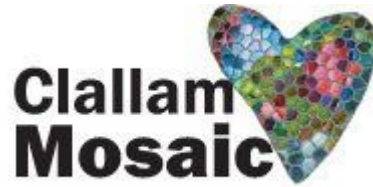




Dan Thompson Memorial Community Services Account Update - October 2023

Awardee Showcase – Clallam Mosaic

Clallam Mosaic received a grant from the Dan Thompson Memorial Developmental Disabilities Community Services Account to purchase autonomous technology. [Clallam Mosaic](#) is in Port Angeles and Sequim. Their mission is to empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They provide virtual and in-person programs, community engagement, host the county's Parent to Parent program and serve as the Informing Families coordinator. The majority of those receiving services live below state/federal poverty levels.



During a recent site visit, DDA staff were able to participate in a portion of the day program at Clallam



Mosaic. DDA engaged with participants, co-instructors, and the executive director. Participants shared the joy of partaking in the recent Fourth of July parade with Clallam Mosaic. DDA staff also participated in day activities, such as chair yoga and bingo. Clallam Mosaic has many plans and would like to continue to grow and expand services. Their hope is to add a theater program in the winter since instructors and participants have expressed interest in doing this.

Clallam Mosaic will use the award funds to acquire iPads, Macbooks, a printer and software applications for their lending library. They will provide coaching sessions with clients to utilize the technology. Additionally, Clallam Mosaic will use the grant funds to create a curriculum for their technology course and coaching sessions plus develop the policies and procedures for their lending library.

Executive Director Julia Montagnet shared "Clallam Mosaic is using their gift from the Dan Thompson fund to open avenues for education and self-expression through technology for people with developmental disabilities." She expressed her gratitude for the grant and the opportunities it brings to expand services to the community.

Future Application Planning Efforts

In September, DDA hosted three listening sessions to receive input on future Dan Thompson Account application process and awards. Over 60 people attended and provided their ideas. The word doodle contains the most frequently used words from the listening sessions. DDA is using this input to design the next application process.



DDA released an online survey in October to gather input on the Dan Thompson Account to inform the design of the next application. The survey is open until Oct. 13 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/32PMBVX>.

DDA is talking with the Washington State Development Disabilities Council later in October about the Dan Thompson Account and future application rounds.

Other News

The program managers for Dan Thompson Account are completing the remaining contracts for the last projects to get underway. In the next few months, they are using the input received to design the next application round, approve invoices for reimbursement and visit folks to monitor their projects.

The Dan Thompson Account awarded \$50 million to nearly 90 organizations throughout the state funding organizations that are supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There were 19 counties that received awards and over \$21 million has been spent. Three projects are already completed with many of the projects midway through their performance period.