Training Opportunity

DDP TRAINING GRANTS - Federal Fiscal Year 2026 -

The Montana Developmental Disabilities Program is offering training grants during the 2026 Federal Fiscal Year (10/01/2025 - 09/30/2026) to DDP enrolled or contracted Qualified Service Providers.

Grants are intended to improve specific staff skills needed to better serve individuals receiving their services.

Grants will be limited to, one (1) Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000) grant per agency. Funds from these grants are to be used solely for the cost of fees related directly to instruction.

Agencies may use funds from this grant for travel, meals and lodging costs incurred by an instructor. The instructor can be in-house staff of the organization only when traveling to additional locations within that organization. *Reimbursement for lodging, mileage & food will be paid at the standard state rate.* Training grant funds may not be used for staff travel, meals or lodging costs to attend off-site training.

Training provided under this grant must:

- Specifically relate to one or more DDP-Administered Medicaid Waiver Service category currently provided by the agency.
- > Reflect current evidence-based best practices.
- Grants may be considered for:
 - General Training
 - Behavioral Training
 - Not to exceed a total of \$5,000 per year
- > Be pre-approved by the Developmental Disabilities Program prior to awarding the grant.

Applications for a FY-26 training grant for the time-period of 10/01/2025 through 09/30/2026, can be submitted to the Developmental Disabilities Program beginning **09/01/2025**. Applications will be accepted throughout the year until grant funds are used. Training must be completed between 10/01/2025 & 09/30/2026.

Invoices with proof of payment must be submitted within 30 days following completion of training to deb.braga@mt.gov. Late invoices may be denied. (Invoices for training prior to June 30th are due by 7/09/26 & final invoices are due no later than 10/30/26)

Upon completion of training, providers are required to submit an implementation plan within 30 days.

Requests for this grant must be completed using Training Grant Application found on the <u>Developmental Disabilities Program - Training</u> web page. Applications shall be submitted to Cindy Dallas at <u>cdallas2@mt.gov</u>. Incomplete or unsigned forms will not be considered.

Please contact the department at (406) 444-3964 with any questions.