



Concept Proposals for Funding Year 2012

Who Should Submit a Concept Proposal

Concept Proposals should be submitted by an agency or program which is:

- 1) seeking funding from eitas for the first time;
- 2) did **not** receive funding in 2011; or
- 3) a currently funded program or agency that is seeking funding for a new initiative during 2012.

Forms, funding policies, etc. are available online at www.eitas.org

Concept Proposal Funding Priorities for 2012

A program or agency may submit a Concept Proposal to fund a unique or unavailable service or support for persons with developmental disabilities living in Jackson County. Special consideration will be given to proposals addressing the following categories:

- Residential Companion Model
- Transition Planning for individuals leaving school and entering the adult service system
- New and different day programming activities that fit the unique abilities of individuals that expand their community involvement and assist them in developing new skills and independence.
- Vocational services that promote community employment for competitive wages

Proposal Length

Proposals **MUST** be no longer than 2 pages, single spaced with a 12 point font and 1 inch margins.

Closing Date

Concept proposals are due at the eitas administrative offices no later than 3:30 pm on Friday, July 8, 2011.

Proposal Submission and Copies

An electronic response via email is preferred, *but if hard copies are sent we will need the original and 4 copies* of the completed proposal. The email address is below and **ALL PROPOSALS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY MUST BE SENT TO THIS ADDRESS. We cannot guarantee that your proposal will be included in any review should it go to an individual's email address!**

fundingrequest@eitas.org

Proposal Submission and Copies Continued Mailed or hand delivered proposals must be received at:
Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County - eitas
8511 Hillcrest Road , Suite 300
Kansas City, MO 64138

Eitas Feedback Feedback on whether eitas will entertain a full proposal on the proposed concept will be provided no later than Friday, July 25, 2011. Agencies invited to submit full proposals must follow the guidelines set forth in the Funding Application for the current year.

Contact Jake Jacobs
816-363-2000
jjacobs@eitas.org

Incomplete proposals will not be accepted

Guiding Principles in Eitas Funding Determination

Statutory Principle

All funding decisions are made in accordance with enabling legislation and authority under 205.968-205.972 RSMo, including all amendments and related judicial rulings.

Support Principles

Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County – eitas fully embraces the concept of self-determination for the individuals we support.

Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County - eitas seeks to maximize the freedom individuals with developmental disabilities have in living a meaningful life in the community

Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County – eitas supports self-advocacy and the right of individuals with developmental disabilities to direct their own supports.

Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County - eitas supports the inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in all aspects of their community

Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County - eitas is sensitive to issues of diversity and insists that agencies funded and supported by eitas are responsive to diversity concerns.

Services and Persons Eligible for Funding

Approved Services. Services eligible for funding under Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County - eitas shall be those which have relevance for the vocational potential and competence of persons and/or their skills and ability to live successfully in the community and meet all eitas policies and funding guidelines.

Eligibility-Disability. Persons whose services are eligible for funding include those who are defined as having a developmental disability under 205.968-205.972 RSMo .

Eligibility-Age. The age of a person is **not** a defining issue in services and funding, though funding would be limited for most school-aged children because this funding would likely supplant resources and services from educational authorities.

Location of Service Delivery can include developmental disability specific agencies, community-based organizations, and person’s homes. The services must be delivered for the benefit of the individual themselves, not providers, parents or other caregivers.

Background

Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County - eitas provides funding for services to Jackson County citizens with developmental disabilities. (Developmental disabilities include intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy and learning disabilities related to brain dysfunction). Typically, Eitas provides services through contracts with agencies that provide the kinds of services and supports needed by individuals with developmental disabilities.

In keeping with the intent of its enabling legislation, Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County - eitas provides funding for the services, supports, and commodities that are related to vocational activities, including work and training to perform that work, and the provision of services, supports, and capital resources necessary to enable individuals with development disabilities to effectively reside in the community. Eitas will utilize its resources and influence to encourage the development of resources that meet these community living needs.

Vocational Funding Policies

Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County - eitas provides funding to develop the vocational potential of individuals with developmental disabilities. Vocational services and supports shall include sheltered workshops, pre-vocational training, vocational training, extended employment opportunities, job placement and follow-up, and other services which enable individuals to progress toward employment in the competitive world of work.

Research indicates that children and young adults with developmental disabilities that receive pre-vocational training and have work experiences are more successful at getting and keeping a job upon graduation from school and entrance into the adult world. Therefore, eitas shall provide funding for vocational services to children, including both pre-school and school-aged youth, to the extent that these services have a stated purpose of improving the employability of these children when they reach adulthood.

Residential Funding Policies

Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County - eitas provides funding to encourage the development of residential opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities. Implicit in this policy is the belief that residents with developmental disabilities should have daily living experiences that are similar to other individuals of his/her age group.

Some examples of these experiences include:

- individual's involvement in decisions affecting his/her life, work, or support planning;
- a normal rhythm in the daily routine, including rising and retiring at a time appropriate in his/her age group, a separation of place of residence and place of work/school/training, and involvement with the activities and resources of the surrounding community;
- a normal rhythm in the year which permit the individuals with developmental disabilities to observe holidays and other family days of personal significance; and to experience the normal life cycle and all that it implies from youth to old age.

Concept Proposal Application for FY2012

Part I Applicant Information

Name of Applicant/Provider _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Employer ID Number _____

Website (if applicable) _____

Principal Contact Person _____

Email. Address _____

Part II Concept Proposal Narrative

1. Describe how this Program/Project (*NOTE: each Program/Project for which funding is sought will require a separate Concept Proposal*) will address one or more of the following:

- a. services or supports that focus on helping individuals with developmental disabilities be successful in a variety of vocational endeavors including obtaining and maintaining meaningful work, self-employment/entrepreneurial endeavors, pre-vocational and vocational guidance and preparation, and/or,
- b. services or supports designed to enable individuals to live and belong to their community including, but not limited to, self-advocacy, formation of relationships, skill acquisition, (i.e. use of public transportation, activities of daily living, etc) or other supports designed to help individuals participate in a more typical community life; and/or,
- c. facilities and/or other resources that assist and enable individuals to have a quality life in the community.

2. Describe how you have determined that there is a demand for this service (e.g., needs assessments, documented individual requests, etc.)

3. Describe the types of services / supports to be provided, including intensity (amount of time each person will be served / supported each week) and duration (length of time that persons are expected to remain in the program) of the service/support.

4. Estimate how many residents of Jackson County with developmental disabilities will be supported by the proposed service.

5. Identify specific core features that describe services/supports for the person that are different from others offered in the community (simply duplicating programs offered by other agencies will reduce the probability that your concept is recommended for a full proposal). When possible, proposals should address best practices in the field and replicate services that have been shown effective in the growth and development of individuals with developmental disabilities.

6. Describe the methods you propose to use in determining whether your program is successful.

Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County



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