



Developmental Disabilities
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REQUEST FOR INNOVATIVE PROPOSALS
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The Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of St. Charles County (DDR B) is interested in supporting innovative Technology First initiatives in St. Charles County.

Closing Date: Proposals must be received no later than noon on Monday, May 20, 2019.

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Background:

The mission of the Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of St. Charles County (DDRB) is that “The DDRB is a leader, ensuring that individuals with developmental disabilities living in St. Charles County have quality opportunities and choices to be fully included in society.”

The Division of Developmental Disabilities has declared Missouri a Technology First state to promote the use of assistive technology services to enhance the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities.

“Technology First

- *Improves the quality of life for individuals who receive services*
- *Allows individuals to have more independence in their lives and gives them more privacy in their homes*
- *Provides tools that can increase safety and health for individuals*
- *May be used to track adherence to medication schedules, sleep patterns and the occurrence of health events*
- *Can be one of the solutions to the direct care staffing shortage*
- *Is often a less expensive option to providing direct staff support”*

(DMH/DDD Technology First PowerPoint)

Direct Support Professional Staffing Crisis

The DDRB funded four pilot projects in FY2019-2020 in response to a Direct Support Professional (DSP) Staffing Crisis RFP (released September 7, 2018). It is the intention of the DDRB that a continued focus be placed on solutions to the DSP Staffing Crisis. The developmental disabilities community continues to advocate for increased funding to address direct support professional wages. The DDRB encourages provider agencies to explore technology solutions to the DSP crisis that 1) assist DSP’s to be more efficient and effective and/or 2) reduce staffing needs for individuals.

I. Statement of Purpose

The Purpose of this RFP is to encourage and support innovative technology initiatives that 1) increase the independence of individuals with developmental disabilities, 2) assist DSP's to be more efficient and/or effective, and/or 3) reduce staffing needs for individuals.

II. Eligibility and Funding

Eligible organizations must be in one of the following categories:

- A. Non-Profit agencies that serve at least 10 St. Charles County residents in Individualized Supported Living, Group Home or Day Habilitation services
- B. Agencies under contract for DDRB-funded services
- C. Public partner organizations that have contact with St. Charles County citizens with developmental disabilities

The Applicant must meet the DDRB Agency Eligibility requirements as well as the applicable requirements in the DDRB Funding Manual or, in the case of public partners, a willingness to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the DDRB prior to initiation of the project.

III. Scope of Work

The Applicant will provide a description of the proposed innovative approach, targets and timelines for measurement of results.

IV. Program Budget

The Applicant must submit a detailed annual budget (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020) for the proposed innovative approach, including projected revenue and expenses. Revenue must include DDRB-requested funds and any other sources of funds committed. Expense detail must include how the funds will be spent. The budget must recognize that the DDRB investment is limited to FY2020.

The proposal must also include the current number of St. Charles County residents being served in each program affected.

V. Review of Proposals

The DDRB Finance and Program Committees will review all proposals. The Program Committee will meet Thursday, May 30 at noon and the Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, June 4 at noon. The Committees will submit those projects eligible to the full Board for approval at the June 20, 2019 or July 18, 2019 Board meeting (7:00 PM).