

COVID-19 Response Small Grants

The NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC) awarded \$600,000 for COVID-19 response activities to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) during the pandemic. This initiative recognizes that people with IDD and their families have faced numerous challenges as a result of COVID-19, including social isolation, being disconnected from services and supports and facing additional barriers to employment, transportation and housing.

This funding has been made available under a \$4.1 million Federal Grant which was awarded to the DDPC by the U.S Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living. These grant funds are awarded to DDPC annually for the creation of pilot projects to address the most pressing needs of individuals with IDD. Awarded grantees were competitively selected through a small grant opportunity.

Funded projects include a pilot program to support families who are seeking affordable, reliable and safe housing options for their adult child with disabilities by piloting the use of a web-based platform to develop shared living solutions for their family members with disabilities. In addition, funds will support the Self-Advocacy Association of NYS (SANYS) to create instructional videos and material to assist people with IDD in participating in virtual and online meetings. This will help increase the capacity of people with IDD to maintain social connections and access to vital information throughout the pandemic. Projects also target underserved communities with IDD who have been particularly hard hit by the pandemic and will support making COVID-19 information and resources more accessible to families who speak English as a second language.

DDPC awarded funds to the following agencies across New York State:

Agency	Region	Award Amount
AccessCNY, Inc.	Central NY	\$9,900
Autism Society Habilitation Organization (ASHO)	New York City	\$50,000
Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region	Capital Region	\$48,074.50
Cazenovia College	Central NY	\$20,855.99
Center on Aging and Disability Policy at Mount Saint Mary College	Hudson Valley	\$50,000
Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC)	New York City	\$48,074.50
Community Inclusion & Development Alliance Inc. (CIDA)	New York City	\$30,000
Hebrew Educational Society of Brooklyn	New York City	\$9,500
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai	New York City	\$50,000
Innovative Resources for Independence, Inc.	New York City	\$48,000
Madison Cortland NYSARC, Inc.	Central NY	\$10,080.38
Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan	New York City	\$50,000



NYSARC Inc, Ulster, Greene, Putnam Counties (ARC Mid-Hudson)	Hudson Valley	\$50,000
NYSARC, Inc. Nassau County Chapter	Long Island	\$15,000
Resource Center for Accessible Living Inc.	Hudson Valley	\$9,999
Self-Advocacy Association of New York State, Inc. (SANYS)	Statewide	\$12,804
Spina Bifida Association of Northeastern New York	Capital Region	\$8,475
Springbrook NY INC.	Western NY	\$30,000
St. John Fisher College	Finger Lakes	\$48,738
Touro College	New York City	\$9,999

