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SPEAKER:

My name is Kate Brady, I'm the deputy director of the Georgia Council. Developmental disabilities, and you have joined us for our applicants conference. Where we will review available notices. If you would like close captioning, you will click the three but -- dots at the bottom of your screen. Where it says more, you can click show subtitle. You can also view it as a full transcript if you would like. We have participants muted, as we go over funding opportunities, then there will be an opportunity for questions. We will unmute at that time. There are also ASL interpreters on the line, and you're welcome to spotlight those folks for yourself if you need to. And I will do the same when Lisa starts. We are so glad to have you all here!

LISA F EAVES:

OK! Good morning, it is still morning on a beautiful crisp fall morning. Ready to shake some money trees. I am welcoming you all here. To learn more about GCDD. And grant's, and nova processes. First Kate mentioned a few things, but I know we still have people coming in. I will review the agenda, I will let you know that the Chad has been disabled for now -- chat. But it will be open a little later.

You have been muted as a participant, but you can use the chat. If you have a question, that you put it in the chat, and we will review as many questions as possible. Two hints, the first half of this presentation we will talk about the process and applying for a grant. The second half will talk about specific NoFAs which are listed here. Which stands for Notice of Funds Available.

If you have a process question, if you would label your question "process" and ask your question in the chat. If you have a specific question about one of the grants listed, one of the NoFAs listed, if you would refer to it by number. For example, 22 PR one, and then state your question. This way when we push -- post and answer the questions, we know exactly what we are answering and it will be convenient for everyone to follow along.

Again, the agenda is we were having a little welcome and overview. I hope you're feeling welcome! The first 15 to 20 minutes, I will talk about DD Suite and the technical portions of the no -- NoFA. We will pause for questions after I complete that portion. Then the next 45 minutes will be a problematic -- programmatic overview of each NoFA and simultaneously we will ask and answer questions.

I encourage you to put your questions in the chat, so that we can have a written record. We will compile that written record, respond to every question in writing, and post those responses to our website.

Also, I would like to encourage you to participate fully in the chat, but, keep in mind that we are not asking questions about our philosophy, or how our grants are decided, or amounts. Or those types of things. We are talking specifically to each and every NoFA we will present today.

I will get started without further ado. The first portion we will go through pretty quickly, so that we have time for the individual questions. Again, you will have the opportunity to ask a follow-up question if necessary.

I'm having some trouble with advancing my slide. I will stop for a moment. It worked five minutes ago when I tried it, but now we are... I will go down to there, shared again. Let's see if this works. I don't know if something kicked me out or not.

SPEAKER:

Lisa, if it is helpful to have a background -- backup sharing person I can do that.

LISA F EAVES:

Do you want me to email it to you?

SPEAKER:

If your computer will let you do that. That sounds like a possible option. (Laughs)

LISA F EAVES:

Hold on one second I will try again. I for the life of me, do not know what just happened. I will close out of this. We are having technical difficulties, but I will solve that right now. And see if I can send this to Kate. To share. Who would like to sing a song? Kiera, Kate, you are the only ones unmuted.

KATE BRADY:

I don't think you want me to sing a song. I don't even do karaoke well.

LISA F EAVES:

Check your email Kate, see if it came through.

KATE BRADY:

Not yet, but I am sure it will come. Thank you everyone for your patience. I don't have anything from you...

LISA F EAVES:

I will try again. I have closed out of some, and I think it caused us a problem.

(Multiple speakers)

KATE BRADY:

We do see it.

LISA F EAVES:

If at first you don't succeed, try and try again, my dad always said! (Laughs) Are we seeing the agenda now?

KATE BRADY:

We see it, and your PowerPoint came through here. So you have a backup.

LISA F EAVES:

So, we are straight from here on out! Let's get rolling! For some reason, my slide won't advance and this is where we were before. OK, I will go over the purpose of our grantmaking program. Which is The Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities, makes... (Reads) Every five years, we have a strategic plan, which sets our agenda. For the five year period. You will find that plan, on our website, and the purpose of GCDD grants are to expand best practices and contribute to systemwide changes that support the rights of people, with developmental disabilities. And their families and the fill -- full inclusion as community members. Recipients of GCDD grants are expected to be ongoing partners bringing about change.

I mention this because the purpose of our grants differs from other grantmaking agencies or groups or foundations. Typically a foundation or grantmaking entity ask you to submit a proposal to submit -- support your vision and goals and they offer funding to support your vision and goals. And you receive a grant and you received the money up front. And then after you've completed your activities, you report on how you spend the money.

GCDD commands don't work like that. -- Grant don't work like that. In fact they help us fulfil our purpose and you are a partner to help us get our five-year strategic plan and our goals accomplished. You will talk more a little bit about that later. But that is one of the biggest differences in our grantmaking.

So implementing our plan. Each year, the Council awards grant funding... (Reads)

So because we are affiliated with the state of Georgia as well as receiving federal funds, there is a lot of project oversight, performance is important, the administration of the grant is important and grant compliance is important with our state and federal rules and regulations. I did want to highlight, you will see our mission here and I talked about it in general. Our three main goals for this five-year plan are, goal number one, systems change, goal number two self advocacy, goal number three diversity.

We will accomplish those goals through advocacy work, public information, equity, grantmaking, and capacity building. The whole point of our grantmaking is to implement our five-year plan. Finally got the screens and the slides going so I'm feeling better.

When you sign on to be a partner or a grantee with GCDD, this is all of the steps you will have to go through. First the Council sets the strategic goals and once we have those, the next step is for the staff and stack -- grant staff to create different projects,... To solve a particular problem or solution or to assist us with meeting our five-year goals and objectives. Once we develop that, we post those Notice of Funds Available on DD Suite.

And we continue with the process from there. After you see what is on DD Suite, we post those NoFAs and then we received applications. We evaluate those, both the staff and grants committee of the Council. Of the Georgia Council which is like our board. They will be reviewing the applications and evaluating them. Once the grants committee completes their process, then it goes to our full Council for approval.

And they are actually the grant award persons. Until the Council approves the award, your project cannot start and we cannot work. The staff does not vote, it just assist the community in making their decisions -- committee in making their decisions. After the board has approved your grant award then we set up a contract and specify of the grant stipulations for your particular project.

Again, we are tax to the state of Georgia, we are part of the state of Georgia and we don't give out ground -- grant funds without a contract process or contract attached to it. After contract is placed, we monitor and evaluate grant performance. Once you receive a grant, signed the contract, every month for the most part, occasionally we have quarterly reports. But every month you will be required to report on the activities that you have completed and the previous month and the amount of money that you have spent against the grant in the previous month.

There's a lot of reporting, it's not your typical grants where you receive a lump sum, he is $50,000, go forth and conquer and come back. Nope, you felt a grant report, after the grant report is reviewed and accepted and approved. Then we move on to, we make the grant payments, we reimburse you for the activities that you have completed.

And then finally we have our grant closeout process. Generally our grants are one-year and we have our grants close out process where we expected annual report from you but we also have to make an annual report to the federal government into the state of Georgia on all of the grants we reported and this is done by the grants program and fiscal staff. And we close out your grant and possibly start all over.

So the state of Georgia has a policy where we can only award grants, contracts for one year at a time. So all contracts are just for one year, although if you are performing well, it can be renewed up to four additional years for a total of the five year plan.

So also in our five-year plan, we have sent a certain dollar amount for each area, we have an administration area which is a total dollar amount set aside for grants is $152,500.

We have the diversity and equity area. Which the total ground amount is hundred 160,005 and $75 we have a public information area... And then our self advocacy area, we are spending $341,737. Systems change is our big boy. And that area. We have our education programs which are IPSE programs. A total grant of $425,000. Would need total that altogether, about $1.5 million is available this year for grantmaking.

Now, we will talk a little bit more about applying so the first thing you need to know is what is DD Suite? DD Suite is a web-based program, you can use it on your phone, computer or anywhere you have a web browser. And it allows for most grand processes to be electronic and paperless.

We do not accept any paper. Anything that you have to communicate to us whether it is a report, whether it's an invoice, whatever it may be, must be uploaded and processed within DD Suite. It also improves communication internally and externally. Because everything for your grant is housed in one place. So we don't have to go to a file cabinet in this room, another report in another room. It's all within your application within DD Suite.

DD Suite helps councils collect, monitor and manage outcome data from Council grants and activities. Each year we have to commit, complete a performance report. And we collect all of the data that you submit to us and submitted to the federal government and by using DD Suite, we are able to collect that information pretty seamlessly.

And then as I mentioned it offers fiscal reporting as well. We don't accept paper invoices, all of your fiscal reports or expense reports must be inside DD Suite.

So I have written painlessly, not painlessly, a little bit painfully. Something called the grant application process: a guide to DD Suite. I asked that you all please review this document, it has been attached to every NoFA that is posted in DD Suite. Once you open that NoFA, you will see at the bottom of the attachments this title. Grant application process: a guide to DD Suite. I promise you if you read this 95% of your process or application questions will be answered.

The topics include, how to create an account in DD Suite... (Reads) There is an administrator in each organization and then there are other levels of users within your organization. It covers how to apply for a grant in DD Suite... (Reads) These are the people who work on the project. And anybody who will touch the project in any way needs to be included in the people tab. What happens later on down the line in reporting is someone wasn't included in the people tab and they want to upload information and they say, I don't see the grants. That is because they were not added to the application from the beginning.

The outline tab description is there, the budget tab description is there. The project work plan tab description is there. Details on submitting an application is in this guide and lastly, printing your application. It is in this guide.

So I strongly encourage you to print off the grant application process, a guide to DD Suite. And that should make your life and apply for GCDD grants quite easy.

So I'm going to still hit a few highlights regarding the application process. So before an applicant can apply for a grant he or she must have the (Reads) I've listed the website for you. You can either sign up if you are a first-time user or log in if you already have an account within DD Suite.

Once you are in DD Suite you can click on the details for the particular NoFA that you are interested in applying for. And it will have information, a link for apply here. So you definitely want to do that. And lastly, I just want to remind everyone, I think this is a little sugar cracked metrically for our new users. Application is made up of eight different parts.

Each part has a tab which is located at the beginning. First is the applicant information tab. Under the applicant information, you will give us your name, not your individual name as a person, your organizational name. Or the name that you are incorporated under. The name that is on your W9 because everything has to match. It's going to ask you for your address, telephone number, type of organization you are, whether you're a private or public organization. Public or government or whether you are nonprofit.

So in the application tab, that's what that will cover. The people tap, I spoke a little bit about. Three entities you have to put in, it's going to prompt you to put in three specific entities. That's the organizational director, usually the highest ranking person within the organization. The fiscal director, usually the person who is responsible for money and finances within your organization. And the project director. Usually the person who will be the day-to-day activities within the project. That is the people tab.

LISA F EAVES:

(Laughs) And then we have the outline questions. The outline question is to have the narrative portion of the application. There are six questions you must answer. And if you read the guide, it's going to go over each question and what the character count is for each question. We have the budget tab which you give a projected budget for your plan line by line. Within The Work Plan, our objectives, activities and performance measures. All of those things must be completed, and the last tab is the attachments tab.

This will be supplemental information, about the grant, and things that you will have to attach to your grant.

It's acting frozen again. OK! I think I have to get a computer check, maybe one of my buttons are stuck. I'm pressing! Alright... I will see if it will catch up in a minute. I will keep going.

SPEAKER:

Lisa, there are a few process questions and the chat you could address if you want to kill time while we wait for tech to catch up.

LISA F EAVES:

I would like, I had one more... one more slide, before going to questions. I think I will do that. And if I have to, I think that will work.

I wanted to highlight some important dates. And we will get back to that, the presentation never catches up. And then we will have a break for process questions.

I wanted you to know that, the last day to submit written questions, or November 9, 2021. All applications, must be received by November 15, 2021. 11:59 PM, through DD Suite only. No emails, no Postal Service mail, no express mail, only through DD Suite to accept applications. If you submit your application after 11:59 PM, on November 15, it will not be considered. DD Suite timestamps everything, so we will know exactly when it was submitted.

We will have staff and committee, we will have staff review between November 15 and December 3. We will have grant selection committee review, between December 6, and December 31. Her mac we will announce the winners after our board meeting in January which will, the announcement will take place January 17. And we will have contract negotiations, between January 17 and February 15. Where we will meet with you one-on-one about your grant.

I am going to, (unknown name), if you will... I will stop sharing a moment. But if you will start with the questions in the chat.

SPEAKER:

Did you want me to answer them in the chat or...

LISA F EAVES:

I need you to read the questions out of the chat.

SPEAKER:

The first person is Cheyenne. Are any individuals allowed to apply for these grants are only organizations? And also, can (indiscernable) services be used for grant match?

LISA F EAVES:

The answer as is, an individual who is an LLC may apply to grants or to our consulting grants. But most of the grants will require some organizational support. But you do have to be an LLC. Not purely an individual. You have to have some type of business associated with your name.

The second part of that question was... about inclined match. In-kind services can be used for the grant match.

SPEAKER:

The next question is, do you have to have a nonprofit to apply for the grant?

LISA F EAVES:

You can be nonprofit, public, private. But you have to at least have a business entity associated with an individual name.

SPEAKER:

The next question is, is a nonprofit available -- able to apply for, and possibly be awarded multiple grant opportunities?

LISA F EAVES:

Yes nonprofits are eligible to apply. You have to supply your 501(c)(3) letter. Eventually, we will see that you have to document that you are a nonprofit. As far as can you receive multiple awards? Yes. It is possible. But with great applications, we try to spread the wealth around. We also want to be, want to know that you will be able to complete the assignment so maybe unlikely that you will have two grants at one time.

You will be awarded to grants at one time. But you can apply to as many as you qualify for.

SPEAKER:

The next one is, what if you don't have an organization?

LISA F EAVES:

Everyone can get an LLC. But if you don't have one, then you would not be eligible to apply.

SPEAKER:

The next one is, do you submit the (indiscernable) form in the attachment section?

LISA F EAVES:

Yes when you are completing your application, you hit attachment, and upload your letters of recommendation, your W9, you are able to attach information to the DD Suite grant application.

SPEAKER:

The next one is, if you learn LLC, what people are required?

LISA F EAVES:

If you are just an individual, you would put your name in all three slots. I assume you may be the organization director, fiscal director and project director. If you have those entities within your LLC, you have to put the three distinct individuals who cover those roles.

SPEAKER:

The last one is, could you express a little more about the grant.

LISA F EAVES:

I'm seeing how... we are doing on time. I think we have five minutes before the next part is supposed to start. So Stephan, if you have a more specific... Maria, you can allow those who have an open question right now, to speak. And we will silence them again for the next 3 to 4 minutes. I will answer any additional questions.

MARIA PINKELTON:

Shall I start with Stephan?

LISA F EAVES:

Sure.

MARIA PINKELTON:

Stephan I ask you to unmute.

SPEAKER:

This is my first time in this program. I do have a disability. I was in an organization through the disability link. So, (unknown name) and Associates. I don't know if I can use those to as a grant organization.

LISA F EAVES:

OK, if you use one of them, it wouldn't be something you would be able to do on your own. You would have to contact...

SPEAKER:

Get help from them?

LISA F EAVES:

Yes you would have to contact disability link and say that there is a grand opportunity available and if they can apply. And I guess offer the services you feel you can help with. But only the organization can apply. You cannot apply on behalf of them because you are associated with them in some way.

SPEAKER:

OK. I get it.

MARIA PINKELTON:

Does anyone else have a question?

LISA F EAVES:

They can raise their hand and you can unmute them.

SPEAKER:

There is another question in the chat...

MARIA PINKELTON:

Let's go with that one I don't see hands raised.

SPEAKER:

Is there any additional NoFAs being released this upcoming year?

LISA F EAVES:

Yes we will have another round of NoFAs released, I believe it is in January. And they will be awarded in April, and starting May and June.

SPEAKER:

Two-part question: is there any technical assistance available to organizations or individuals who need assistance in completing an application? Or, what accommodations are available for those who need assistance in completing the application process?

LISA F EAVES:

I am going to say that because it is a competitive process. We do not assist people with comprising their actual application. If they have a problem with DD Suite, we will help them to understand what the categories stand for. There is a help tab within DD Suite, there is the guide that I have prepared that is available. There is other information for technical assistance.

We cannot help them prepare the grant because it is a competitive process. I don't know if Kate and others, want to specifically Kate, if she wants to talk about our ability to assist or organizations we can of -- refer them to in terms of accommodation issues.

KATE BRADY:

I think, it's important to know that GCDD is very committed to the idea of the process being accessible. And so, and to having diversity and equity in our grantmaking process. Because of that, we would want, of course, to provide technical accommodation, and accessing the DD suite platform, but also we can use this question phase of the competitive process, to provide robust support and understanding the funding opportunity. Answering questions about what possible activities, some of those are made available on the NoFA.

The thing to know, that makes that equitable in the competitive process, is that all questions that are asked and answered, are made available to all people. So if you are a person who has lots of questions, that is great. The answers to those questions will help everyone who is applying.

I will just say, because it is Dana asking, that there are also, we have had a lot of great submissions and a lot of good projects over the years that are partnerships. Between people with disabilities, and supporting organizations. And lots of councils around the nation fund projects in that manner, when multiple organizations are collaborating on a project. And there are specific roles for supporters.

So we would also be interested in open to it. I hope that helps Lisa.

LISA F EAVES:

Yes, and I will close this session out and we will get back to other questions at the end. I will go now to the specific NoFA session. Section, where we will talk about each grant. So first up is, (unknown name). If you allow her to talk about 22 PRI one. I will let her go first. And then we can ask

SPEAKER:

Good morning everyone... As Lisa said I will be overseeing the notice of funds available for 22 PR one, the purpose of this Notice of Funds Available is to engage the broader statewide disability community. Their frequent print and digital communications across people of state of Georgia, making a difference magazine, the GCDD report, annual communication and managing content and (indiscernible) for the GCDD website and (unknown name) site.

LISA F EAVES:

Are there any questions in the chat specifically about their requirements or needs for our media contract, communication contract, 22 PR one?

SPEAKER:

We don't have anything.

LISA F EAVES:

OK, hold on one second. I want to give them a chance to... OK, our next one is 22 essay one which is expanding self advocacy. Charlie?

CHARLIE MILLER:

I would love to, thank you so much Lisa and is still good morning to everyone for a few more minutes. My name is Charlie Miller, I'm the advocacy director with the Georgia Council. And you will be hearing my voice a lot today actually. I have a couple of notes. This project title advocating for change training by and for Sal Avenue -- self advocate.

This application is looking to start in February 1. And we're looking to build self advocacy coalition throughout the state to bring folks together within the disability community. And have a community of folks with developmental disabilities advocating with everyone at the Georgia state capital and in their own communities as well.

LISA F EAVES:

Any questions for Charlie regarding expanding self advocacies? Alright, so all the questions are about how to apply.

SPEAKER:

This actually one question. The question around, this is from Gaby, a question around project evaluation. Is the 5% for Council founding or public cost? Please find external and internal...

LISA F EAVES:

OK,, I will ask you to answer that question.

KATE BRADY:

Happy to. Thank you for the question. The 5% pertains to total costs and I think you asked to define internal and external evaluation. Internet evaluation means that people funded to do the day-to-day activities of the project are evaluating their own work and external evaluation means that the project has identified a next no resource to evaluate the impact -- And external resource to evaluate the impact of the project.

Internal evaluations are some of the things you may be accustomed if you have been a part of GCDD... This is including external evaluation partners. And if you want to read it, do you want me to just carry on? Or do you want to read that.

SPEAKER:

You can do it.

SPEAKER:

So the next question is at minimum one in person training should be planned for each of the four quadrants... We don't know what COVID would look like throughout the year? So Charlie, I will let you answer that if that is OK.

CHARLIE MILLER:

That's perfect, thank you. There is flexibility. We understand that with this COVID virus, as my old Professor used to tell us, blessed are the flexible because they will never be bent out of shape. So yes there is flexibility on how these individual trainings would be held. Thank you for the question.

KATE BRADY:

One more question. Is there a list of intersectional identity/marginalized groups that we must target?

CHARLIE MILLER:

Yes within the DD, the developmental disability community and we are looking for groups throughout the state of Georgia. So definitely wanting to hit rural areas within Georgia and make sure we have a collective and not just folks with disabilities within Atlanta but more folks with disabilities throughout Georgia.

LISA F EAVES:

OK, we will move on to 22 essay three which is support new leaders. And that is Charlie also.

CHARLIE MILLER:

I told y'all, you will be hearing my voice a lot today. This project name is supporting new leaders and representation for all. The purpose of this is to develop (unknown name) network of Georgia young new leaders, within Georgia that are ready to be mentors within the disability community and their networks. And we are looking for individual advocates in the communities to be advocating within their own community.

So serving on boards, or serving on different councils within their communities.

LISA F EAVES:

Any questions?

SPEAKER:

Our weight. This one is also for Gaby -- From Gaby. Is there (Reads chat)

CHARLIE MILLER:

There is flexibility within check in meetings. Like we were saying with COVID, if things need to be virtual, that is totally OK. But we are really wanting to make sure that these advocates are getting a lot of in-depth communication to each other and really making sure they have all of the support they may need to be an advocate within their community.

SPEAKER:

Gabby's question, is the mission that the network of advocates you network will work in tandem? With United for change or that they will be separated?

CHARLIE MILLER:

That is kind of getting really in-depth within the actual grant. We would love to have a separate organization that is willing to advocate for United for change. We are looking to kind of make sure that if someone didn't get picked up for United for change and there kind of wanted to go to this other new grants. And we just want to make sure that we are all speaking with one voice in the community.

SPEAKER:

This is from Molly. 22 as a three question. Is there a minimum (Reads chat)

CHARLIE MILLER:

As of now there is no minimum, that is totally up to how that Grant may be working.

KATE BRADY:

If I could just add to that before we go to the next question. Some of the particulars are likely things we could examine during contract negotiation. We are hoping for your proposal to reflect your best division for the work. What would be the most doable and appropriate for biweekly mentor meetings. If we have a different vision or have alternative ideas, those are conversations. After the process that we have in the contract negotiations.

Is that what you are thinking Lisa and Charlie?

LISA F EAVES:

Thank you for stating that, I tried as stated in the beginning, I probably didn't stated well. I was saying that we want to focus on how to apply to these grants and how to submit our best proposals. And make sure that we understand what the grant is asking for. The details on how the project will be carried out is after you have been interviewed or awarded the grant, then we hammer out the details.

We have to go down to three or that kind of thing, is much later in the process.

SPEAKER:

Is there a minimum requirement in the (indiscernable) trainings?

CHARLIE MILLER:

Are we wanting to go into the ins and outs Kate? I was wanting to make sure I was understanding.

KATE BRADY:

If you have a minimum in mind, it is great to share that. If not, I think folks could propose what they think makes sense, and then it shows the aims, and we can evaluate that.

CHARLIE MILLER:

I would really like to see what folks come up with. And what they feel is doable. Because what is doable for me, maybe fully different for someone else. So I am totally open to seeing what is brought in, we can talk about it, and see how we can find a agreement.

LISA F EAVES:

We will move on to 22 USC one with Alyssa for the data and policy research grants.

SPEAKER:

It is one minute until noon, so I'm calling it afternoon. I cannot say good morning at 11:59 AM. My name is Alyssa Miller and I am the public policy research and development director at the Georgia Council for the developmental disabilities. I have the pleasure of overseeing 22 S.E. one. Which is data on policy research grants. Here Mac there is a very lengthy description, so I will be brief in kind of giving an overview of what that entails.

The idea of these projects, came from really the development of our new five-year strategic plan. The Council was really interested in using this opportunity, when we are moving into a new direction. To really understand, the needs of the community, and a variety of different subject matter areas.

Those three areas are, transportation, housing, and employment. The idea for these projects, are for an organization to really do a deep dive into what the needs are across the state. As it relates to those topic areas. We are really interested in understanding what services are currently available, the challenges and barriers to those services, peoples perspective of the quality of those services that may be or may not be available.

As well as a comparison to other states in our geographic area. And that we we love for there to be really robust recommendations, provided back to us at the end of that data research policy project. So that the Council can use those recommendations, to understand how they can best fund certain projects in the community moving forward in those three areas.

The one other piece I want to mention, because I think it's important to know, is that these are intended to be three separate projects. You will see the total amount for Council funds is $120,000. That is the total for all three projects. Each one would be $40,000 in Council funds, with a 25% match. Each one, being transportation, one being housing, and one being employment.

If an organization feels they are qualified and have the capacity to do more than one of these projects, we welcome them to apply for more than one, and then we would be a discussion about what that might look like, knowing each one of the projects are $40,000 and counsel funds.

I think that is probably it for me in the overview. I'm happy to answer any questions people might have.

SPEAKER:

There is a question here regarding S.E. eight. You want to wait to answer that one?

LISA F EAVES:

Yes I would like to wait.

SPEAKER:

This is for Alyssa, the organization universities are applying, and they need two letters of recommendation?

SPEAKER:

Yes, I would assume that everyone who is applying would need to submit all of the pieces that are required for the grant to be considered complete.

SPEAKER:

And this also is a question for 22 PR one, do you want to go back to that one Lisa?

LISA F EAVES:

We will go back to that later.

SPEAKER:

OK. And then, Alyssa, I think this is for you. Do organizations need to apply separately for each of the three topics?

SPEAKER:

I think that might be a process question for how it would work in DD Suite. I don't want to give an incorrect answer, my assumption is that they could compile their application and just make sure that it is specifically separated into three categories.

Lisa I'm not sure how we want to represent those projects in DD Suite.

LISA F EAVES:

Correct, right now, you would complete your application, and if you wanted to indicate one, you would upload them for housing, one for... each time indicating the area. One for transportation, one for housing, etc. Each time you would indicate your area.

SPEAKER:

That is it for right now.

LISA F EAVES:

22 SC six is the DSP Innovation Fund which I believe is Kate.

KATE BRADY:

Thank you Lisa. So, I'm seeing I could spotlight myself. I'm very excited, I can't so I hope you see me. The DSP innovation fund, is derived out of a white paper that the Council funded two years ago. Written by Doctor Carol laws at the Institute for human line disability at UTA. The recommendation is to fund innovative projects that address the workforce private crisis. In Georgia. We anticipate projects that might per -- present a scalable pilot. That demonstrates solutions to DSP recruitment and retention issues.

We could receive proposals that represent advocacy that is generating momentum on changes to state level practices. That will predict a meaningful resolution to some or all of the current DSP hiring and retention barriers.

As well as model for recruiting, and/or training materials. That address the identified needs of direct service professionals or the people with disabilities they support.

So this is, I noticed a funding, that has some flexibility. Because we are looking for your most innovative suggestions. To address this issue. The funding available, is $25,000. With a $6250 match amount. The anticipated start date, is March 1.

You will see requirements there, but we are looking for folks that have experienced in community organizing. That have the capacity to travel throughout the state.

I would be happy to take questions.

SPEAKER:

Nothing in the chat right now Kate.

KATE BRADY:

Thank you Tiara.

LISA F EAVES:

We will take raised hands after we finish with this review. We will move on to 22 SC eight with the Family Advocates Coalition. And that is Charlie.

CHARLIE MILLER:

Thank you so much Lisa. So, as Lisa said, 22 SC eight, project title is the Family Advocates Coalition. These family advocates will build on the foundation that is already provided to help keep educating families, on how to navigate the disability community.

They will also help them understand the opportunity, to support their family members and when to step back and to be a supporter of their own self advocates.

This program is really trying to build more family advocacy around a person with a developmental disability and also, help them understand how to advocate on their own. When it is the right time for them to advocate.

LISA F EAVES:

Tiara, I believe you said there was a question already?

SPEAKER:

It says, I believe Charlie answered this earlier, an advocate question, about geographic diversity, would a grantee be penalized if they were a (indiscernable) minimum advocate of families didn't stretch completely across the straight state since recruitment can be challenging in some areas.

CHARLIE MILLER:

That's a great question. Another quote I hear is shoot for the moon and name among the stars. We will not be penalized -- penalizing anyone for not achieving there, whatever the amount of folks they may have as a goal.

But we definitely want them to tries hard as they can to achieve that goal.

SPEAKER:

Another question for that one is can you clarify the language "help keep educating". Who would the grantee be helping educate anyways?

CHARLIE MILLER:

So, to clarify language, "help keep educating" who with the grantees be helping educate. So, you are right, the grantee would be educating families about the processes in the disability community. Like around the waiver issues, around direct support professionals, and also, maybe even around inclusive postsecondary education.

The grantees, will be educating the family members, and the family members will be able to advocate with their young person with a disability. And then also, we are wanting the family advocates, to install more ideas for their self advocates as well.

SPEAKER:

I think that is it for you, there are more questions in the chat for previous projects.

LISA F EAVES:

We will go to 22 SC nine which is 14 C subminimum wage. Jump right on in.

KATE BRADY:

This is a collaborative effort between Charlie and I. We recognize that this is an uncommonly positive and urgent time to and the practice of paying people sub minimum wage. In Georgia specifically. There is national attention on this issue, and to that end, GCDD is funding the coalition.

Our hope is to receive proposals, that outline the plan to organize grassroots at state level advocacy for needed regulatory legislative, and policy changes. That and sure the phasing out, -- ensure the phasing out of 14 C minimum-wage practice. This project will begin March 1. It's funding amount is, I'm pulling it up... $26,000... If there's anything you would like to add Charlie?

CHARLIE MILLER:

I would love to just add, one thing. We are, at the beginning of this five-year plan, and we believe that we have a wonderful opportunity to make big changes within the state of Georgia. Around subminimum wage. Usage in Georgia. We are really hoping that this grant will build the coalitions around how can we do this together.

I think that is the main thing, we really want the community to be running this opportunity around getting rid of subminimum wage.

KATE BRADY:

Thanks Charlie.

LISA F EAVES:

Questions for and 14 C subminimum wage? We will go on to the social media contract 22 PR seven. Maria?

MARIA PINKELTON:

Good morning all! Let me turn on my camera. Maybe it will let me do that. There we go!\*Video. Good afternoon! Not good morning. I Maria Pinkelton, the public relations director. I manage, will be managing 22 PR seven. Which is our social media contract. The goal of the contract is to create and schedule innovative and engaging social media content for our existing social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube are our current channels.

In addition to that, this contract will require that those social media, that social media content is W CAG compliant which is Web content accessibility guidelines compliant. In addition, we ask that it follows rules of universal design, playing accessible language. Basically, so it is accessible for all. We would like for the group, or person managing the social media channels to be extremely innovative am I know it says that in the writeup, but also looking towards other social media channels that you feel we -- would be a best have a presence on. That's about it. Are there any questions?

LISA F EAVES:

I will go ahead to 22 administrative for which is our tipsy consultant. -- IPS E consultant.

KATE BRADY:

I will cover that. Because (unknown name) couldn't be here today. So the purpose of the IPSE consultant 22 ADM four is to examine, present to GCDD the ideal formula for the distribution of our legislatively abdicated postsecondary education funding.

That formula hasn't been reassigned -- Revised in some years so we are looking to have experts present to us a carefully calculated and (indiscernible) method for distributing our costs. We are currently eight, two to be more programs in Georgia with all important factors considered and with equity in mind.

This contract will be funded at the amount of $20,000. And is anticipated to start January 1. The NoFA is due November 8, so we are in a tight deadline. So the formula could be put in place for funds distribution next school year.

And (unknown name) will be the project manager for this. Maybe another important thing to highlight is that because this funding opportunity will impact so directly the postsecondary programs we are asking that staff of those programs not be applicants but that certainly other experts in the university environment could be applicants.

Happy to take questions and I see we have some general questions piling up in the chat. So I will just pause there.

LISA F EAVES:

OK. Here are a few would go back and highlight some of the other questions that have been asked.

SPEAKER:

Are there other benchmarks for targeting audience or would you require the awarding company to accompany them?

SPEAKER:

I oversee the 22 PR one, we do have current benchmarks in place. The word company would just work closely with me to engage the target audience that we have in place. And to continue to increase our leadership. And Cates, if you want to add anything to that, please go ahead.

KATE BRADY:

That was great.

SPEAKER:

OK, this question is for Alyssa. I was... I don't see it on the website, how can I find more information?

LISA F EAVES:

This is a good segue to what I was going to pull up earlier and point out. You all could see my screen? OK. So you will see up here in the browser, DD Suite.org.

You would click on the double D's when you get in. On the left-hand panel you will see Georgia Council on developmental disabilities. All councils throughout the country, if they have funding opportunities available, it will be listed here. Although I was would be little to sit under Georgia Council for developmental disabilities.

So I will click on that. Can you see all of the different blue highlights? Great. So Alyssa's number. Did we miss it?

What is the number again?

SPEAKER:

22SE1

LISA F EAVES:

I think what had happened was, we took the ground -- grant down to edit it and it has not reappear again. So we will correct that momentarily. But in the meantime since I don't see it. And (unknown name), you know what I am talking about right?

SPEAKER:

I do.

LISA F EAVES:

If you would find the grant and hit post again while I'm going through something else, that would be great. Are you following me?

SPEAKER:

I am.

LISA F EAVES:

OK. So that was a mistake on our part. I added, I will show you. You will creek -- click on the grant that you are interested in. Thank you for that question, however it was. I can't see my screen and share at the same time. But I do thank you for that. Like I said, we made a correction and all the grants will be reposted and that one is left down but it is still available.

So the important part of all grants listed here, the application due date, the start date, the end date. You will see that this is a full-year contract, the amount of the grant. In the match. I will talk about that in a minute and who the Council staff responsible to that is.

These are important things to know when you are doing your budget, that your budget should equal $89,250. And your mattress should equal 22, 312. DD Suite would not correct for if you overmatched, under match or if you over request. But this is the amount of money available. So your budget should be for this amount.

In addition, when you're doing your timeline, your timeline should be between February 1 of 2022 and January 31 of 2023. We are ready to talk about the importance of that date. Match and poverty match. We have set as a council.

Match here, you would notice is 25% of the grant if it's listed under match. If it's listed under poverty match, it is 10% of the grants. You don't have to figure anything or calculate anything. We assign the match amount.

Information I have gone over earlier. Talks about what the purpose of the grant is. It tells you, I will tell you right now, the correction I made or addition that I made to the grant was to add the details, the zoom link for this conference that we are on right now. We took it down, inserted the zoom information and again one may have been left out.

But all of the things I went over with you about that lines and the schedule are also listed here. Another very important part is, we've got seven minutes so I will speed up. While Wheeler -- while we are in the grant application process, I will only accept email questions and I'm the only staff person that could be directly communicated with to protect the integrity of the process. After you have been awarded, you will then go over to whoever the Council staff person is for all of your major questions and issues.

That is just general information, the scope of work gives you the details for the project. This is where you will get all of your information. Now it tells you the minimum qualifications. When it comes to helping people fill out applications, again, they have to have the capacity and the ability to compete for these grants. These are not assistance grants to help certain populations. These are generally organizational grants who have the capacity to assist us with meeting a particular goal.

You have to have at least three years experience of working with advocacy for this particular grant. Those things will be listed here. Then the important things, application submission and evaluation. Tells you what you must submit, where you can get help, reading the guy that I talked to you about. The application process and guide to DD Suite.

Additional submission requirements... Without even a plan, all you have to do is go to DD Suite.org, click on the list and you will see everything you need to know on that first page. And if you want to apply, it won't do it on my screen because I'm not eligible to apply because I'm in the organizational review -- view.

Sierra, were you able to upload that grant? So we will see if it is there.

KATE BRADY:

While you are pause there, a couple of questions in the chat. You might want to hit. I know you're trying to get done on time but I just want to fly that by you.

SPEAKER:

There's 122 SC one. For research and policy, what is a collection of projects referred to? It seems that it needs... Let me start over. For research and policy, what is collection of research projects... This need to focus on specific research questions?

SPEAKER:

Great question. The first part of the question regarding the language, that language is stressed to flag that -- just to flag... Just the three separate projects, the one focused on transportation, one in housing and one in employment. You're correct... Lisa has set up. We do list seven specific areas that we are hoping to see included in the work. In terms of specific research questions, we want this application to be viewed as the structure and y'all would be the experts in submitting what you feel like based on best practice to be the most responsible research questions to include.

As we move forward, there is some that need to be included that are left out, we can negotiate that and discuss. Some of the answers before, we really want this to be the structure and God provide the details of what you think would make the most sense in order to complete this project.

LISA F EAVES:

Again, thank you for that and we've pulled up that grant and it is spelled out in the grant that for employment its $40,000 plus added 25% match. And again, if you're applying for employment, number one. You would fill out the application, if you apply for transportation, you would fill out an application for each one that is listed.

Questions in the chat?

SPEAKER:

This is a general question, is there additional information for 2022 (indiscernible)?

LISA F EAVES:

Not at this time. The schedule will come out just like this, I don't know it off the top of my head and we are up to our neck and getting through this process but it will be coming quite soon. You will have plenty of notice.

SPEAKER:

Another general question. For the slide and recorded, will it be available after a presentation? When will the written answers be available? Will they be similar (indiscernible) for January NoFAs and submitted applications for applicants publicly available?

LISA F EAVES:

OK so the schedule is listed. For these grants. Yes, we will, you might have to tell me one by one so I can answer them.

SPEAKER:

What the slides and recording be available after this presentation?

LISA F EAVES:

Yes.

SPEAKER:

Questions do...

LISA F EAVES:

The answers will be posted on Monday.

SPEAKER:

Will there be a similar conference for the January NoFAs?

LISA F EAVES:

Yes.

SPEAKER:

... Publicly available?

LISA F EAVES:

Yes, they are publicly available on DD Suite if I understand the question.

SPEAKER:

And this is a totally different person and different question. Are the match funds (reads chat?

LISA F EAVES:

Match cannot be federal funds, we are of federal (indiscernible)...

Is there anyone, it is 12:30 PM which is our schedule and time but if there is anyone with a burning question we can answer that by raising your hand but I encourage you all to go to DD Suite, look and read the details, read the how to apply document and follow the steps and you will be successful. Burning questions?

Cool questions? Cold questions? (Laughs) Anything left?

Alright, we thank you so much for your engagement, your interest. Of becoming one of our grantees, one of our partners to help us implement our five year plan. Again, our five-year plan would then help people with disabilities. But we are currently seeking good partners to help us build this plan and implement this plan.

And any questions, again we will receive them in writing. All of the materials will be available on our website as of Monday. At the latest. So that is it for us, (unknown name), if you could stay a second?

SPEAKER:

OK.

LISA F EAVES:

I just want to... Thank you, goodbye. (unknown name), were you able to copy the questions?

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