

### **DDRB Establishes Funding Priorities for Fiscal Year 2020**

At its November 15, 2018 board meeting the Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of St. Charles County (DDRB) approved the funding policies and priorities and the application for funds timeline for their FY2020 funding cycle that runs from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Funding priorities are established each year by the board. Continuing needed services, addressing unmet needs and the economic outlook are major factors the board must consider when establishing the funding priorities. These priorities help guide the board in its funding decisions and provides current and potential service providers direction for the types of services/programs the board will consider.

For FY2020 the Board established the following funding priorities:

#### **Market Rate Adjustment**

If possible, the Board intends to provide a market rate adjustment to agencies for existing contracts.

#### **Service Growth**

In addition to renewal applications, applications for an increase in funds due to service growth will be accepted. Funding approval will be dependent on availability of funds and priority of need based on the following criteria:

- Critical Need – Critical to the health and safety of the individual and/or individual's family.
- Essential Need – Essential to the quality of life of the individual and/or individual's family.
- Enhanced Need – Enhances the quality of life of the individual and/or individual's family.

The board will apply the criteria to all requests for growth of services, rate adjustments, program and administrative capital/one-time purchases. Agencies submitting renewal applications that include a request for growth need to identify the priority of need and are required to have a hearing with the Board. Agencies must also submit an impact statement detailing the potential negative impact on the individuals, the program and/or the agency, if the request is not funded.

#### **New Projects**

The Board will consider pilot projects that meet the priorities outlined in the DDRB Strategic Plan. Interested agencies must submit a letter of intent along with an impact statement and are required to meet with members of the DDRB Program Committee. Pilot project requests follow the same deadline as those for renewal applications.

#### **Application Deadline**

Letters of intent for new projects and renewal applications for funds are due by 4:00 PM, Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

#### **Public Hearing**

In early April, 2019 a public summary of funding requests is made available for public review. A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the DDRB office to gather public input regarding the services and supports being considered by the Board.

**Agency Hearings**

The Board requires an agency hearing for any agency requesting a funding increase, growth of a service or program, or requesting consideration for a new project. Here the agencies are provided the opportunity to directly address the Board regarding their requests for an increase and in turn, allows the Board to ask clarifying questions. Agencies are notified by the DDRB of their scheduled date and time.

**Board Working Session**

The Board conducts a working session to make final preparations for the FY2020 DDRB Budget. All agencies that have submitted an application for funds are encouraged to have a representative from their organization attend the working session in the event additional information is needed.

**FY2020 Budget Approval**

Final funding decisions are made with the approval of the FY2020 DDRB Budget that takes place, Thursday, May 16, 2019. The approved budget then takes effect on July 1, 2019.

All meetings are open to the public. Meeting notices are posted to the DDRB website at [www.ddrb.org](http://www.ddrb.org) and can be accessed directly from the home page under Public Notices.