

CAPITOL ADVOCACY DAYS GRANTS

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Iowans with Disabilities in Action, a project of the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council (IDDC), is a statewide initiative dedicated to increasing the civic and political participation of Iowans with disabilities.

Iowans with Disabilities in Action is offering grant funds for advocacy training and support to local advocacy groups and family members of people with disabilities interested in meeting with their legislators at the Iowa State Capitol and advocating on behalf of disability-related issues. Activities of grant recipients must be non-partisan and support individuals with disabilities to develop relationships with their elected officials.

AVAILABLE GRANTS

Iowans with Disabilities in Action will provide eight (8) Capitol Advocacy Days grants up to \$500 each during the legislative session.

Grants will be provided as reimbursements for actual expenses including transportation or accommodations for participation. Lunch is provided during the training portion of the day and will not need to be reimbursed.

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

As a grant recipient, your group must:

- Schedule a Capitol Advocacy Day on a Tuesday or Wednesday in the months of January through March.

- Participate in an advocacy training at the beginning of the Capitol Advocacy Day.
- Schedule appointments with your legislators (Iowans with Disabilities in Action can assist).
- Provide a written recap of your Capitol Advocacy Day within two weeks after your visit including any follow up communication with legislators.

While at the capitol you may also want to participate in the following:

- Watch a floor debate.
- Attend a committee meeting.
- Meet with other state agencies.
- Meet with IDDC staff.

ELIGIBILITY

The following are the requirements for your group to be eligible to apply for a Capitol Advocacy Days Grant:

- Your group must consist of at least 5 people with a disability and or family members (no more than 20).
- Advocate for disability-related issues.

Grants are available on a first come first serve basis for eligible groups.

QUESTIONS

Do you have questions regarding Iowans with Disabilities in Action Capitol Advocacy Days grants? Contact us at:

Email: contactus@idaction.org

Phone: (866) 423-2846

A member of the Iowans with Disabilities in Action team will be available to help you.

2022 CAPITOL ADVOCACY DAYS GRANT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Group Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Include the following information for review.

1. How many members of your group will attend? _____
2. What issue(s) is your group interested in advocating for? _____
3. What date would you like to visit the Capitol? _____
4. What accommodation requests do you have, if any? _____

GRANT APPLICATION BUDGET

EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED	IN-KIND OR FUNDS FROM OTHER SOURCES	TOTAL

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2022 CAPITOL ADVOCACY DAYS GRANT AGREEMENT

Congratulations on being awarded an Iowans with Disabilities in Action grant. As a grant recipient you will be required to provide a final report regarding your grant related activities. Below you will find detailed information on the requirements of the final report, the reimbursement process and Iowans with Disabilities in Action support.

FINAL REPORT

A final report will be due within 30 days of the conclusion of grant related activities. Your final report must include the following:

- A description of all grant related activities and sample of all materials developed
- The number of individuals with disabilities that were reached and their satisfaction with the activity(s)
- What those individuals report that they will do differently as a result of their participation
- Elected officials/candidates who were reached along with any anecdotal feedback related to your message
- List of any media earned as a result of grant related activities. Please include copies of each story with information regarding the source
- To the extent possible please provide race/ethnicity of the individuals who benefited from grant activities

REIMBURSEMENT

Iowans with Disabilities in Action grants are provided as a reimbursement for actual expenses. Invoices for each expense will need to be submitted along with the final report and cannot exceed the total amount in your application. Reimbursements will be mailed within sixty days of receiving your final report.

SUPPORT

Iowans with Disabilities in Action will provide support to your organization to implement grant related activities. If you need assistance with the development of marketing materials or public relations activities, please contact Iowans with Disabilities in Action by October 1 to discuss. If you will be hosting a voter training as part of your grant related activities, please contact us as soon as possible as dates are limited. The final report and reimbursements can be emailed to contactus@idaction.org.

Sign and date the agreement to acknowledge your acceptance and understanding of the grant reimbursement process and final report expectations. Return the signed agreement within two weeks of receipt. You can return via email to contactus@idaction.org.

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Date

Grant Recipient

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