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Governor

# NEVADA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

## Notice of Funds Available

**The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, in collaboration with Medicaid, announces funds are available to meet the following goals and outcomes under the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG) Program.**

The funding period is April 2009 – December 2009

**Applications must be received no later than February 20, 2009 @ 5:00 pm**

**A Technical Assistance Workshop will be provided on  
Tuesday, February 17, 2009 @ 10:00 am  
at the  
Medicaid Office – DHCFP Reno District  
1030 Bible Way  
Reno, Nevada  
775-687-1905**

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email [dcrudup@dhhs.nv.gov](mailto:dcrudup@dhhs.nv.gov) to obtain a grant application packet**

Goal: Improve coordination of services among state agencies and community organizations with direct responsibilities to individuals with disabilities in their pursuit of competitive employment; and, facilitate a 2% job placement a year among the Ticket –to Work holders in Nevada.

Expected Outcomes: To develop a comprehensive employment system that maximizes employment for people with disabilities; increase the State's labor force through the inclusion of people with disabilities; and protect and enhance workers health care, other benefits, and needed employment supports.

### **Primary Focus Areas, Examples, and Funding**

#### **1) Benefits Counseling & Work Incentive Programs - Max \$40,000**

- a. Provide work incentives benefits counseling services, including services to targeted groups such as youth in transition
- b. Develop online benefits counseling tools
- c. Build linkages/relationships with other agencies to sustain benefits counseling supports and programs
- d. Increase knowledge and use of Social Security work incentives
- e. Develop/increase benefits counseling capacity

#### **2) Employment Training & Education – Max \$60,000**

- a. Provide training to consumers on basic job skills (includes training to targeted groups)
- b. Build partnerships with employers/business organizations (e.g., Business Leadership Networks (BLNs))
- c. Build linkages/relationships with other agencies to sustain employment networks or educational programs
- d. Employer education on all types of disabilities, related benefits, & cost savings
- e. Provide early self-advocacy/self-determination training

**3) System Integration & Networking – Max \$36,925**

- a. Develop interagency collaboration to streamline services, intake coordination, and employment supports to make transition more fluid by removing agency specific policies and practices
- b. Develop employment technical assistance (TA) networks
- c. Develop comprehensive strategies/tools for hard to reach populations to access services and employment placement
- d. Create non-traditional funding streams for job development/coaching to support people with disabilities in the workplace
- e. Develop creative area-specific solutions on transportation barriers and gaps in service through agency collaboration and utilizing existing resources

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