

Notice of Mini Grants Available
Micro Industries for Self-Advocates
Offered by Life's Plan Inc. Pooled Trust

Life's Plan is a non-profit organization that provides Trustee services for people with disabilities and their families. Life's Plan is a Medicaid qualified pooled trust program that provides supplemental care and services through a Pooled investment strategy while also offering families individual trust management services. Our trust accounts do not jeopardize key public benefit programs such as SSI and Medicaid. The families we serve have an alternate choice to spending down their loved one's inheritance with the use of a pooled trust. Life's Plan has been serving individuals with disabilities and their families throughout Illinois since 1986. If you would like to learn more about Life's Plan Inc., please click on the link: www.lifesplaninc.org

What: Micro-industry grants of up to \$2000 for an Adults with disabilities or mental illness that meets Social Security's disability eligibility criteria under the Supplemental Security Income program, section 1614 of the Social Security Act.

Who is Eligible: Adults with a Developmental Disability or Mental Illness living in Illinois who has not previously received a Life's Plan Inc. micro-industry grant.

Limits: No more than one individual or one partnership (less than 4 individuals) per social service agency will be selected. Awards will be made of up to \$2000 per person or partnership.

Focus: To fund start-up money for micro-industry business that allows adults to earn wages. A micro-industry is a business run by a person or persons with a disability with support from staff or advocate to allow the person to be more economically independent, **agencies and service organizations are not eligible for grant.** Examples of these types of micro-industries can include, but are not limited to arts/crafts Company, jewelry making, used book resale, greeting cards, vending machine business, janitorial services, laundry services, errand running, food cart, shredding, lawn/snow removal services and other innovative concepts....

Requirements: Proposals should be limited to no more than four (4) pages. Proposals should include:

1. Basic demographics of person applying
2. Indication of who will support you in this endeavor
3. Willingness to submit a 1-page final report one year after funding has been received as follow up
4. Concept, summary and any business partnerships developed with micro-industry proposal
5. Budget on how the funds will be utilized
6. A one-page work plan with time frames
7. Conceptual outcomes of business
8. Indicate to whom or what entity funds shall be disbursed if approved for grant funding to insure the individual's government benefits are not jeopardized.

Final RFP Applications are to be sent to: Requests@lifesplaninc.org

Proposals are accepted year-round. The Life's Plan Inc. Grants Committee will determine awardees of grant fund semi-annually

If you have questions on how to complete a Grant application please contact Life's Plan Board Member Consuelo Puente, ctpunte@hotmail.com.

Any questions on ideas, expectations in planning a Micro-business, develop and ultimately manage a successful Micro-business, please contact Matthew Koupal, mkoupal@aol.com or Consuelo Puente, ctpunte@hotmail.com for assistance. Email with any questions or confirmation on applications to Scott Nixon, Executive Director, Life's Plan Inc. at snixon@lifesplaninc.org