

2017 SPARKS GRANTS



*Spark a change in your
community with a
SPARKS Grant!*

Apply by July 31, 2017





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SPARKS Grants Application Timeline

Activity:	Date:
Applications released	June 14, 2017
Applications Due	July 31, 2017
Review process complete/applications ranked	August 17, 2017
Notice of award	August 22, 2017
Contract complete	August 28, 2017
Contract signed and submitted	August 31, 2017
SPARKS Kick-off event	September 27, 2017
Start date of contract	October 5, 2017

What are SPARKS Grants?

The purpose of SPARKS Grants is to **organize local grassroots groups to make changes** in their communities that result in a **positive impact on the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), including individuals with diverse identities and/or individuals that are underserved.** ** **Grassroots community organizing** means groups that are led by individuals with disabilities together with their allies, who are working for positive community change for individuals with I/DD **on issues that are important to them.** SPARKS Grants are funded by the **Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD)**, and are available to people with **I/DD and family members** in Wisconsin. Individuals/groups from **diverse communities** are encouraged to apply, and will be given priority. In addition, **priority will be given to proposals that focus on increasing transportation** options for people with I/DD.

What have been some of the accomplishments of past SPARKS Grants?

SPARKS grants **started in 2010** and have had many **positive results**, including:

- Creation of an accessible city park in Oshkosh.
- Expansion of the bus transportation system in the Wausau area
- Development of unique employment opportunities at local organic farms in Kickapoo, WI
- Development of an accessible garden, community room and kitchen in Stevens Point

What can you expect from BPDD? Each SPARKS Grant recipient will **receive ongoing coaching/technical assistance** to further develop and **implement the project work plan**, and be given opportunities to **share project ideas and resources** with other grant recipients from around the state

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What are SPARK grant recipients committing to?

- Attend the **SPARKS Kickoff event on September 27**. This event will focus on:
 - strategies for projects to be successful
 - reviewing grant expectations
 - signing contracts
- Start the project **no later than October 5, 2017**.
- Communicate your plans to and receive **technical assistance from the SPARKS Coordinator/Coach**
- Provide **monthly updates** throughout the year. A **final, annual report** will be due no later than **Oct. 31, 2018**.
- **Submit monthly requests for reimbursements**, along with required receipts, etc. for expenses incurred.
- **Share information on their project**, including any public events that are planned and photos that can be used in BPDD social media
- Conduct **targeted outreach and partner** with at least one group of individuals with **diverse identities and/or individuals who are underserved**

Who can apply?

- **Individuals with I/DD and family members** that want to make a change in their community that will have a positive impact on the lives of individuals with I/DD.
- Individuals (or groups) with **I/DD who have diverse identities and/ or individuals who are underserved** are strongly encouraged to apply.

How do you apply?

- Complete and submit the **SPARKS Grants application packet** (application form, budget worksheet, and project work plan).
- Application materials (i.e., application form, budget worksheet, and work plan) are due **by 12:00 p.m. on July 31, 2017**.
- Application materials can be **submitted via email, fax, or regular mail**.
 - To submit via **email**, email your application materials to beth.swedeen@wisconsin.gov
 - To submit via **fax**, fax your application materials to (608) 220-2924.
 - To submit via **regular mail**, mail your application materials to:

Sparks Grants
c/o WI-BPDD
101 East Wilson Street
Room 219
Madison, WI 53703

How much funding can you request? Individual grants **range from \$500-\$3,000**. A **detailed budget** must accompany all grant proposals (a budget template is included in the application packet).

How will projects be chosen?

- Applications will be reviewed and scored by a **review team of at least three people**.
- Proposals that **target individuals with IDD who have diverse identities and/or individuals who are underserved** will be given priority.
- Each member will read and score each proposal independently, discuss each proposal jointly, and then **submit final results for tabulation**.
- The **quantitative score from each member** will be averaged and a final score will be assigned to the proposal. Scores will be ranked from highest to lowest scores. The **highest ranked proposals will be funded**.

If you have any questions, contact:

- Beth Swedeen at 608-266-1166 or beth.swedeen@wisconsin.gov

Glossary of Terms for Project Work Plan

Goal: A goal states the best possible outcome for people. Goals are simple, clear and optimistic – e.g., *all people with disabilities will have integrated jobs in their community.*

Objective: Objectives are steps needed to reach the goal. They describe a concrete change in people's actions or condition. Objectives are concrete, measurable, optimistic, but realistic – e.g., *the number of people with disabilities working in integrated jobs in the community will double by 2016.*

Outcome: Results of an activity, plan process or program, accomplishment/impact – e.g., *Increase the number of individuals registered to vote.*

Project Work Plan: A project work plan defines the tasks you need to complete in order to fulfill the requirements/deliverables of the project. The written plan includes: project purpose, goals, objectives, specific activities, outcomes, deliverable and target dates.



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Applicant Name:

Project Title:

Address:

Telephone:

Email address:

1. The Sparks Grants are designed to make changes happen in the community. How will your project change your community? What problem are you addressing?

2. Successful Sparks projects will build on community strengths to address community problems. What actions will you take to address the problem and make change in the community? What community strengths will you build on?

3. What people are you going to involve in taking action/making the change in your community? How will you work to include Individuals/groups with direct experience working with individuals with Intellectual and Developmental (I/DD) with diverse identities and/or individuals who are underserved

4. How will your project **make the lives of people with disabilities better**, including individuals with I/DD with **diverse identities and/or individuals who are underserved**?

5. How will your project **address the identified priority activities of increasing transportation options** for individuals with I/DD, and/or **increasing self-determination** for youth with I/DD in schools?

6. How will you know that your **project was successful**?

7. How will the **positive change/impact continue** after your grant ends?

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BUDGET WORKSHEET

BPDD has allocated a total of \$20,000 funds for the SPARKS grants. Funding for individual grants ranges between \$500-\$3,000. A detailed budget must accompany all applications.

Funding cannot be used for infrastructure (e.g., computers, printers) or to pay for salaries.

SAMPLE BUDGET

ITEM (be as specific as possible)	COST
Meeting supplies (wall board, markers, post-it notes, copies)	\$150.00
Meeting space rental (\$100/event x 2 events)	\$200.00
Refreshments (\$100 x 2 meetings)	\$200.00
Transportation (Cab fare 20 consumers (\$25 ea.) x 2 meetings)	\$1000.00
TOTAL	\$1550.00
In-kind contributions	
Volunteers at 2 events (10 people for 4 hours x 2 events)	80 hours
Event t-shirts (donated from ABC org.) 50 shirts x \$5.00 each	\$250.00

YOUR PROJECT'S BUDGET

ITEM (be as specific as possible)	COST
TOTAL	
In-kind contributions	



PROJECT WORK PLAN

Project Contact Person:		Contact Information (address, phone number, e-mail address):		
Project Title:				
Project Goal(s):				
Project Objective(s):				
Project description/rationale:				
Sample Work plan				
Project Activities:	Target Date:	Outcomes:	Deliverables/Products:	Target Date:
Develop a video to teach people their rights under Wisconsin voting law.	11/12/17	People will be prepared to vote and know what their rights are	Voting Video, written summary of community conversations and work plan to implement strategies.	1/12/17

SPARKS Project Work plan				
Project Activities:	Target Date:	Outcomes:	Deliverables/Products:	Target Date: