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To: Division of Disability and Rehabilitation Services stakeholders and providers
From: Kylee Hope, director, Division of Disability and Rehabilitation Services
Re: Community Connections for People with Disabilities Grant Round 2
Date: March 23, 2021

The Division of Disability and Rehabilitation Services is committed to helping mitigate the negative social, emotional and health effects of COVID-19 for Hoosier adults with disabilities. DDRS has partnered with the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (to create the Community Connections for People with Disabilities grant).

The CCPWD grant encourages Indiana cities, towns and counties to partner with local community disability organizations in developing innovative grant activities addressing COVID-19 related barriers to community inclusion. DDRS and OCRA are announcing a second round of funding for the CCPWD grant.

Round 2 of the CCPWD grant builds upon the success of the initial round of CCPWD funding, expanding the grant opportunity to more local nonprofit community disability organizations. Indiana communities applying for Round 2 funding may now partner with the following qualifying nonprofit community disability organizations:

- A developmental disabilities organization enrolled as a DDRS – Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services provider;
- An Indiana Center for Independent Living recognized by DDRS;
- A Community Mental Health Center certified by the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction;
- A community rehabilitation provider enrolled as a DDRS – Bureau of Rehabilitation Services provider;
- An Indiana Local Education Agency currently delivering special education to students aged 18 to 22; or
- A Special Education Cooperative formed according to IC 20-35-5.

Round 2 of the CCPWD grant also addresses the changing realities of the COVID-19 public health emergency by targeting activities designed to assist Hoosier adults with disabilities in preparing for a return to in-person interactions in the workplace and community. Applicants seeking funding in Round 2 of the CCPWD grant will be asked to develop grant activities addressing:



- Issues of social isolation and lost access to natural supports (family, friends, etc.); or
- Issues of lost employment and training opportunities.

The Round 2 CCPWD grant application opened on March 22, 2021, and will close on May 21, 2021, at 4 p.m. EDT. An informational webinar will be held on March 24, 2021, for interested parties.

Round 2 grant awardees will be announced in June 2021. Round 2 awardees are eligible for up to \$200,000 in funding.

More information on the CCPWD grant program, including instructions on accessing the March 24, informational webinar, can be found [here](#).