

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

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

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

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: Cynthia Fashaw
- 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
- If you want to staff a case prior to submitting you can email Cynthia.Fashaw@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US