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To: Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services Home and Community-Based Services Providers, Case Management Companies, Individuals & Families, and Community Partners
From: Kelly Mitchell, Director, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services
Re: HCBS Innovation Pilot Projects application period now open
Date: June 17, 2022

The Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services is pleased to announce funding opportunities for home- and community-based waiver services providers, non-provider community entities, self-advocates and families interested in exploring new means to support and address areas of outstanding need among Hoosiers receiving services from the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services.

This innovation opportunity is designed for providers, community partners, and self-advocates who are interested in engaging in novel efforts and approaches in the next 18-24 months to inform HCBS waiver redesign, further explore existing recommendations from the [1102 Taskforce](#), and individual and family stakeholder [feedback](#).

General information

Funding available: Up to \$50,000 for Phase 1 (Development of comprehensive proposal); Phase 2 grants will be awarded dependent upon project need and scope

Phase 1 Application Period: June 17, 2022- Sept. 30, 2022

Phase 2 Application Period: July 15, 2022- Dec. 31, 2022

Innovation Pilot Projects can run from July 15, 2022- March 31, 2024

DDRS will supply \$50,000 start-up grants to Innovation Pilot Project applicants to be used specifically toward further developing their Innovation Pilot implementation and outcome plans. Selected applications will also be provided with Technical Assistance support to develop outcome measures and evaluation plans for their full Innovation Pilot application. The initial \$50,000 of funding is tied to concept development. No more than \$50,000 will be awarded to any one entity or individual, however, all are welcome to submit multiple innovation pilot interest forms for consideration and further development using those funds.

IPP Development Application Process (Phase 1)

Beginning June 17, interested applicants are invited to complete the IPP Development Application, [by clicking here](#), to indicate their intent to participate in an Innovation Pilot Project and to signal their



commitment to develop and submit a full innovation pilot application and implementation plan. Full innovation pilot applications will be reviewed and considered for additional funding on a rolling basis. *All applications should be received no later than Sept. 30, 2022 to ensure sufficient time to implement the pilot.*

To qualify for the initial \$50,000 development funds, an applicant must:

1. Submit a completed IPP Development Application, which meets all minimum requirements and receive approval from DDRS on the initial IPP concept. Minimum requirements are outlined in the [Innovation Pilot Project Guide](#).
2. Submit a signed Letter of Intent confirming their commitment to:
 - Utilize development funds to support development of a DDRS-approved Innovation Pilot Project;
 - Submit a complete Innovation Pilot Plan no later than Dec. 31, 2022 if selected for a development grant and funds are accepted
 - Report as needed to DDRS on the progress of the Innovation Pilot Project development;
 - Submit any requested status updates; and
 - Adhere to instructions in the Innovation Pilot Project Guide
 - Comply with audit requirements.

Overview of Phase 2

Once the IPP Development Application has been approved for further development, funds will be released/paid to the applicant. Additional funds that are specific to implementation costs of the proposed IPP will be issued following the submission and review of the fully developed Innovation Pilot Plan. DDRS will provide additional directions on the submission of full Innovation Pilot Plans in the near future.

Please direct any questions and/or feedback to Cathy Robinson at Cathy.Robinson@fssa.in.gov