

Grant Application 2024 : Entry # 1778**SECTION ONE****Are you applying for a \$100,000 Grant or for a \$34,000 Residual Grant?**

\$100,000 Grant

Eligibility Requirements

This nonprofit organization is an active 501(c)(3) organization.

By checking each of the following boxes, I acknowledge and attest to Impact100 Owensboro's grant eligibility requirements:

Consent

This nonprofit organization is located in and serves residents of the Greater Owensboro Area, and the proposed project will be implemented in and serve residents of the Greater Owensboro Area.

Consent

This nonprofit organization is in good standing and has current registration with the State of Kentucky Secretary of State.

Consent

This nonprofit organization does not discriminate based on religion, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender. Impact100 grants will not be utilized for partisan, legislative, political, or religious activities.

Consent

This grant will not fund general operating expenses or overhead. However, funds can be used for operating expenses if they are relative to new programming, such as a new staff person.

Consent

This grant will not fund payment of projects already completed nor repayment of previously incurred debt.

Consent

This grant project/program will not require participation in activities of a particular faith, denomination or religion in order to benefit from the project or program.

If an employee or board member may personally benefit from this grant project, please disclose the potential conflict of interest.

No board member will personally benefit from this project. All board members sign a conflict of interest statement annually and as projects that might impact them arise.

Brief Project Summary

Our grant project aims to enhance the community integration and quality of life for individuals with disabilities served by the Opportunity Center. Impact100's grant funds will be used to purchase safe and reliable passenger vans, expanding our transportation capacity and enabling us to offer more enriching and engaging community outings and experiences for our clients. The funds will cover the cost of the vans, including customization for accessibility as needed, as well as wrapping the vehicle with our logo and information for services. This project aligns with our mission of creating endless possibilities for people with disabilities, empowering them to engage in our community and live life to the fullest.

Grant Application 2024 : Entry # 1778**Organization Information****Applicant Organization (Legal Name)**

Opportunity Center of Owensboro

Doing Business As

Opportunity Center of Owensboro

Previous Name, if changed

ARC of Owensboro

Address

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OWENSBORO, Kentucky 42303
United States
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County

United States

Website<https://opportunitycenterowensboro.org/>**Phone**

(270) 685-2976

IRS Name, as listed on 501(c)(3) letter

Opportunity Center of Owensboro, Inc.

IRS Letter Date

06/18/1960

Employer Identification Number (EIN)

61-0539889

Name of Executive Director

Rosemary Conder

Executive Director Emailr.conder@oppctrobky.org**Executive Director Phone**

(270) 929-4135

Grant Application 2024 : Entry # 1778**Is the Primary Contact person for this request different than the Executive Director?**

Yes

Contact Name

Chelsey Robison

Contact Title

Communications Manager

Contact Phone

(270) 685-2976

Contact Emailc.robison@oppctrobky.org**Organization's Budgeted Expenses for Current Year**

\$1,211,934.00

Endowment Size

\$431,492.00

Organization's Major Funding Sources

- Medicaid, Leasing facility, fundraisers, private donations and grants, United Way contribution.

Organization's Affiliation and/or Accreditation Body

- None

Have you previously received an Impact100 Grant?

no

Grant Request Information**Program/Project Title**

"Expanding Horizons: Enhancing Community Inclusion for Individuals with Disabilities"

Focus Area - rearrange the list below by dragging into a sequence where the first one aligns best with your project and the last one aligns least.

1. Education
2. Health and Wellness
3. Environment & Recreation
4. Arts and Culture

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5. Family

Type of Grant Request

- Capital Expenditures
- Programming

Total Budget for this Program/Project

\$100,000.00

Community/Counties to be served by this Program/Project

Daviess, McLean, Ohio, Hancock, Henderson

Brief demographic description of population served by this Program/Project

The program serves adults with developmental disabilities, including intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, and other related conditions. The population is diverse in age, with clients typically ranging from young adults to seniors. Many clients have limited mobility and may require assistive devices or accommodations for transportation and activities. The program serves individuals from various socio-economic backgrounds, all of whom benefit from the support and services offered by the Opportunity Center. We also offer vocational and life skills training through Pre-ETS and Pre-Voc programs that have a profound impact on the lives of teens and adults with developmental disabilities.

Potential Number to be served by this Program/Project

150

SECTION TWO – Profile of Organization**Give a brief summary of organization's history**

The Opportunity Center has been a cornerstone of the Owensboro community since 1956, serving individuals with developmental disabilities with compassion and dedication. Over the years, the organization has grown and evolved to meet the changing needs of its clients, expanding its services to include Adult Day Training, Case Management, Community Living, and Personal Assistance services. Additionally, the Opportunity Center offers transportation services to enable clients to participate in outings and experiences that enhance their quality of life. The organization also provides a nutrition program that promotes healthy eating habits and teaches meal preparation skills. Through vocational training, life skills development, communication support, and relationship-building activities, the Opportunity Center remains committed to its mission of creating endless possibilities for people with disabilities, empowering them to live full and meaningful lives.

Share the organization's vision/mission

The Opportunity Center's vision is to create endless possibilities for people with disabilities. Our mission is to serve individuals with developmental disabilities by offering quality person-centered services and advocacy. We are committed to promoting independence, inclusion, and community integration for our clients, empowering them to live fulfilling and meaningful lives.

Give a brief description of current programs/projects and activities

The Opportunity Center offers a range of programs and activities designed to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities:

Adult Day Training: Providing skill-building activities and socialization opportunities to promote independence and personal growth.

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) and Pre-Vocational Services (Pre-Voc): introduction, training and support for person-centered options: education, career and life skills

Case Management: Offering individualized support and advocacy to help clients access services and resources to meet their

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needs.

Community Living Supports (CLS): Supporting clients in their homes and communities to foster independence and community integration.

Personal Assistance: Providing help with daily living activities to enhance quality of life and promote independence.

Nutrition Program: nutritious meals provided free and skills training

We hosts various community outings and activities to promote socialization and community engagement

Describe organization's constituency and geographic region of service

The Opportunity Center serves a diverse constituency of individuals with developmental disabilities in the Greater Owensboro Area. Our clients come from various backgrounds and age groups, ranging from young adults to seniors. Many of our clients have limited mobility and may require assistive devices or accommodations for transportation and activities.

Our geographic region of service includes Owensboro and the surrounding communities in Daviess County, Kentucky. We are dedicated to providing person-centered services that meet the unique needs and preferences of each individual client, empowering them to live full and meaningful lives in their communities.

SECTION THREE– Proposed Program/Project Description

Describe the proposed program/project, including at least: (1) Goals or objectives of the proposal - consider using SMART objectives (2) Activities to accomplish the program/project (Note: Indicate whether this is a new or an expanded or modified program/project; if expanded or modified, identify how it increases your organization's outreach.) (3) Timetable for implementation

Program/Project Description:

1. Goals and Objectives:

Specific: To enhance community integration and quality of life for individuals with disabilities by expanding transportation options.

Measurable: Increase the number of community outings by 50% within the first year of implementation.

Achievable: Acquire a second accessible van and implement training for staff on safe transportation practices. Outreach to local dealerships with access to mobility vans (either with or adaptable for w/c accessibility conversion) indicates readily available vehicles that are suitable for the need to transport small groups of disabled adults safely and reliably to enjoy, learn and integrate into the community.

Relevant: Aligns with the organization's mission of creating endless possibilities for people with disabilities.

Time-bound: Complete van purchase and staff training within six months of grant award.

2. Activities:

Purchase a second accessible van to expand transportation capacity.

Customize the van for accessibility and safety.

Implement training for staff on safe transportation practices and client support during outings.

Develop a schedule of community outings and activities based on client interests and preferences.

Coordinate with community partners to enhance the variety and accessibility of outings.

3. Implementation Timetable:

Month 1-3: Research and select a suitable van for purchase.

Month 4: Purchase and customize the van for accessibility.

Month 5-6: Implement staff training on transportation and client support.

Month 7: Begin offering expanded community outings and activities.

Ongoing: Evaluate and adjust programs based on client feedback and outcomes.

Note: This program/project is an expansion of our current transportation services, increasing our organization's outreach by allowing us to serve more clients and offer a wider range of community outings and experiences.

Provide a Statement of community need with supporting evidence and describe why your organization is especially qualified to meet this need.

Statement of Community Need:

There is a significant need in our community for increased access to transportation for individuals with disabilities. According to the

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U.S. Census Bureau, nearly 20% of Americans have a disability, and many face challenges accessing reliable transportation services. Limited transportation options can lead to social isolation, reduced access to essential services, and decreased quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

Supporting Evidence:

A survey conducted by our organization found that 70% of our clients reported difficulty accessing transportation for community outings and activities.

Local public transportation options are limited and may not be accessible or convenient for individuals with disabilities.

Many of our clients rely on family members or caregivers for transportation, which can be burdensome and restrictive.

Qualifications of Our Organization:

The Opportunity Center's qualifications and the need to expand transportation services for our clients are paramount to our mission and impact in the community.

With over 65 years of experience serving individuals with disabilities in the Owensboro area, we have developed a deep understanding of their needs and challenges. This extensive experience has allowed us to tailor our services to be highly effective and responsive to the unique requirements of each individual we serve.

Our organization is recognized for providing high-quality, person-centered services that prioritize the independence and community integration of our clients. Through our programs, we empower individuals with disabilities to lead fulfilling lives and actively participate in their communities.

Our strong partnerships with local businesses, organizations, and community leaders are instrumental in expanding our transportation services. These partnerships enable us to leverage resources, collaborate on initiatives, and enhance the overall impact of our programs.

Expanding our transportation services is critical to addressing the significant need for increased access to transportation for individuals with disabilities in our community. By providing reliable and accessible transportation, we can improve the quality of life for our clients, promote greater inclusion, and support their journey towards independence.

Describe the impact of this program/project on the community; include how this program/project is transformational to the Greater Owensboro Area

The proposed program/project will have a transformative impact on the Greater Owensboro Area by:

Enhancing Community Inclusion: The program will promote social inclusion and help break down barriers between individuals with disabilities and the broader community, significantly enhancing the quality of life with increased access to community outings, activities, and services. This will enable them to participate more fully in community life, fostering a sense of belonging and inclusion.

Improving Quality of Life: The program will promote greater independence among individuals with disabilities, empowering them to make choices about how they spend their time and where they go. This increased independence will not only benefit the individuals themselves but also contribute to a more vibrant and diverse community. Increased access to transportation will enable individuals with disabilities to participate in a wider range of activities, fostering personal growth, independence, and overall well-being.

Promoting Economic Development: By expanding transportation options, the program will increase opportunities for individuals with disabilities to participate in the local economy, such as by accessing employment, shopping, and dining options. Additionally, the program will promote economic development in the Greater Owensboro Area by expanding the customer base for local businesses and creating new opportunities for individuals with disabilities to participate in the local economy. This will help to build a more resilient and inclusive community that benefits everyone.

Fostering a More Inclusive Community: The program will contribute to creating a more inclusive community where individuals of all abilities are valued and have equal access to opportunities for socialization, recreation, and personal enrichment.

Transformational Impact:

This program/project represents a significant step towards creating a more inclusive and accessible community for individuals with disabilities. By expanding transportation options and promoting community integration, the program will not only improve the lives of individuals with disabilities but also enhance the overall fabric of our community, making Owensboro a more welcoming and inclusive place for all residents.

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Share how this proposed program/project could complement or enhance the work/efforts of other organizations to respond to the needs you have identified

The Opportunity Center has a long-standing commitment to providing person-centered services that prioritize the individual needs and preferences of each client. Our approach is rooted in the belief that every individual deserves to live a life of dignity, independence, and fulfillment. We strive to empower our clients to make choices about their lives and to participate fully in their communities.

The proposed project to expand transportation options aligns perfectly with our client-centered approach. By providing individuals with disabilities greater access to community outings and activities, we are giving them more opportunities to engage with their communities in ways that are meaningful to them. Whether it's attending a cultural event, volunteering at a local charity, or simply socializing with friends, our clients will be able to participate in activities that enhance their quality of life and promote their independence.

Furthermore, by customizing the van for accessibility and safety, we are ensuring that our clients can travel comfortably and with dignity. This not only enhances their experience but also demonstrates our commitment to meeting their unique needs.

Overall, the proposed project directly benefits our clients by enhancing their community integration and quality of life. It empowers them to live more independently, make choices about their activities, and participate more fully in the life of their communities.

The Opportunity Center takes great pride in its role as a collaborative partner within the community, working closely with local organizations, businesses, and stakeholders to maximize impact and create meaningful opportunities for our clients. Collaboration is at the heart of everything we do, as we believe that by working together, we can achieve far more than we ever could alone.

One of the key ways in which we collaborate with the community is through our partnerships with local businesses and organizations. These partnerships allow us to create employment opportunities for our clients, provide vocational training, and access resources and services that enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities. For example, we work with local restaurants to provide job training opportunities for our clients, and we collaborate with local theaters to offer accessible performances.

We also collaborate with community stakeholders, such as government agencies and advocacy groups, to advocate for the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities. By working together, we can amplify our voices and bring about positive change in our community.

Overall, collaboration is a cornerstone of our approach at the Opportunity Center. We are committed to working hand in hand with the community to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for individuals with disabilities, and we believe that together, we can make a real difference in the lives of our clients.

SECTION FOUR – Evaluation/Assessment

How will you define and measure the success/impact of your program/project and how will the results be shared?

Increased Access to Community Outings: We will track the number of community outings provided to clients before and after the implementation of the program. Our goal is to increase the number of outings by 50% within the first year.

We will conduct surveys and interviews with clients and their families to assess their satisfaction with the transportation services and the impact on their quality of life. We aim for a satisfaction rate of at least 90%.

We will monitor the level of community integration achieved by clients, including their participation in community events, engagement with community resources, and development of social connections outside of the Opportunity Center.

We will evaluate the cost-effectiveness of the program by comparing the cost per outing before and after the implementation of the program. Our goal is to achieve a lower cost per outing while maintaining or improving the quality of services.

The results of our program/project will be shared: Annual reports highlighting key outcomes and achievements of the program.

Social media updates to keep stakeholders informed about the progress of the program and its impact on the community.

Presentations: community events and meetings to share best practices and lessons learned.

Collaboration with local media outlets to raise awareness about the program and its benefits for individuals with disabilities.

SECTION FIVE – Program/Project Funding Plans

List other funders to which this current proposal has been or will be submitted. For each, indicate the amount requested and the status of the request. For example, Submitted, Pending, Funded, Declined. If funded, specify the amount of funding granted

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Amount Requested: \$100,000 to purchase 2 pre-owned accessibility transport vans for client services

Status: Pending

We are actively seeking additional funding opportunities and will continue to submit proposals to other potential funders as we identify them.

Additionally, Having the support of the board of directors to provide budget considerations to cover the insurance and maintenance costs for the purchased vans is a significant step towards ensuring the sustainability and success of the transportation program. It demonstrates a strong commitment to providing ongoing support for individuals with disabilities in the Owensboro community.

What other income, if any, do you anticipate for this project? If any, describe. For example: (1) Earned revenue (2) In-kind support (3) Special events (4) Fundraisers (5) Other

As individuals learn of our increased ability to provide activities and opportunities in the community, we anticipate an increase in the number of participants in our programs with Medicaid waiver compensation that can provide a stable and sustainable source of funding for the transportation project. Additionally, we will seek in-kind support from local businesses and organizations for fuel, maintenance, and other operational expenses related to the vans.

We will organize special events and fundraisers to raise additional funds for the transportation program and raise awareness .

We will continue to host our annual fundraising events, such as the Boo Bash 24 Halloween Party Fundraiser, to support the transportation program and other initiatives of the Opportunity Center. We will explore other potential sources of income, such as corporate sponsorships, donations from individuals, and partnerships with local businesses and organizations.

Describe plans and specific sources for future/long-term funding and sources of sustainability.

For long-term funding and sustainability, the Opportunity Center has developed a comprehensive strategy that includes various sources and initiatives:

Diversification of Funding Sources: The organization will continue to seek funding from a variety of sources, including grants, donations, and fundraising events. By diversifying its funding sources, the Opportunity Center can reduce its reliance on any single funding stream and ensure financial stability.

Partnerships and Collaboration: The organization will explore partnerships and collaborations with other organizations, businesses, and government agencies to leverage resources and maximize impact. These partnerships can also lead to new funding opportunities and increased visibility for the Opportunity Center.

Endowment and Planned Giving: The organization will work to build an endowment fund and encourage planned giving from donors who wish to support the organization in the long term. These funds can provide a reliable source of

SECTION SIX – Required Financial Attachments

(1) Submit Statement of Revenue/Support and Expenses for your organization's most recently completed fiscal/calendar year, which includes Net Income/(Loss) (see example Form A).

- [Impact-2024-Form-A.pdf](#)

(2) Submit Balance Sheet for most recently completed fiscal year.

- [StatementofFinancialPosition-3.pdf](#)

(3) Provide your most recent, complete audit, review or compilation including notes. If the organization does not have a third-party report done, then send the most recent IRS Form 990.

- [2022-OC-Form-990-Client-Copy.pdf](#)

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(4) Send the organization's budget for the current fiscal/calendar year including a column showing the organization's year-to-date status (see example Form B).

- [Impact-2024-Form-B.pdf](#)

(5) Submit the Proposed Program/Project Budget for your entire project (see example Form C, or Form D for Capital Requests). If your project's budget is greater than the grant amount, clearly indicate which portions will be funded by the Impact100 Grant. Also specifically indicate how you will fund the balance of the project.

- [Impact-2024-Form-D.pdf](#)

(6) Copy of cost estimates or quotes

- [Pre-owned-van-quotes-IMPACT-2024-Sheet1.pdf](#)

(7) If there will be ongoing expenses associated with your project which will increase the organization's operating budget by 20% or more, or if this is a new organization, provide pro forma project budgets for the next three years. The purpose of the pro forma is to show how the organization plans to sustain the project.(PDF format only)

- [recurring-expenses-1.pdf](#)

SECTION SEVEN – Required Non-Financial Attachments

IRS letter of determination of 501(c)3

- [501-c3-letter-update-2001.pdf](#)

List of Current Board Members

- [Board-of-Directors-2024-BOD-2024.pdf](#)

Proof of good standing with the Secretary of State

- [2024-Sec-of-State-Good-Standing-letter.pdf](#)

Permission to Record and Grant Agreement

Permission to Video Site Visits to Share with the Entire Membership



Yes, Impact100 may video record our site visit

By clicking the box below, I grant Impact100 permission to record the site visit at my organization and to share the recording with all Impact100 members.

Terms of Grant Agreement for Impact100 Owensboro



I have read and understand the Terms of Grant Agreement, and, should a grant be received, agree to follow its terms and conditions.

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- (1) Applicant agrees that any grant received from Impact100 will be expended for the explicit purposes described in the grant proposal. In the event grant monies are to be allocated for any other purpose, agreement must be obtained from Impact100.
- (2) If a grant is received, applicant agrees to credit Impact100 in the manner identified by Impact100 in any publications (including annual reports, newsletters) press releases, brochures, videotapes, and other publicity or public relations materials and presentations.
- (3) Applicant agrees to put Yard Signs where visible during times designated by Impact100 throughout the year.
- (4) Impact100 requires invoices for all money spent as indicated in the grant request. No funds are dispersed in advance.

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