



Notice of Funding Opportunity

DSHS’ Developmental Disabilities Administration seeks to award \$4.5 million in Dan Thompson Memorial Developmental Disabilities Community Services Account grants to organizations providing supports and services in a community setting to benefit people with developmental disabilities eligible for DDA services.

DDA will consider applications that meet the minimum qualifications and focus on one of the pathways:

- Improve or enhance **housing related supports**, including but not limited to, modifications for accessibility, housing navigators, education/marketing, training curriculum and program development.
- Improve or enhance **recreation**, including but not limited to, yoga, dance, music, arts, camping, sports, education/marketing, training curriculum and program development.
- Improve or enhance **transportation**, including but not limited to, vehicles, education/marketing, training curriculum and program development.

Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. PST on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024.

The application will open on Dec. 1, 2023, the application guidance, application template, sample contract and a sample application will be available on Dec. 1 at this webpage <https://www.ddc.wa.gov/council-activities/dan-thompson-memorial-development-disability-fund>. We will send another GovDelivery message at the end of Nov. announcing the opening of the application and its availability.

DSHS DDA is not affiliated with any of the organizations listed below nor can we comment on or recommend the supports they offer. This list is intended only as a resource for prospective applicants to explore and decide for themselves if the services offered are relevant for their own needs.

| Supports for small businesses and non-profits | | |
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| Organization | Services Offered | Website |
| Washington Apex Accelerator | Supports businesses to find and apply for government contracts including interpreting solicitations, registrations and certificates, training and seminars and post award assistance. | https://washingtonapex.org/ |
| Small Business Resiliency Network | Finding and applying for resources, technical assistance and accessing translation assistance. | https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/small-business-resiliency-network/ |



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| Washington State Microenterprise Association | Technical training and assistance, networking opportunities, grants for capacity building and training, resource coordination. | https://www.wamicrobiz.org/ |
| Communities Rise (WA based) | Organizational support, grant writing, grant writing clinics, legal clinics and direct representation | https://communities-rise.org/ |
| U.S. Small Business Association (nationwide) | Free or low-cost consulting, entrepreneurial/veteran owned/women owned training and counseling to start or grow business. | https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance |
| Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises | Small business guides, resources and certifications. | https://omwbe.wa.gov/small-business-assistance |
| Washington Women's Business Center | One on one business coaching, classes, and workshops – committed to training and financing women entrepreneurs. | https://businessimpactnw.org/washington-womens-business-center/ |
| Veterans Business Center | Business coaching. | https://businessimpactnw.org/veterans-business-outreach-center/ |
| SCORE | Mentoring to start or grow a business, tools, and workshops. | https://www.score.org/ |
| Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship | Training, one-on-one advising, and other support to help build a business. Prioritizes people with limited resources from marginalized rural communities. All services are NO COST to all participants. | https://www.cie-nw.org/ Currently serving: Clallam, Jefferson, Skagit Island, Whitman, Garfield, Columbia, Asotin, Benton, Franklin, and Walla Walla counties. |
| Economic Alliance of Skagit County | No cost business advice and service matching. Market research support. | https://www.skagit.org/our-services/small-business |

In addition, you can reach out to your county's economic development department as many have supports for small businesses including opportunities for business incubation. Thurston County for example has [Center For Business & Innovation – Thurston Economic Development Council \(thurstonedc.com\)](http://thurstonedc.com)



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