

PROPOSAL BRIEF

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| Proposal Title: | Fund "Community" Through Grants |
| Proposal Sponsor: | OPRA |
| Date Proposed: | 6/28/21 |

Problem or Opportunity Statement

One of the by products of the workforce crisis is the providers inability to provide community opportunities due to lack of staffing.

The Proposal

DODD can provide "community grants" that would provide extra resources to providers to either use resources to identify community based (natural) supports to provide community connections or use resources to enhance the provider's ability to hire specialized and higher paid staff to create more community opportunities for the people the provider supports.

| Pros | Cons |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows the provider to tap into new resources to help people connect to their community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be challenges on how the grants interact with Medicaid funding If a new project is started how will it be sustained |

Critical Questions

What kind of resources would it take to help a provider connect people to the community?
Are their enough specialized professionals to fill these roles?
Are people in the community willing and able to provide natural supports?
What rules stand in the way of making this happen?

Reference Materials / Attachments