



New Trier Township Community Support Grants For Persons with Disabilities Fiscal Year 2012 FACT SHEET

Application Deadline: December 30, 2011

WHAT THE PROGRAM IS

Most individuals with a disability live at home and are cared for by their families. Some of these individuals will require family support their entire lives. Their families make not only personal, but also great financial sacrifices to make this possible. This Township program provides financial assistance that helps in meeting some of the special service needs and unusual expenses related to a person with a disability. Each person selected through a random drawing will receive a \$1500 grant.

The Board has allocated \$75,000 in Fiscal Year 2012 for this program. The Township will accept applications from October 20, 2011 through December 30, 2011 and will select as many individual and family participants as funding allows.

WHY WAS THE PROGRAM CREATED

New Trier Township government is committed to identifying and developing initiatives that will enhance the quality of life for residents, with a focus on youth, seniors, and persons with disabilities. The Township has had a strong history of funding service providers (i.e. social service agencies). As part of the Board of Trustees' strategic planning process, a strong desire developed to provide service on behalf of individuals. The Board has investigated the concept of "money following the person." With close to 9% of the Township's population identified in the 2000 U.S. Census as a person with a disability there is a measurable market opportunity. In order to have significant impact it was determined the program would cover a wide range of services.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Individuals, children or adults, with the following disabilities are eligible:

- **Autism Spectrum Disorders** – A disability with disturbances in social interactions, communication, imaginative activity, and activities and interests.
- **Developmental and/or Cognitive Delay** – A developmental disability, which impairs adaptive behavior and daily functioning in varying degrees.
- **Multiple Impairments** – (1) A developmental disability, which constitutes a substantial disability attributable to intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism or a similar condition, and is expected to continue indefinitely. (2) Multiple disabilities physical, sensory, behavioral or cognitive functioning, which constitute a severe or profound impairment. Development substantially less than expected for the age in cognitive, affective or psychomotor behavior.

- **Mental Disorders** - A primary diagnosis according to DSM-IV diagnostic codes including, but not limited to schizophrenia, delusional disorder, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar affective disorder, atypical psychosis or major depression (recurrent). Functioning substantially impaired in areas such as self-maintenance, social functioning, activities of community living or work skills.
- **Physical Impairments** - An AVM rupture, epilepsy or other seizure disorders, hearing impairments, MI (heart), paralysis, TIA (stroke), and/or visual impairments.

Residency Requirements

All applicants must be a resident of New Trier Township.

Children must:

- Live with a biological, adoptive or foster parent or
- Live with a legal guardian.

Adults may:

- Live full-time in their own home or apartment,
- Live in a private home with a relative or guardian, or
- Live together with as many as three unrelated adults

Additional Eligibility Considerations

The person with a disability is eligible for one of the following:

- A client of Community Alternatives Unlimited
- Receives federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)
- Enrolled in the High School Transitional Program
- Other – Will require current verification of disability. A physician or licensed therapist will be required to complete the Certification of Eligibility form that appears on page three of the application.

WHAT SERVICES/EXPENSES ARE COVERED BY THE PROGRAM

For children services might include, but is not limited to:

- Respite care
- Child care
- Therapy services
- Medical expenses
- Family counseling
- Modifications to make their home more accessible
- Special vehicle or other equipment.

For adults services might include, but is not limited to:

- Home health services
- Personal care services (help with dressing, etc)
- Training and assistance in self-care (help with learning how to dress, cook meals, etc.)

- Habilitation and rehabilitation services
- Services related to finding a job, or supported employment
- Respite care
- Crisis management
- Purchase medicine, nutritional supplements or adaptive equipment
- Modifications to make their home more accessible.

HOW WILL THE PROGRAM BE ADMINISTERED

Interested persons will be asked to fill out an application form that can be obtained by calling/visiting the Township office or downloaded from the Township website. Applications will be accepted **through December 30, 2011**. Applications must be submitted to the Township office by 5:00 p.m. or postmarked no later than **December 30, 2011**. The drawing will be held on January 12, 2012. All participants will be notified by mail by January 31, 2012.

WHO WILL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM

New Trier Township Social Services

HOW TO APPLY

- Download an application at www.newtriertownship.com (please note that this form can not be filled out online)
- Call New Trier Township at 847-446-8202
- Visit the Township Office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at 739 Elm Street, Winnetka, Illinois

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