

## **Board of Vocational Rehabilitation Strategic Planning Funding Application for Organizations**

The South Dakota Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) has very limited funds available to assist organizations to:

- Promote vocational rehabilitation opportunities for persons with all types of disabilities.
- Assist individuals with disabilities to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment.
- Develop and implement innovative approaches to expand and improve the provision of vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with the most significant disabilities.

The BVR reserves the right to reject any and all applications for any reason deemed necessary by the BVR.

### When is the application deadline?

- February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year

### Who can apply for assistance?

- Agencies which provide services for persons with all types of disabilities.
- Other disability related organizations, profit or nonprofit, which provide services for persons with all types of disabilities.

### What can the assistance be used for?

- To provide services to individuals with significant disabilities, who are considered to be underserved or unserved;
- To demonstrate ways to expand and improve vocational rehabilitation services;
- To increase capacities that support activities of profit or nonprofit agencies and organizations and other entities;
- To develop comprehensive approaches or systems for providing vocational rehabilitation services;

- To conduct studies that enhance vocational rehabilitation opportunities for individuals with disabilities;
- To train individuals with disabilities and individuals providing services to individuals with disabilities and others regarding vocational rehabilitation services;
- To provide outreach and/or training to populations that are underserved or unserved, including minority groups in the urban and rural populations.

#### How much assistance is available?

- The BVR can only partially fund any approved project/event.
  - Marketing and outreach - \$500 maximum
  - Sponsorship of an event – up to \$2,000 maximum
  - Studies and analysis - \$2,000 maximum

#### Priorities for receipt of funding:

- First time applicants for funds;
- Special projects/programs, not ongoing operating expenses;
- Projects which will enhance vocational rehabilitation opportunities for persons with all types of disabilities;
- Projects designed to reach underserved or unserved populations.

#### These funds are not available for:

- The purchase of equipment.
- Consumer stipends.
- Services available through other agencies.

#### How do we apply?

- Complete the application packet, including a one-page abstract and a budget page and justification, and mail to the BVR office by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- Applications should be submitted to: SD Board of Vocational Rehabilitation; 221 South Central Avenue; Pierre, SD 57501
- The BVR Executive Committee will review applications and make recommendations to the BVR at their March/April quarterly meeting.

- The BVR will take action on the Executive Committee recommendations at their March/April quarterly meeting.
- Notification of the BVR's decisions will be sent out by May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- Funding awards will be for the period of June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year through May 31<sup>st</sup> of the subsequent year.
- All awards are dependent upon the availability of federal/state funds.
- The BVR reserves the right to reject any and all applications for any reason deemed necessary by the BVR.
- All applicants will be notified as to the outcome of their application. If approved, they will be notified as to the amount of the assistance to be provided by the BVR.
- Application materials are available in alternate formats by request.
- Please call BVR staff at 1-800-210-0143 or (605) 945-2207, or email staff at [colettew@sd-ccd.org](mailto:colettew@sd-ccd.org) (Colette Wagoner) or [faithe@sd-ccd.org](mailto:faithe@sd-ccd.org) (Faith Korkow) for assistance in completing the application.

#### After we receive funding, then what?

- Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis. Forms will be provided with the approval letter.
- Approved applicants will be asked to provide a report, possibly in person, on what was accomplished by the effort and how it supported vocational rehabilitation opportunities for persons with disabilities in South Dakota.

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

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

Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Check one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ We are a public agency, which provides vocational rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities.

\_\_\_\_\_ We are a disability related organization, which provides technical information or other assistance for persons with disabilities.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other, please identify: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project/Event: \_\_\_\_\_

This project/event falls under which of the following appropriate uses of available funds:

- \_\_\_\_\_ To provide services to individuals with significant disabilities, who are considered to be underserved or unserved
- \_\_\_\_\_ To demonstrate ways to expand and improve vocational rehabilitation opportunities
- \_\_\_\_\_ To increase capacities that support activities of profit or nonprofit agencies and organizations and other entities
- \_\_\_\_\_ To develop comprehensive approaches or systems for providing vocational rehabilitation opportunities
- \_\_\_\_\_ To conduct studies that enhance vocational rehabilitation opportunities for individuals with disabilities
- \_\_\_\_\_ To train individuals with disabilities and individuals providing services to individuals with disabilities and others regarding vocational rehabilitation opportunities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To provide outreach to populations that are underserved or unserved by programs, including minority groups and urban and rural populations.

How will your project/event promote vocational rehabilitation opportunities for individuals with disabilities in South Dakota? (If additional pages are needed, limit your response to two full pages.)

Please specify how funds will be utilized (i.e., speaker fees/mileage; meeting rooms costs; breaks).

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Have you received assistance from the BVR before? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, when did you last receive assistance? \_\_\_\_\_

Amount received \$\_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I verify that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_