enhance it for this population, is this allowed or are only new programs allowed?

Both new and existing programs are eligible if they are to become enhanced and/or expanded from these funds. Examples may include: serving more people, increasing availability of services/programs, improving accessibility to services/programs.

If you have another DSHS contract, these funds can't be used to supplement a shortage in rate from the other contract.

Can we apply to provide respite to people who are on core waivers, but don't get respite hours?

No. Individuals who are receiving Residential Rehabilitation Services under the CORE or Community Protection Waivers are not eligible for respite. Expenditures from the account must supplement, and may not replace, supplant, or reduce current state expenditure levels for supports and services in the community setting for eligible persons with developmental disabilities (RCW 71A.20.170). DDA cannot impose rules that would jeopardize any federal funding that person is already receiving under their waiver. Respite is an intermittent break to the primary caregiver and the primary caregiver is defined by statute.

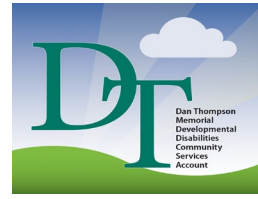
Focus Area Questions (Recreation, Transportation, and Innovative Technology)

Are recreation, transportation, and innovative technology the only areas that will be funded?

Yes, these are the focus areas for this round. You may choose one topic or a combination of the three, but only one application can be accepted. Other topics not listed or associated with recreation, transportation, or innovative technology will **not** be considered for funding.

Can our application have all three focus areas, potentially? Or is it intended for one focus area at a time?

An organization may select more than one focus area. The budget must be very clear in what/why requesting money related to each topic area.



Can the funds be used for the creation and development of a podcast intended for the I/DD community?

As we are unable to provide directions on specific proposals, we do recommend applying for consideration. DDCCS will consider all complete applications. To be complete, applications must show how the funding will increase access and directly benefit eligible persons with developmental disabilities, and an explanation of how the items will directly benefit eligible DDCCS clients while not duplicating services currently available under the HBCS waiver or Medicaid State Plan.

Can funds be used for capital-type projects? i.e. construction?

As this is not a focus area for this round, we will not be considering capital-type projects.

Could we ask for tangible supplies for our program that are not currently available for reimbursement or directly covered by a client service contract?

DDCA will consider all complete applications. To be complete, applications must show how the funding will increase access and directly benefit eligible persons with developmental disabilities, and an explanation of how the items will directly benefit eligible DDCCS clients while not duplicating services currently available under the HBCS waiver or Medicaid State Plan.

Could we request supplies for art club, cooking classes etc.?

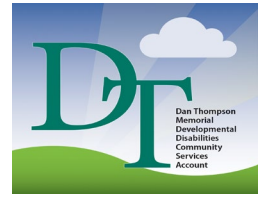
Yes.

Can we ask for para-sport equipment, adaptive circuit equipment that will accommodate all types of abilities, including a hologram correct-use-display for visual/non-verbal communication, PVC wheelchair for pool use, parasport wheelchairs (for group court athletics), and parasport wheelchair storage?

DDCCS will consider all complete applications. If the equipment is to be in possession by the organization and intended for time-limited use by individuals engaged in service/programming, we will consider this acceptable. What is not acceptable is if the equipment is specifically for an individual to be in their possession for an indefinite/undefined amount of time.

We want to purchase a vehicle, are insurance/maintenance/mileage/training the staff/more costs for purchasing a vehicle eligible?

Distinguish between "buy a van" costs vs typical business costs associated with van ownership. Insurance, maintenance, and other costs associated with upkeep and operation of the van are not to be included in the purchase.



Reimbursement for provider travel time is not to be included for reimbursement for non-medical transportation from a transportation company only (not independent contractors). This is included in the waiver service.

Can we apply for a driver's training course that trains people from all over the state on how to appropriately transport people with special needs, including wheelchair securement, safety, disability awareness, and mindfulness for the driver?

DDCS will consider all complete applications. To be complete, applications must show how the funding will increase access and directly benefit eligible people with developmental disabilities, and an explanation of how the service will directly benefit eligible DDCS clients while not duplicating services currently available under the HBCS waiver or Medicaid State Plan.

Can we request the purchase of a vehicle for transportation to and from non-Medicaid services like community events, recreation, etc.?

According to the changes made to the waivers available to clients starting January 2025, the following **NEW** types of waiver transportation providers may be contracted directly with DDCS to offer waiver transportation:

- Taxi
- Public transit
- Non-emergency medical transportation
- HCA Contracted Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Brokers

WAC 388-845-2200 outlines what is considered transportation services.

Can an organization apply for funds that will be provided to community members to purchase a personal vehicle as a down payment or an outright purchase?

Unfortunately, no.

Can the funds be used to book hotel stays?

If an award is granted that would necessitate a hotel stay as part of the project/proposal, the amount of the reimbursement would be equal to the state defined per diem allowed.