Department of Health & Human Services | Services for People with Disabilities

Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DHHS/DSPD) Request for Grant (RFG)

Technology and Adaptive Equipment for Community Integrated Employment Pilot Program

Part 1: Overview

1.1 **Purpose.** The purpose of this RFG is for DHHS/DSPD to enter into a grant agreement with qualified applicants for purchase of, or reimbursement for, approved technology and adaptive equipment (hereinafter referred to collectively as **"Technology"**). Technology must be needed to support an individual with disabilities in a way to lessen their dependence on employment services.

1.2 **Eligible Entities.** To be eligible to apply for this grant, all of the following requirements must be met:

A. the grant applicant must be an individual who has an intellectual disability, related condition, or have an acquired brain injury as defined in Utah Administrative Code, Rule R539-1, is eligible to receive services through DHHS/DSPD, and is on the DSPD wait list or currently receiving DSPD services (hereinafter referred to as **"Person"**) or a Person's caregiver or advocate;

B. the Person must be working in or looking for competitive integrated employment and require at least 80% or higher employment support ;

C. the Technology must be a pre-approved item that is listed on "Attachment A Pre-approved Technology", or have a written assessment from the Utah Center for Assistive Technology that demonstrates the Technology appropriately supports the Person in

their competitive integrated employment, and lessens their need for employment support.

1.3 **Limitations**:

A. Technology that can be purchased currently through the Person's Medicaid or private insurance is not eligible to be purchased through this grant; and

B. Technology being purchased can not exceed $5,000.00 total per Person, with the following exception: (1) the Person is on theDSPD waitlist; (2) the item being requested is a single piece of technology that costs over $5,000.00; (3) it is demonstrated by the applicant that the technology will drastically improve the Person's ability to work; and (4) the DHHS/DSPD Division Director or designee approves the request (this approval or denial will be obtained by the DSPD Community Inclusion Team)

Part 2: Requirements and Submission Instructions.

2.1 **Submission by Email Only:** To apply for this grant, the applicant must submit a completed RFG application and submit it via email to communityinclusionteam@utah.gov with the RE: RFG Technology Employment Pilot by March 31, 2027. If a Person is requesting more than one Technology, all items must be listed and submitted in one application.

2.2 **Qualification requirements:** To be awarded the grant, applicants must demonstrate that they meet the eligibility qualifications outlined above in 1.2 in the RFG Application.

2.3 **Applicant Questions:** Questions can be submitted via email to communityinclusionteam@utah.gov RE: RFG Technology for Community Integrated Employment.

2.4 **Evaluation of Grant Submission.** The grant submission will be evaluated by the DHHS/DSPD Community Inclusion Team. They may conduct interviews with the Person through email, phone conversation, or in-person.

The total funds allocated for this grant are $500,000.00. The first 25 applications received per month will be evaluated, totaling 50 applications for the two month submission time or until the funds are expended. Any application after the first 25 per month will not be considered for the grant.

Part 3: Attachments

3.1 Scope of Work
3.2 Attachment A Pre-approved Technology
3.3 Grant Application