

Abilities Plus Endowment **Funding Introduction & Guidelines**

Beginning next fiscal year, July 31, 2018, the Endowment Program at Abilities Plus will have \$7,000 in grant funds available to local individuals and organizations. Our agency serves people of all ages with disabilities residing in Henry, Stark, and western Bureau counties. The Abilities Plus Endowment was established to go above and beyond the realm of day-to-day operations by funding projects and services that enrich the lives of people with disabilities.

The interest income from the Endowment is used to support programs and opportunities which enhance independence and active decision-making for persons with disabilities. Projects that best satisfy this mission and are selected for funding will be awarded either all or part of the funding requested. Activities must be conducted within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

This application period is for funds to be used during the year beginning **July 1, 2018** and ending **June 30, 2019**. Proposals may be submitted by Abilities Plus staff, clients and their families, and any individual or organization in the general community. The amount of funds available each year depends on the amount of income generated by the Abilities Plus Endowment Fund. The Board of Directors of Abilities Plus will make all funding determinations.

Following are some guidelines to keep in mind when preparing your proposal:

<i>Application Availability:</i>	Applications may be requested by mail, telephone, or obtained at our main office Monday - Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Our address and telephone number are listed below: Abilities Plus Director of Development 1100 North East Street Kewanee, Illinois 61443 (309) 852-4626
<i>Additional Information:</i>	Questions concerning the application process may be referred to Julie Landwehr at the above address and telephone number, or via e-mail at julie@abilitiesplus.org .
<i>Due Date:</i>	All proposals must be received at the above address either in person or mail by March 30, 2018 for this funding period. If funds remain after the initial application period, applications will be accepted and evaluated.
<i>Project Awards:</i>	The Endowment Project Selection Committee and the Abilities Plus Board of Directors will determine which projects will receive full or partial funding. All applicants will be notified in

	writing of the decision of the Board by July 1, 2018 . Selected grant recipients will be required to sign an agreement stating their understanding of funding guidelines.
<i>Outcomes:</i>	Grantees shall submit a final written report summarizing the completion of the project and its outcome.
<i>Recognition:</i>	Grantees shall acknowledge the support of the Abilities Plus Endowment in any publicity (i.e. press releases, advertisements, etc.) and on materials or merchandise (i.e. books, equipment, etc.) related to the funded project.
<i>Reimbursement:</i>	Grantees will only be reimbursed for items included in the original application. Some variance in quoted pricing may occur and will be evaluated by the Executive Director. Additionally, Grantees will <u>only</u> be reimbursed for expenses incurred after the date that the formal award has been issued. If your proposal is selected, you will be given more specific instructions about obtaining payment for your project. <u>All online purchases will be the responsibility of the grantee. Abilities Plus will reimburse the grantee as soon as the proper paperwork is received.</u>
<i>Ongoing Funding:</i>	It is not the purpose of the Abilities Plus Endowment to provide ongoing funding. We encourage new and innovative programs or services, and do frequently provide seed money to help this type of project get off the ground. However, if it is likely that the project will become an established, multi-year program or service requiring ongoing funding, Abilities Plus strongly suggests the grantee seek alternate funding sources for the future.

*We appreciate your interest in the Abilities Plus Endowment.
Thank you for your dedication to making a difference
in the lives of individuals with disabilities.*

***OUR MISSION...to promote opportunities for
independence and active decision making for people
with disabilities and their families.***