



WADDCC

Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council

Discretionary Funded Projects 2026 (June-October)

What are Discretionary Funds?

Policy No. 408

The Developmental Disabilities Council may provide funding for innovative projects if money is available. Funding requests are accepted at any time. Requests will be reviewed by Council staff. Requests that meet all the requirements below will be funded through contract and the Council members will be informed about the project at the next quarterly Council meeting.

Purpose of Funding

The purpose of these funds is to allow the Council to respond to ongoing requests for funding that support people with developmental disabilities and their families and address the goals and objectives of the [Council's State Plan](#).

Funding Priorities

Proposals must address a goal or objective within the State Plan. Exceptions may be made for emerging issues, such as natural disasters and public health emergencies.

Since this is not a competitive bidding process, funding is limited to amounts determined by the Department of Commerce and the State of Washington for non-competitive contracts.

Special consideration is given to proposals submitted by people with developmental disabilities or organizations run and governed by people with developmental disabilities.

Sponsorships 2026

Washington APSE Employment Conference

A conference that focuses exclusively on community integrated employment for people experiencing an intellectual or developmental disability.

Family Support Conference

The Family Support Conference is a free, one-day event for parents and caregivers of children with disabilities in the Spokane area. With keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and a resource fair, families gain tools, strategies, and community connections.

People First Convention 2026

The annual convention brings together hundreds of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities from across Washington State.

Wise 40th Anniversary Celebration

An event to celebrate and to acknowledge the contributions of individuals with disabilities, employment organizations, government agencies, and businesses that have shaped the employment landscape for people with disabilities over the past four decades.