

## SEED GRANTS

The Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council is a federally funded, 23-member, consumer-driven council appointed by the Governor. Sixty percent of our membership consists of parents and individuals who have developmental disabilities. The Council's mandate is to plan, advocate for, and give advice concerning programs and services for persons with developmental disabilities that will increase their opportunities for independence, productivity, and integration into communities.

To achieve the mandates outlined above, the Council addresses issues outlined in its state plan to include a targeted disparity goal and objectives. The Council awards up to \$2,999.99 to fund a SEED grant to provide directly to a non-profit Latino organization to obtain information on behalf of the Council to assist us in meeting our objectives.

The scope of work is to include the following points:

- The recipient of the SEED grant should be a non-profit Latino organization that is connected within the Latino community that can provide bi-lingual support (Spanish-English) for the grant project.
- The recipient will collaboratively develop an information seeking methodology (ie. survey, focus groups, or personal interviews, etc.) with the Council.
- Using the collaboratively established information seeking methodology, the recipient will assess 25 Latino families to identify and report back to the Council their specific community barriers and needs as it impacts people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. (Barriers and needs to be identified could consist of but should not be limited to: transportation, child care, language, attitudes, knowledge of education system and rights, navigation of service delivery systems, employment, housing, etc.)
- The recipient will develop a written document that notes the findings of the assessment to include recommendations on how the Council might proceed to address the Latino community barriers and needs as it relates to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Recommendations should include possible community leaders/organizations that would be strong collaborators for possible future projects.
- The payment of funds will be broken down into two payments:
  - The first payment of \$1,499 will be provided when the grant is awarded.
  - Following a three month period grant monitoring to assess the successful progress of the work to date, the second payment of \$1,500.99 will be awarded when the written report is received.
- The span of the project should last no longer than six months from the granting of the first payment.

