

Governor's Council on Disabilities & Special Education Intensive Support & Intervention Services

Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Senior & Disabilities Services – Developmental Disabilities Community Grants

WHAT

Operating funds to establish a system for the provision of intensive support & intervention services: \$650,000

- Establishes a system to meet the needs of individuals
 - ✓ Whose behaviors are non-responsive to current interventions
 - ✓ When the capabilities and expertise of local caregivers and providers are insufficient to ensure safety and well-being of the individual or others
 - ✓ Who are at risk of being sent to in-state or out-of-state institutions
- Provides ongoing technical expertise, consultation, individualized assessment, training and technical assistance, and clinical case management and monitoring when and where needs arise
 - ✓ Expert in behavior and co-occurring disorders trained at the doctoral level
 - ✓ Master-level coordinator
- Ensures availability of flexible funds to meet individual needs, including but not limited to
 - ✓ Short-term contracts with in-state and out-of-state consultants
 - ✓ Contracts to providers for respite (e.g., additional staff to keep individuals or others safe, short-term specialized housing for safety reasons)

WHY

- Lack of intensive support and intervention is a missing piece in the current service delivery system that puts individuals and families at risk by forcing them to move to more restrictive and costly environments
- Stops the erosion of the basic infrastructure of the community developmental disabilities system
- Develops in-state capacity to meet the needs of individuals with challenging behaviors