

The County Support Grant is a program that can help provide funds to purchase services and supports needed by a person with Mental Retardation, PDD or autism that are not funded by any other source.

There is an income eligibility criteria: for children under 18 based on family income and a copay might apply; for adults income is based on the individual's income, not the family's.

The program requirements include:

- Proof of residency in Collin County (copy of utility bill)
- Proof of diagnosis
- Proof of income (for individuals over 18, income is determined by the person's income, not the family's)
- Description of needed service and support.

Examples of allowable services include:

- Respite
- Therapy (i.e. speech, occupational, physical, or equine)
- Transportation
- Training/counseling
- Assistive devices/special equipment
- Home care
- Health services related to the cognitive disability

Unallowable expenses include:

- Vehicle lease or purchase
- Routine food, shelter, etc.
- General medical care not related to the disability

The maximum allowable grant is \$2,500 per year.

If you believe your family member has a need that can be met by this program and want further information, please call 972-727-9133 and ask for the County Support Program.