

Dan Thompson Memorial Community Services Account Updates

The DSHS' Developmental Disabilities Administration and the Developmental Disabilities Council are excited to provide an update regarding the status of awardees and expenditures from the Dan Thompson Memorial Developmental Disabilities Community Services Account.

To date, DDA has awarded just over \$9 million on 35 executed contracts across the state. Four additional contracts are currently pending, and many more signed contracts are expected to be finalized later in the upcoming months.

“Each application is so unique, and we are very excited about the variety of supports and services across our state to meet gaps identified by our stakeholders,” said Debbie Roberts, DSHS Assistant Secretary for DDA.

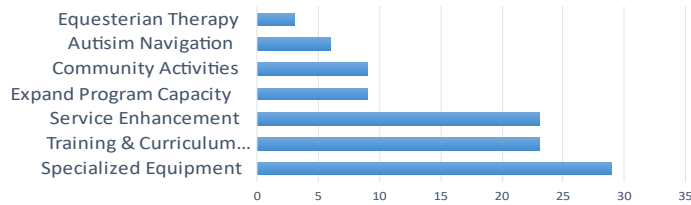


Dan is pictured above in the mailroom at Microsoft. *Photo courtesy of the Thompson family.*

Fully Executed Contracts as of 1/27/23:

Organization Name	Organization Location	Total \$ Contracted
Ashby Family Care and Support	Vancouver	\$319,500
Arc of King County	Seattle	\$250,000
Arc of Spokane DEAI	Spokane	\$145,000
Arc of Spokane Resource library	Spokane	\$80,000
Arc of Washington (P2P)	Olympia	\$230,000
Asotin County/COAST	Clarkston	\$293,250
Brave Warrior Project	Wenatchee	\$24,712
Cascade Community Connections	Port Townsend	\$40,000
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Cascade Connections	Ferndale	\$126,928
Children's Therapy Center	Kent	\$170,874
Clallam Mosaic	Port Angeles	\$27,888
Courageous Connections	Tulalip	\$12,500
Dad's Move	Tonasket	\$49,876
Emma's Exceptional Equipment	Federal Way	\$10,000
Engage thru Tech	Bellevue	\$35,000
Kinderling Support	Bellevue	\$30,000
Kinderling	Bellevue	\$125,445
Kittitas Interactive Management	Yakima	\$154,825
Life Works	Longview	\$11,108
Lopez Island Family Resource Center	Lopez Island	\$180,000
Manos Unidas International	Bothell	\$170,230
Max Higbee Center	Bellingham	\$259,100
Open Doors for Multicultural Families	Kent	\$263,748
Partners 4 Housing	Woodinville	\$3,458,632
Special Olympics (Equipment)	Port Orchard	\$16,000
The Arc of Snohomish	Everett	\$125,000
The Spirit of You	Chehalis	\$3,000
The Yoga Collective	Yakima	\$7,800
Outdoors for All	Seattle	\$74,830
Valley Residential Services	Walla Walla	\$52,054
Vietnamese Family Autism Advisory Board (VFAAB)	Seattle	\$651,000

Funded Projects Themes



We have had the privilege of partnering with organizations from Walla Walla to Port Angeles to Bellingham. As more contracts are being signed, we are starting to see trends in the types of executed contracts. Some areas of themes and examples include:

1. Adaptive/accessible equipment

- ✓ Sports and general recreation: helmets, softballs, basketballs, recumbent tricycles, adaptive climbing equipment, harnesses.
- ✓ Sensory gym (pictured here): climbing wedge, sensory tilts, mirrors, balance beam set, sensory tent, noise reducing headphones.
- ✓ Technology equipment to enable Direct Support Professionals to better support clients.

2. Training and system development

- ✓ Trauma-informed care training for direct support professionals.
- ✓ Expansion of healthy relationships curriculum for young adults.
- ✓ Creation of a digital resource library of training materials for DDA eligible Clients and their families.

3. Supports directly impacting underserved populations

- ✓ Deliver first ever annual transition symposium to include professionals, Clients, and employers from two rural counties.
- ✓ Provide inclusive preschool/daycare, after school, and camp programs, and additional community resources.
- ✓ Cultural navigation and support for Vietnamese families with children diagnosed with Autism.



- ✓ Autism navigation for families whose primary language is Spanish.

4. Housing...housing...housing!

- ✓ Multifamily apartment complex: 22 unit in Bremerton (12 Low income 10 I/DD units) rent to people up to certain income level.
- ✓ Group Home purchased from the seller that supports 6 individuals with I/DD and 1 low-income tenant who is the primary care giver that lives in the home to help support one individual with extensive needs – Port Angeles.
- ✓ Purchase 10 single family home, 3–4-bedroom homes serving Pierce, King, Kitsap, and Thurston counties.
- ✓ 3 existing homes already owned that require significant modifications (12 beds total) Pierce County.
- ✓ Looking to acquire a single-family home with a minimum of 2-3 beds (Clark County).

DDA is steadfast in our continued efforts to execute contracts with those proposals received by the Developmental Disabilities Council in 2022 and will continue to provide updates as the number of signed contracts grows, along with the total amount of expenditures. The DDA and DDC have learned a lot through this process and want to continue to hear feedback from the community. If there is additional funding obtained during the 2023 Legislative Session, we would love to hear about ideas for the future.

Sincerely,

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