

Developmental Disabilities Administration

Low Intensity Support Services

Frequently Asked Questions*

What are Low Intensity Support Services (LISS)?

Low Intensity Support Services (LISS) are grants up to \$2,000 to assist adults with developmental disabilities and families with a child with developmental disabilities with purchasing services and/or items to address needs.

Who can apply?

Maryland residents who have an eligible diagnosis, a family member, or an authorized representative may apply on the behalf of an individual with an eligible diagnosis.

What is an eligible diagnosis?

An eligible diagnosis is a severe chronic disability that is attributable to a physical or mental impairment, other than the sole diagnosis of mental illness, or a combination of physical and mental impairments that is likely to continue indefinitely.

How do I apply for a LISS grant?

Individuals or their authorized representative completes a LISS Random Selection Application and submits it to the LISS provider that serves the county where they live. Applications are available for download on the DDA/LISS website <http://dda.dhmd.maryland.gov/SitePages/liss.aspx>.

When do I apply?

Beginning July 1, 2015, the LISS agencies will accept the Random Selection Applications **only** by mail and in-person delivery.

Maryland Community Connection 4401 Nicole Drive Lanham, Maryland 20706 1-877-622-6688

- Counties served include Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's

Penn Mar Human Services 310 Old Freeland Road Freeland, Maryland 21053 1-877-282-8202

- Counties served include Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard and Washington

United Needs and Abilities 688 East Main Street Salisbury, Maryland 21804 1-800-776-5694

- Counties served include Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester.



FAXED AND EMAILED APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

How can I get help with the LISS process?

If you need assistance, please contact a LISS provider to help with the application process.

Does everyone who applies receive a grant?

No. The program has limited funding. DDA conducts a random selection to choose the applicants who may be eligible for funding. Please understand that selection does not guarantee approval.

Does the LISS program fund previously received items and services?

Services and items received in the current fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) may be eligible for funding.

Why did the program change?

The program changed to simplify the application process, increase the number of individuals served and to help individuals currently not receiving any services.

What are some of the uses for LISS funding?

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| -Assistive Technology | -Attendant care |
| -Barrier Removal | -Camp (youth & adult) |
| -Childcare | -Daycare |
| -Employment-related services | -Health services |
| -Housing Adaptations | -Identification services |
| -Individual and Family Counseling | -Medical equipment |
| -Personal Care | -Respite |
| -Specialized equipment | -Therapeutic Services |
| -Training and support for self-advocacy | -Transportation assistance |

Services and items that LISS cannot pay for include, but are not limited to the following.

1. All experimental or treatments prohibited by the Health Occupations Licensing Boards and the state and federal entities are excluded services.
2. Housing adaptations or improvements to a home that adds to the homes size or total square footage
3. Adaptations or modifications that restrict an individual's movement or jeopardize an individual's welfare
4. Housing related assistance, utility payments, and eviction prevention
5. Cash
6. Case management
7. Gift cards
8. Items and services paid for by private insurance, Medical Assistance, or other programs
9. Presents, such as birthday or Christmas
10. Toys except those recommended for specific therapeutic purposes
11. Tuition
12. Vacations
13. Vehicle related items and services (gas, tires, registrations, parking tickets, car insurance, car repairs, vehicle purchases, emissions, and fines)

**Please the DDA website for more information about the LISS program: <http://dda.dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/liss.aspx>.*