

# Dakota County Social Services: Mini Grants for Young Children with Disabilities

(January 2021)

Early Childhood Mini Grant: Part C Grants (Birth to Three)	Early Childhood Mini Grant: Family Support Grant Funds (Birth to Five)	Family Support Grants- Community Living Services (Birth to 24)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Children ages birth to three</li> <li>✓ Must attend one of 10 school districts in Dakota County</li> <li>✓ Must be receiving EI Services and have IFSP</li> <li>✓ For children who are not eligible for other funding sources including county disability services (PCA, CSG, FSG, waiver)</li> <li>✓ Eligibility based on child and family need</li> <li>✓ No family income limits</li> <li>✓ Up to \$500 per school year</li> <li>✓ Grants used for respite care and some limited technology and therapies</li> <li>✓ Checks written directly to parents</li> <li>✓ Attach W9</li> <li>✓ Contact Janell Schilman for information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Child has to live in <b>Dakota County</b> and live with custodial parent.</li> <li>✓ Eligible for up to \$1000 once or twice per calendar year. Funds need to be spent by 12/31/2021</li> <li>✓ Grant requests larger than \$1000 must be staffed prior to submission</li> <li>✓ Applications accepted until 11/30/2021</li> <li>✓ A child cannot receive CSG, FSG through Community Living Services, Waiver or <b>PCA</b> services including an assessment and receive an FSG grant.</li> <li>✓ Children ages <b>birth to age five</b> eligible to apply.</li> <li>✓ Family gross adjusted income less than \$107,800</li> <li>✓ Child needs have a certified disability.</li> <li>✓ Requests must be related to a child's special needs and above and beyond a typical parent responsibility.</li> <li>✓ Need very specific detail when describing disability.</li> <li>✓ Attach IFSP/IEP evaluation</li> <li>✓ W9 required for respite care/caregiver relief requests</li> <li>✓ Contact Janell Schilman</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Child has to live in <b>Dakota County</b> and live with custodial parent.</li> <li>✓ A maximum award for 2021 is \$3113.99 most parents receives ongoing grants of \$259.49 a month or lump sum for specific equipment or home modifications</li> <li>✓ A child cannot receive Part C/FSG through Janell, CSG, Waiver or PCA services.</li> <li>✓ Family gross adjusted income less than \$107,800</li> <li>✓ Child needs to have a certified disability.</li> <li>✓ Used for a broach range of supports,</li> <li>✓ Requests are rated, prioritized based on need and put on waiting list</li> <li>✓ Forms are found on the <u><a href="#">Dakota County Website.</a></u></li> <li>✓ Contact 651-554-6015 for more information.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Assistive technology devices are any items, equipment or product systems, used to maintain, or improve functional capabilities of children with disabilities.</li> <li>✓ Caregiver relief, including Respite care includes short term care to provide temporary relief to the primary caregiver.</li> <li>✓ Transpiration including travel, mileage, taxi necessary for a child to receive Early Intervention Services.</li> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Approved Use Guide</a></li> <li>✓ Adaptive clothing and equipment</li> <li>✓ Advocacy Memberships</li> <li>✓ Alternate Therapy</li> <li>✓ Bikes</li> <li>✓ Cameras for Monitor</li> <li>✓ Books, subscriptions, software.</li> <li>✓ Caregiver Relief (respite)</li> <li>✓ Cell phone use</li> <li>✓ Chore House Keeping</li> <li>✓ Cleaning Supplies</li> <li>✓ Clothing (specialty)</li> <li>✓ Community Activities</li> <li>✓ Computers (I-pads, tablets, Internet)</li> <li>✓ Diapers/Pullups</li> <li>✓ Environmental modification's</li> <li>✓ Essential Oils</li> <li>✓ Fences</li> <li>✓ Home Modifications</li> <li>✓ Mileage reimbursement</li> <li>✓ Music Therapy</li> <li>✓ Over the counter meds</li> <li>✓ Personal care supplies</li> <li>✓ Play sets</li> <li>✓ Ramps</li> <li>✓ Safety equipment</li> <li>✓ Sensory supplied and equipment</li> <li>✓ Skill building activires and materials</li> <li>✓ Special Diets</li> <li>✓ Storage/Locked Cases</li> <li>✓ Strollers (adaptive needs)</li> <li>✓ Swim Lessons</li> <li>✓ Training for caregiver</li> <li>✓ Tutoring</li> <li>✓ Vehicle Adaptions</li> <li>✓ Vitamins, Supplements</li> <li>✓ Wheelchairs (not covered by MA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Approved Use Guide</a></li> </ul>

## Things to Consider When Applying for Grant Funds

- ✓ Is the Family Already receiving County Services for the Child's Disability? (PCA, CSG, Waiver, DD Case Management)
  - ✓ Is the requested expense beyond typical cost of caring for a child of similar age?
    - ✓ If no family support, then who is going to provide respite care?
  - ✓ Does the application detail the child disability and identify a need?
    - ✓ Is the request linked to the child's special needs?
  - ✓ Is it an appropriate and defensible use of taxpayer dollars?
    - ✓ Have other resources been accessed or used?
- ✓ Is there a release of information to "Dakota County Social Services" signed and submitted with the application?
  - ✓ Is the W9 form attached? Is the name listed match social security records?
  - ✓ Expense form must be submitted before family can apply for another grant.

### To submit a grant:

- Scan to email in PDF and send via encryption or Fax to 952-891-7473 attention: Janell Schilman
- Attached W9 for any request involving childcare, respite care or caregiver relief. W9 includes the parent name and information.
- Email to SS EC Coordinator [SSECCoordinator@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US](mailto:SSECCoordinator@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US)
- If you want to staff a case prior to submitting you can email [Janell.schilman@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:Janell.schilman@co.dakota.mn.us)