

I. Lucas County Board of DD Adult Changing Table Grant Framework

This grant was established to award businesses/agencies within Lucas County, Ohio, the opportunity to develop inclusive spaces with the ability to install or modify changing tables in the business/agency restrooms for all individuals including individuals with I/DD and/or those with accessibility needs. Funds have been set aside and may be approved for submissions that either expand/modify or include the installation and adaptability of changing tables in public restrooms.

This can include, but is not limited to:

- Modifying restrooms to allow wheelchair access.
- Install/modify changing tables in business/agency restrooms for individuals, including adults.

Grant applications that are LESS likely to be accepted but not limited to include requests such as:

- applications submitted without concept plans
- funds to be paid directly to staff.
- request for reimbursement for purchases made prior to the grant application/approval.
- agency taxes, fees or of such required to operate the business.

Funding will be distributed 2 times over the course of the **year 2026**. The 2026 grant budget per distribution cycle is set at \$140,000, with each grant awardee receiving **no more than \$20,000** per agency. Applicants may request up to \$20,000 in grant funding. There will be two opportunities to apply for the grant, the application deadlines are below. Concept plans of the modified restroom identifying clearances and mounting heights for accessibility, prepared by an Architect registered in the State of Ohio to be submitted with the grant application. The administrator of the grant reserves the right to reject any, part of, or all proposals and waive any informalities in the proposal submission process.

The 2026 schedule is as follows:

Phase 1

Applications Due By: May 31, 2026

Phase 2

Applications Due By: 10/31/2026

II. Grant Evaluation & Application Scoring

Grants will be evaluated in a fair and equitable manner. Applicant submissions will be reviewed against the intent of the grant, which is to either expand and/or enhance changing tables in business establishments to promote inclusive opportunities in Lucas County businesses.

III. Award Notification & Financial Distribution

Grants will be awarded during the 2026 year. Awarded funds will be distributed directly from Lucas County DD. Grant recipients will be required to submit receipts prior to reimbursement.

IV. Outcome Reporting

Applicants receiving the grant will be asked to provide the following:

- Receipts for purchases.
- Accounting of how the funds were spent, including a final budget breakdown of how your business met the objectives of the grant.
- An outcome/success story as a result of receiving the grant. Those awarded the grant will be asked to sign a form giving LCBDD and 19 Services permission to publish their story/outcome.

The grant administrator will coordinate the collection of outcome/success stories from those who were awarded the grant. The grant administrator will determine the best method for sharing the stories with the DD Community and Stakeholders to create awareness. The grant administrator will also coordinate and track all receipts and accounting of how the funds were spent. This information will be available for review at any time.