

Partners with Business Grant Application



Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2018.



Partners with Business Grant Timeline

| Activity: | Date: |
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| Application released | 05/09/18 |
| Applications due | 06/01/18 |
| Notice of Award/Start date of contract | 06/11/18 – 06/22/18 |
| End date of contract | 06/30/19 |





What is a Partners with Business grant?

The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (WI BPDD) is seeking five (5) grantees to partner with the WI BPDD and a project consultant to successfully implement the **Partners with Business** model of employment supports.

Partners with Business is a way to support workers with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve long-term success on the job by using a creative combination of natural and formal supports, both of which are provided by the employer. In the **Partners with Business** support model, a school or vocational service agency works with an employer to provide initial job training for a worker with disabilities and develops on-the-job supports through co-workers. Once co-worker supports have been developed and the initial job training is complete, the employer may receive funds from the long-term care system (i.e. Family Care, IRIS, or county) or other sources to designate co-worker(s), instead of agency-provided job coaches, to provide necessary ongoing supports.

A vocational support agency continues to provide regular check-ins and back-up assistance as needed. In a traditional supported employment model, ongoing supports would be provided by a job coach from a vocational support agency but in the **Partners with Business** model, the employer is reimbursed for providing this extra support. More information about the **Partners with Business** model can be found at: www.letsgettoworkwi.org/index.php/for-employers/partners-with-business-toolkit.

WI BPDD will provide mini-grants to five (5) entities. Eligible applicants include: public schools; care management organizations that administer Family Care or the Family Care Partnership Program; consultant agencies that assist enrollees of the self-directed services option; employment services providers for the state's long-term care programs; and private businesses.

Awardees will receive technical assistance and project funds of \$4,999 (for each grant site) to successfully implement the Partners with Business support model to place at least three to five (3-5) individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities in competitive jobs.

These mini-grants are part of the 2017 Wisconsin Act 323, passed on April 16, 2018. To view the statutory language, visit: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/acts/323>.

What are the Partners with Business grantee requirements?

- Complete and submit the grant application by June 1, 2018.
- If awarded, complete a contract agreement with WI BPDD by June 22, 2018.
- Attend a **Partners with Business** project kick off webinar to learn about the model and discuss implementation.
- Receive technical assistance and support from a WI BPDD project consultant to implement the model.
- Successfully develop the **Partners with Business** model with three to five (3-5) people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.
- Obtain necessary Release of Information and media releases for project participants.
- Share information and work with the WI BPDD consultant to develop project deliverables and materials, including but not limited to project evaluation and lessons learned, employer/participant stories, documents for the **Partners with Business** toolkit, conference presentations, website, videos, etc.
- Participate with WI BPDD in legislative activities to promote **Partners with Business** and assist at least two of the Partners with Business employees to submit Take Your Legislator to Work applications <http://wi-bpdd.org/takeyourlegislatorwork/>.

Who Can Apply?

- Any school, organization, or business committed to working with individuals with disabilities, employers, and funders to successfully implement and promote the **Partners with Business** model, including
 - Public schools;
 - Care management organizations that administer Family Care or the Family Care Partnership Program;
 - Consultant agencies that assist enrollees of the self-directed services option;
 - Employment services providers for the state's long-term care programs;
 - Private businesses.

How Do You Apply?

- Submit a **completed application form by e-mail (preferred method)** to Molly Cooney at molly.cooney@wisconsin.gov by **5:00 pm on June 1, 2018**.
- To submit via **ground mail**, send your application materials to:

Molly Cooney
WI-BPDD
101 E. Wilson St., Rm 219
Madison, WI 53703

What Will You Get From These Grants?

- Each site will receive \$4,999 to cover the cost of staff time to engage in project activities and successfully implement the Partners with Business model. Grant funds will be provided upon the successful implementation of the model with three to five (3-5) people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.
- Each grant recipient will receive assistance and training on how to hire and support people with disabilities and be expected to work closely with a project consultant to assist in carrying out the project.

How Will Projects Be Chosen?

- Applications will be reviewed and scored by a **review team of at least 3 people**.
- Each member will read and score each proposal independently, discuss each proposal jointly, and then **submit 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**.



Partners with Business Mini-Grant Application

The completed application is due by 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applicant(s) Name:

Organization(s):

Lead Contact Information

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email address:

Please provide a written response to the questions below (not to exceed 8 single-spaced pages total).

1. Why is your organization interested in participating in the Partners with Business project?
2. What experiences does your organization have hiring and supporting individuals with disabilities on the job?
3. In what ways would your organization benefit from technical assistance/coaching on hiring and supporting people with disabilities?

4. What makes your organization a strong candidate for the Partners with Business grant?

If chosen for the grant, as a Partners with Business Grantee, I agree to:

| | Yes | No |
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| 1) Receive technical assistance and coaching from a WI BPDD Partners with Business project consultant. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) Implement the Partners with Business model with at least three to five (3-5) employees with intellectual/developmental disabilities. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) If applicable, participate in the Partners with Business Plus* model by receiving reimbursement for co-worker supports. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) Participate in reporting experiences and lessons learned using the Partners with Business model to the WI BPDD. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5) Participate with and assist employees to submit Take Your Legislator to Work applications. The visits will be facilitated by the WI BPDD. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*Partners with Business Plus model is used to reimburse the employer for costs associated with providing support above and beyond what is typically provided in their workplace.