

Essential Needs Grant

Grant Overview

- Grants are funded by the Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities levy dollars to provide supports, services, and help to enable a family to care for their family member with a disability at home.
- Supports range from home modifications to special adaptive equipment to therapy.
- Prior authorization is required to be reimbursed.
- SSA's will help potential applicants find other resources before suggesting an Essential Needs Grant Application be completed.

Qualifications

- The individual with a disability must be living with the applying family and must be eligible for Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities services. The grant request must be specifically related to the disability or diagnosis.
- This grant is not income based, but is a grant of last resort. If another agency cannot fully fund your request, the Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities may work with other agencies and you to meet the need.
- Individuals receiving waiver service or foster care services are not eligible for grant funds.

How Do I Apply

- Identify the support needed.
- Call your SSA to complete the application process.
- Completed application is forwarded to ENG Committee for review.
- Applicants will be notified of Committee's decision.