# Community Project Funding Request Form

## General Information

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- Select the appropriate category:
  - **Agriculture** (Accounts: Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities; Rural Development, Rural Community Development Grants; Rural Utilities Service, ReConnect Grants)
  - **DoD** (Accounts: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Army; Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Navy; Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Air Force; Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Space Force; Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Defense-Wide).
  - **E&W** (Accounts: Corps of Engineers - Investigations; Construction; MS River and Tributaries; Operation and Maintenance, Bureau of Reclamation - Water and Related Resources).
  - **FSCG** (Accounts: Small Business Administration; Small Business Initiatives).
  - **Interior** (Accounts: Federal land acquisitions through the Land and Water Conservation Fund; EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for certain water infrastructure projects; Certain State and Private Forestry projects within the U.S. Forest Service).
  - **Labor-HHS** (Accounts: Dept. of Labor - Employment and Training Administration Training and Employment Services; HHS - HRSA Program Management; HHS - SAMHSA Health Surveillance and Program Support; Dept. of Education - Innovation and Improvement; Dept. of Education - Higher Education).
  - **MilCon-VA** (Accounts: Army; Navy and Marine Corps; Air Force; Defense-Wide; Army National Guard; Air National Guard; Army Reserve; Navy Reserve; Air Force Reserve).
  - **Transportation** (Accounts: Dept. of Transportation - Local Transportation Priorities; Dept. of Transportation - Airport Improvement Program (AIP); HUD - Economic Development Initiative (EDI)).

**Department or agency:**
(e.g., Department of Health and Human Services; Department of Labor)

**Account**
(e.g., SAMHSA; Employment and Training Administration, etc.)

Are you aware of another Member making a request for the same project? □ Yes  x No
Request

Your request should be no more than five or six sentences in length and correspond to the format below. It should include a description of the purpose as well as a justification for why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds.

Name of Program (Name of Agency): AMOUNT for the PROGRAM, which [DESCRIPTION IN FIVE OR SIX SENTENCES]

Example: SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
MENTAL HEALTH (Department of Health and Human Services): Provide $500,000 for a substance abuse treatment program in City, State, which will ....

Independence, safety, and stability for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Provide $200,000 for Technology-enabled supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live independently.

The direct support professional workforce crisis (50% turnover; 20% vacancy rate; increasing number of people requiring care) means we must use new and innovative strategies to provide people with intellectual and developmental disabilities the opportunity to live safe and productive lives in our communities.

Technology-enabled supports include various non-invasive devices and sensors to accurately monitor residents' daily activities and the environment without impeding their lifestyle or privacy. The person with a disability, along with their caregivers and a team of professionals and consultants, decides which type of technology would be most helpful. These strategies can reduce the need for in-person staff by 30% or more for each person.

These items reduce the cost of services and help those supported gain confidence and independence in a way 24/7 staff presence cannot. While technology doesn't replace the need for face-to-face interactions, human errors can be avoided, such as missed medications or staff who don't show up.

Disclosures

Do you or your organization have any financial, business, or other relationship with Congressman Long, members of his family, or any member of his congressional or campaign staff? □ Yes  x No
If yes, please provide details on the nature of the relationship.

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Independence, safety, and stability for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

There are nearly 140,000 people with intellectual or developmental disabilities in Missouri. Of those, more than 100,000 of these individuals are living with a parent or other caregivers. A families' greatest fear is who will provide for their adult child with a disability when they are gone or unable to provide that care.

Easterseals Midwest serves more than 5,000 people each year with intellectual or developmental disabilities, including residential care for adults. We pick up where the family left off, supporting individuals for the remainder of their life.

Today more than 25,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities live with a caregiver over 60 years old. Those individuals will need residential supports like those provided by Easterseals Midwest in the coming years. Unfortunately, there are not enough direct support professionals, those who provide the day-to-day care and support, to provide support services to this growing group of individuals.

Turnover of direct support professionals providing care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities is over 50% in Missouri, and vacancy rates for organizations such as Easterseals Midwest can exceed 20%. We expect the direct support professional workforce crisis to worsen as five out of the 20 fastest growing industries for the next decade are in the healthcare and social assistance sector. Due to increased demand to care for the aging baby-boom population, longer life expectancies, and continued growth in patients with chronic conditions and disabilities.

The direct support professional workforce crisis means we must use new and innovative strategies to provide people with intellectual and developmental disabilities the opportunity to live safe and productive lives in our communities.

This reality is fueling pressure to find new out-of-the-box service solutions that can make a meaningful difference. Advances in technology offer a path to workforce stability, increased independence, and reduced service costs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Technology-enabled support services will allow organizations to provide immediate, dependable, and cost-effective care.

Technology-enabled supports include various non-invasive devices and sensors to accurately monitor residents' daily activities and the environment without impeding their lifestyle or privacy. The person with a disability, along with their caregivers and a team of professionals and consultants, decides which type of technology would be most helpful.

The team receives extensive training to learn how to match particular technologies to specific needs to help the person they are supporting function more independently.

Examples of these technologies include:

- Motion Sensors to detect no motion, excessive motion, or wandering motion
- Contact Sensors on doors, windows, and appliances
- Pressure Sensors on floors, chairs, and beds
- Alerts when there is movement or lack of movement
- Motion and time-controlled automatic
- Temperature Sensors for air temperature in the home and above the stove
- Video monitoring and two-way communication
- Automatic medication dispensers
- Remote monitoring for blood pressure, pulse oximeter, insulin levels
- Telehealth communication with health care providers specializing in intellectual or developmental disability programming and supports.

Technology-enabled supports can reduce the need for staff by 30% or more for each person. By improving medication compliance, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities stay healthy, and in-home healthcare services reduce emergency room visits. These items reduce the cost of services and help those supported gain confidence and independence in a way 24/7 staff presence cannot. While technology doesn't replace the need for face-to-face interactions, human errors can be avoided, such as missed medications or staff who don't show up.

Many not-for-profit organizations in Missouri, including Easterseals Midwest, could successfully transition to remote support programming with your support. Academic research will confirm the success and help refine the program towards continuing implementation throughout the nation.

The cost of start-up for a technology-enabled supports program include:

- Hardware
- Software
- Consultants
- Staff Training
- Computers
- Education for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families
- Assessment and Evaluation
## Technology Enabled Supports - Regional Support Center

### Personnel Expenses
- **Salaries**: $98,121
- **Taxes**: $8,468
- **Workers Comp**: $2,211
- **Benefits**: $11,039
- **Total Personnel Expenses**: $119,838

### Other Direct Expenses
- **Outside Services**: $15,955
- **Office Supplies**: $500
- **Telecommunication Expense**: $1,056
- **Insurance**: $1,872
- **Equipment/Furnishings**: $81,551
- **Software**: $5,277
- **Total Other Direct Expenses**: $106,211

### Depreciation
- **Depreciation**: $2,444
- **G & A**: $29,818
- **Total Expenses**: $228,492
March 26th, 2021

Representative Billy Long
2454 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Representative,

I am writing today as the Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities Technology Champion to express my support for the Community Project Funding request submitted by Easterseals Midwest.

Missouri adopted a Technology First Initiative in 2019. Since its inception, the number of people accessing technology has doubled and the success stories capture people’s desire for independence and control over their own lives. The project funding requested would support the expansion of technology supports so even more people with disabilities achieve independence.

Easter Seals currently supports over 5,000 children and adults with disabilities, empowering all to live, learn work, play and advocate in their communities. Their innovation in providing technology supports will influence the entire region and the way services are delivered. Technology has truly changed the way the world defines and views disability by making profound, positive differences in people’s lives every day.

Your thoughtful consideration and support of this important project is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Wanda Crocker, MA
Provider Relations State Lead & Technology First Champion
wanda.crocker@dmh.mo.gov
April 12, 2021

Rosa Delauro, Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Community Project Funding
US House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Easterseals Midwest – St. Louis, Missouri State Senate

Dear Chair Delauro:

I am writing this letter in support of Easterseals Midwest in their request for Community Project Funding administered by U.S. House Committee on Appropriations.

Easterseals has been helping individuals with disabilities and their families live better lives for 100 years. In the southwest region of Missouri, they are a leader in supports and services for people with disabilities.

This Project funding will allow even more people with disabilities to achieve independence in our community by expanding technology enabled supports. This is truly the future of supporting people with disabilities to live independent lives. Easterseals innovation in this area will impact the entire region and the way services are provided.

They truly change the way the world defines and views disability by making profound positive differences in people’s lives every day. Currently, they support over 5,000 children and adults with disabilities, empowering all to live, learn, work, play and advocate in our community.

Your thoughtful consideration and support of this important project is very much appreciated. Thank you for your assistance, should you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (573) 751-2173.

Sincerely,

Bill White
Senator – District 32
Assistant Majority Floor Leader
Chairman, Seniors, Families, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee
Missouri State Senate
Proudly Serving the 32nd Senate District

cc: US Congressman Billy Long
Easterseals Midwest
April 7, 2021

The Honorable Billy Long  
2454 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Long:

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Sincerely,

Lincoln P. Hough  
State Senator, 30th District

Serving the citizens of the 30th district
Representative Billy Long  
2454 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Representative,

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Sincerely,


Rep. Crystal Quade, 132nd District  
House Minority Leader
April 7, 2021

Representative Billy Long
2454 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Sincerely,

Representative Betsy Fogle
MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Hannah Kelly
State Representative from District 141
Assistant Majority Floor Leader

April 7, 2021

Congressman Billy Long
2454 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Representative,

I am writing in support of the Community Project Funding request submitted by Easterseals Midwest.

Easterseals has been helping individuals with disabilities and their families live better lives for 100 years. In Southwest Missouri, Easterseals is a leader in providing support and services for people with disabilities.

The Community Project Funding will help Easterseals to continue serving people with disabilities and help them to achieve independence in our community by expanding technology enabled supports. This is truly the future of supporting people with disabilities to live independent lives. Easterseals’ innovation in this area will impact the entire Southwest Missouri region and the way services are provided.

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Sincerely,

Representative Hannah Kelly
April 7, 2021

The Honorable Billy Long
2454 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Congressman Long,

Please accept this letter of support for the Community Project Funding request submitted by Easterseals Midwest.

Easterseals has been helping individuals with disabilities and their families live better lives for 100 years. In the southwest region they are a leader in supports and services for people with disabilities. Their services are custom designed in and for the communities they serve, supporting more than 5,000 children and adults with disabilities, empowering all to live, learn, work, play, and advocated in our community.

This project funding will allow even more people with disabilities to achieve independence in our community by expanding technology enabled supports. This is truly the future of supporting people with disabilities to live independent lives. Easterseals innovation in this area will impact the entire region and the way services are provided.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this important project.

Sincerely,

Ben Baker
April 7, 2021

The Honorable Billy Long
2454 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Congressman Long,

Please accept this letter as my support for the Community Project Funding request submitted by Easterseals Midwest.

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Sincerely,

Lane Roberts