



The IFSP Digest Funding Update September 30, 2026

The Individual and Family Support Funding Program (IFSP-Funding) at DBHDS helps individuals on Virginia's Medicaid Developmental Disability Waiver Waiting List (the Waitlist) and their families access short-term resources, supports, and services. The program's purpose is to help people remain living safely in their own homes or with family while staying healthy and connected to their communities.

If you or your family member is on the Waitlist, visit the [My Life, My Community IFSP-Funding page](#) for eligibility information, step-by-step guidance, FAQs, video tutorials, and other tools to help you apply.

Important Information about the Upcoming IFSP-Funding Cycle (Fall 2026)

The IFSP will accept applications for the Fall 2026 IFSP-Funding cycle between **October 1 and October 30, 2026!**

Before you apply, please try logging into the [Funding Portal](#) now to make sure your login information works! (Your login information is your last name, the last six digits of your Social Security number, and date of birth.) This will help you avoid any delays when the Portal opens and you are ready to apply. Please note: You will not be able to complete an application for funding while the Portal is closed, but you can check your login information at any time.

[Read our announcement](#) for more details.

Important Information about Last Year's IFSP-Funding Cycle (Fall 2025)

The IFSP-Funding Portal opened for applications on October 1, 2025 and closed on October 30, 2025 for all eligible applicants on Virginia's DD Waivers Waiting List. The IFSP received 5,125 Funding applications.

If your application was approved, you should have received your funds on a debit card mailed to address you provided on your application. The IFSP also sent an [issuance notice](#) on December 3, 2025.

You must activate/register your card as soon as you get it. You will need the information you provided on your application.

- **If you are on the DD Waivers Waitlist and applied for yourself**, you will need to provide your Social Security number and date of birth.
- **If you applied as a custodial family member**, you will need to provide your own Social Security number and date of birth.

If there is an error in your name, Social Security number, and/or date of birth, you will not be able to activate/register your card. For assistance, please email IFSPSupport@dbhds.virginia.gov with your Application ID number. (*Your Application ID is the nine-digit character sequence beginning with "FY26", e.g. FY2600000.*)

If you did not receive your card by January 5, 2026, please email us at IFSPSupport@dbhds.virginia.gov. Please include your Application ID number. The IFSP staff will respond with instructions.

If you have moved and you did not set up mail forwarding services, please email us at IFSPSupport@dbhds.virginia.gov. Please include your Application ID number, the mailing address on your application, and your correct mailing address.

Please remember: Per Sections V and VII of the [IFSP-Funding Guidelines](#), failure to register your card may impact your eligibility for future funding awards.

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 [Developmental Disabilities \(DD\) 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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