

# VOTER EDUCATION GRANTS

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Iowans with Disabilities in Action is a statewide project of the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council dedicated to increasing the civic participation of Iowans with disabilities.

We are excited to offer grant funds to local advocacy groups that are led by people with disabilities that want to take action in their community to increase voter turnout among Iowans with disabilities.

Activities of grantees must be non-partisan and encourage individuals with disabilities to vote in the 2020 general elections, raise awareness and educate elected officials and/or candidates on disability topics.

Grant funds are provided as reimbursement for actual expenses. Receipts for all expenses must be submitted to Iowans with Disabilities in Action along with a final report before being reimbursed. Grants may be awarded for a portion of the proposed activities.

## GRANT REQUIREMENTS

As an Iowans with Disabilities in Action grant recipient, you will be required to:

- Complete the grant application, including a plan and proposed budget.
- Sign the grant agreement.
- Provide a final report within three weeks of the conclusion of grant-related activities. The requirements of the final report will be based on grant activities and will be included in the agreement.
- Provide receipts for grant-related expenses.

All grant-related activities must adhere to all public health guidelines provided by both the state and the federal government.

## ELIGIBILITY

Groups that include people with disabilities, family members, friends, and advocates. Groups should be dedicated to supporting

## DEADLINE

Application Deadline: October 1, 2020

## AVAILABLE GRANTS

Grants are available in varying amounts between \$100 and \$1,500. Local advocacy groups are encouraged to apply for any size grant they feel would have an impact on their community. Great ideas that have a big impact don't always carry a big price tag. Grant requests must include a plan detailing how it will be put into action.

## ELIGIBILITY *(Continued...)*

and encouraging those with disabilities to get involved in the electoral process and/or educate elected officials and candidates on disability issues. Groups may be formal or informal, but a majority of the members must be people with disabilities.

## EXPECTATIONS

Grants will be provided to allow local advocacy groups to take action in their communities. We want you to be creative and submit proposals that describe how your group will encourage and support community members with disabilities to get involved in the election process and/or educate elected officials and candidates. All grant-related activities must follow both state and federal public health guidelines related to COVID-19. Grants will be reviewed on the following:

- How many individuals with disabilities, elected officials, and candidates will be reached through the grant?
- How will you reach Iowans with disabilities in light of COVID-19?
- What will people do differently as a result of this grant?
- Does the application provide evidence that the proposal will work?
- Does the budget make sense for what is proposed?

## SUPPORT

Iowans with Disabilities in Action offers resources to support grantees' activities at no charge. The following are things we can provide therefore; these activities will not be approved for funding:

- Voter trainings.
- Marketing materials (printing and distribution are the responsibility of the grantee).
- Public relations support to increase awareness of grantee's activities

## QUESTIONS

If you have questions regarding Iowans with Disabilities in Action grants please contact us at:

Email: [contactus@idaction.org](mailto:contactus@idaction.org)

Phone: (866) 423-2846

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



## APPLY TODAY!

To apply for an Iowans with Disabilities in Action grant, you will need to complete and submit the grant application by the deadline of July 15, 2020.

### EMAIL TO:

[contactus@idaction.org](mailto:contactus@idaction.org)

### MAIL TO:

Iowans with Disabilities in Action  
P.O. Box 737  
Des Moines, IA 50303

### FAX TO:

866-797-7885

# VOTER GRANT APPLICATION

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## GRANT REQUEST

Iowans with Disabilities in Action will award multiple grants in varying ranges. Actual grant amounts awarded will be stated in the grant contract and reimbursements will be provided based on actual expenses. Please select the grant range you wish to apply for.

\$100-\$250

\$250-\$500

\$500-\$1,000

\$1,000-\$1,500

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please submit a narrative that includes the following information for review by the Iowans with Disabilities in Action team. Applications will be reviewed at the close of the grant period on July 16 and awarded on July 30.

1. Who are the people in your advocacy group?
2. How many total people are in your group? How many of those are persons with disabilities and how many are family members?
3. How long has your group existed?
4. What do you plan to do and how will those activities support individuals with disabilities to overcome barriers to voting in the 2020 general elections, raise awareness and/or educate elected officials and candidates? List all proposed activities and/or events and expected timelines. Please include how these activities will be implemented in-light of COVID-19.
5. How will you use technology to reach Iowans with disabilities?
6. Who and how many will attend your activities?
7. What will those who participate in the grant activities do differently as a result of their participation?

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE *(Continued...)*

8. Why do you think what you plan to do will work?
9. When will you start planning and how long will you need to complete the project?
10. What is the total cost of your project? (Use form provided to list estimated expenses and who will pay for what)
11. How will you know that your project was a success?

## SUBMISSION OPTIONS

Applications must be received by 4 PM on July 16, 2020 via mail, email or fax or by 11 AM in person.

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Des Moines, IA 50303

**DELIVER IN PERSON TO:**

Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council  
700 2nd Avenue, #101  
Des Moines, IA 50309

**FAX TO:** 866-797-7885

## IOWANS WITH DISABILITIES IN ACTION GRANT APPLICATION BUDGET

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

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