



**NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNCIL ON  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

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September 1, 2021

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities, pursuant to RSA 19-J:2, to accept funds in the amount of \$2500.00 from the University of New Hampshire (UNH), Durham, NH, for the participation of the NH Council on Developmental Disabilities in a series of project meetings of the Disability and Health Advisory Work Group (DHAWG) of the UNH Institute On Disability, in the State Fiscal Year 2022, effective upon Governor & Council Approval, through June 30, 2022. 100% Other.

Funds will be deposited into account, 01-97-97-970010-71350000, New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities.

		<u>FY22</u>
006-403508	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$2500
020-500207	Food – Non Institutional	\$2500

**EXPLANATION**

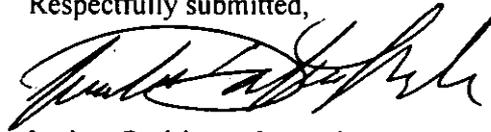
RSA §19-J:2 provides that “the council may receive, administer and expend any fund from any sources public or private, to serve as the designated state agency pursuant to the DD Act and to enter into contracts for the purposes of its programs.” The NH Council on Developmental Disabilities was selected to participate in Disability and Health Advisory Work Group (DHAWG). The Council will participate in ten (10) meetings in Fiscal Year 2022. Compensation for participants is two-hundred and fifty (\$250) per meeting. Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre, Executive Director of the NH Council on Developmental Disabilities, have been selected to attend the meetings.

The University of New Hampshire received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “Improving the Health of People with Mobility Limitations and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities through State-based Public Health Programs”. The goal of the project is to provide guidance and feedback to program staff regarding the planning, prioritization, implementation, and evaluation of program activities. To mobilize support and partnerships to enhance the program’s ability to reach, recruit, and engage its target populations. Promote program resources and activities by sharing information about training, events, activities, and program products through our network and engaging with program’s social media.

The New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities was established in 1971, pursuant to the federal Developmental Disabilities Act (DD Act) of 1970. Councils are located in every State and Territory and represent a Federal-State partnership to expand opportunities and improve the quality of life of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Councils are charged by Federal law to identify the most pressing needs of people with developmental disabilities in their State or Territory and to develop innovative and cost effective strategies to meet those needs. Councils work to promote the independence and productivity of people with developmental disabilities and promote systems change that will eliminate obvious inequities in areas such as employment, education, and access to healthcare.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre', written in a cursive style.

Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre  
Executive Director



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April 7, 2021

Kimberly Phillips, PhD  
Research Assistant Professor  
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University of New Hampshire  
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Dear Dr. Phillips:

I am pleased to support your funding proposal for the New Hampshire Disability and Health Program, under the CDC notice of funding opportunity "Improving the Health of People with Mobility Limitations and Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities through State-based Public Health Programs." The New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities (NHCDD) and the Institute on Disability have successfully collaborated on a number of current and past projects, and we are eager to continue working together to advance the health of adults with disabilities in our state.

As the state Council on Developmental Disabilities, NHCDD engages in advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities with the purpose of further the DD Act, contributing to a coordinated, family-centered, comprehensive system of community services, individualized supports and other forms of assistance. Our aim is for individuals with developmental disabilities to exercise self-determination, be independent and productive, and be integrated and included in all facets of community life. NHCDD carries out its mission through education, advocacy, and the funding of innovative projects that make a difference in people's lives.

Upon notice of award, we are prepared to assist the New Hampshire Disability and Health Program in accordance with the budget and scope of work outlined here.

Year 1 (of 5): July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Budget: \$2,500

Activities:

- Participate in 10 annual meetings of the program's Advisory Workgroup;
- Provide guidance and feedback to program staff regarding the planning, prioritization, implementation, and evaluation of program activities;
- Mobilize support and partnerships to enhance the program's ability to reach, recruit, and engage its target populations;
- Promote program resources and activities by sharing information about training, events, activities, and program products through our networks and engaging with program's social media.

In these challenging times for people with disabilities and their families, I recognize the importance of the proposed project to address health disparities, reduce unmet health needs, and improve the health and mental health of adults with mobility and/or intellectual and developmental disabilities in New Hampshire. I wish you success with your funding proposal and look forward to our partnership with the program.

Sincerely,

Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre, Executive Director