



IFSP Digest Funding Update November 27, 2024

The Individual and Family Support Funding Program (IFSP-Funding) at DBHDS assists individuals on a waiting list for a Virginia Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Developmental Disability Waiver (“DD Waivers Waiting List”) and their families with accessing resources, supports, and services. The program supports the continued residence of individuals with developmental disabilities in their own homes or in the family home of the individual. You can read the information at the bottom of this update or visit our [My Life, My Community IFSP-Funding page](#).

Important information about the current IFSP-Funding cycle

The IFSP-Funding Portal opened for applications on October 15th and closed on November 13th for all eligible applicants on Virginia’s DD Waivers Waiting List. The IFSP received over 5,100 Funding applications.

Currently, the IFSP staff are reviewing all applications. As a reminder, our receipt of your application does not guarantee funding. In addition, due to changes in our [Funding Program Guidelines](#), our review process has changed. Our goal is to notify all applicants of their status by February 13th, 2025 (within three months of the close of the Funding Portal). If you have not yet received a notification from us, this means your application is still under review. This also means that the fund issuance will not occur before 2025. The IFSP remains committed to ensuring a fair and thorough review process, and we appreciate your patience as we complete this important step.

We will continue to provide updates as decisions are finalized, and we know that you will want to hear more about the status of your funding request. You do not need to contact the IFSP or call My Life, My Community. The IFSP will notify you by email if additional information is needed to process your application. Please take note that emails from the IFSP will be sent to the email address that you provided on your application, so be sure to check your email regularly.

We appreciate your patience and your interest in IFSP-Funding as we work towards completing our review process!

Important Reminder for December 2023 IFSP-Funding Recipients

If you were approved for IFSP-Funding and received a Way2Go debit card in December 2023, please be sure to register your card and withdraw your funds by December 31st, 2024. Per Sections V and VII of the [IFSP-Funding Guidelines](#), failure to register these cards and withdraw your funds may impact your eligibility for future awards. Cardholders who have not registered their cards will receive regular reminder emails and phone calls from the IFSP staff in the coming weeks. Our emails will contain instructions for registering your card and withdrawing your funds.

If you need to contact the IFSP with a question about your IFSP funds, please email us at IFSPSupport@dbhds.virginia.gov and make sure to include your Application ID number. The IFSP staff will respond with instructions.

Any IFSP-Funding updates will be posted to the My Life, My Community website and on our social media pages, and emailed via the IFSP email list.

IFSP-Funding Reminder

The IFSP encourages you to check out the links below for additional resources or supports that you can use to learn about the IFSP and prepare for future IFSP-Funding cycles:

- Sign up for our [IFSP email list](#) to get updates and notifications via email.
- Review the [IFSP: First Steps guide](#).
- Watch the IFSP informational [YouTube video](#).
- Like our [IFSP Facebook page](#) to stay updated.
- Visit the [My Life, My Community](#) website for information about the IFSP.
- Connect with [other families in your community](#) by participating in your IFSP Regional Council.
- Find [other resources to get assistance](#).

Thank you,
The IFSP Staff

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