

## **Opportunities Development Inc. Summary Report**

### **Information about the Applicant**

Opportunity Development Centers, Inc. (ODC) is a private, not-for-profit agency that has been serving the Central Wisconsin area since 1965. Our mission is to "empower people with disabilities to achieve their work and life goals."

ODC operates in 14 Wisconsin counties and offers a variety of programs and services, which include employment, day services, school transition, daily living skills, children's long-term support, mental health services, housing counseling and virtual services.

All of ODC's programs are designed and intended to promote independent living, inclusion and community integration of people with disabilities within the workplace and all aspects of community life.

### **Statement of Need**

ODC is requesting \$10,000 from the Wispact Foundation to expand our Day Services programming to assist individuals with developing and increasing their skills. "Creating with Purpose - Exploring the Arts" will allow individuals to explore, educate and experience the Arts and connect with their community. Art allows us to communicate, be creative, increase self-awareness, understand and express our emotions and be open to new ideas and experiences.

### **Project Goals and Expected Benefits**

ODC's goal is to help individuals achieve their highest level of independence and quality of life by exploring interests, learning skills, building confidence and discovering available resources.

The purpose of "Create with Purpose - Exploring the Arts" is to educate and broaden the experiences of people with disabilities while connecting to their communities.

Individuals will develop new interests, new friendships and become more connected to their communities. We will track the number of participants, the number of experiences and the number of partnerships developed. We will also track the number of individuals that continue to participate in workshops on an on-going basis.

1: Individuals will increase community integration through attendance in classes, presentations and workshops.

- a. Individuals will attend at least 3 classes, presentations or workshops.
- b. Individuals will identify what type of activity they would like to participate in on an on-going basis.

2: Individuals will explore and experience the various types of art forms through participation in regularly scheduled activities.

- a. Individuals will experience at least 3 different types of art forms.
- b. Individuals will select and participate in at least 1 art form for at least 4 weeks.

### **Project Implementation Plan**

Carla Czarny, ODC Service Navigator, will implement and provide leadership for the project in all locations. Carla will work with the Day Service Leads in each location -to assist individuals in the Day Services Program to determine interest, enroll participants and explore and develop community partnerships. Carla will coordinate the purchase of the necessary tools and supplies for each location and will work with the Day Service leads to develop partnerships with local artists and organizations, develop a schedule for workshops and begin offering weekly art activities. The project will be implemented in Winter 2022.

**Evaluation Plan**

Carla Czarny will create a spreadsheet that will be used by the Day Service Leads in each location to track the number of participants, the number of experiences for each individual by type of art form and the number of community partnerships developed. We will also track the number of individuals that continue to participate in classes on an on-going basis.

**Budget**

Tools/Equipment	\$ 3,251.00	Wispect Grant
Supplies	\$ 3,424.00	Wispect Grant
Workshops - Fees/Supplies	\$ 3,325.00	Wispect Grant
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	

**Staff Recommendation**

The grant application can be recommended for approval. The workshops will directly benefit the individuals with disabilities and the proceeds requested cover expenses that align with the initiatives of the foundation.

Sensa Track	\$229.00	1	\$229.00
Projector bundle	\$1,400.00	1	\$1,400.00
Body rocker	\$540.00	1	\$540.00
Ball Pit	\$790.00	1	\$790.00
Ball pit slide	\$600.00	1	\$600.00
Balls	\$280.00	1	\$280.00
Sensory Tent	\$70.00	4	\$280.00
White board paint for walls	\$200.00	1	\$200.00
Fiber optic shower	\$3,500.00	1	\$3,500.00
No mess indoor acrylic sandbox	\$600.00	1	\$600.00
Parachute	\$60.00	2	\$120.00
Fiber optic tunnel	\$2,200.00	1	\$2,200.00
<b>Amount requested from Wispact</b>			<b>\$23,778.00</b>

**Staff Recommendation**

The grant application can be recommended for approval; however, the total amount of assistance will have to be capped at the maximum allowable under a Wispact grant of \$10,000.00. The proceeds would be applied toward the cost of the sensory which directly benefits the students with disabilities and aligns with the initiatives of the foundation.