

Stone Soup Group

Supporting families who care for children with special needs

Mini-Grants through the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

Overview:

Our Navigators assist families and individuals with Mini-Grants provided by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (Trust). Trust mini-grants are awarded to beneficiaries through an agency; individuals cannot directly apply or receive grant funds.

The mini-grant provides beneficiaries up to \$2,500 and covers a variety of items, services, and equipment. Only one application for the recipient may be funded each fiscal year. All financial sources must be exhausted, including Medicaid, for the Trust to consider the grant.

The funding guidelines for mini-grants are available here:

Developmental Disability (DD): <https://alaskamentalthrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/17.6.16-Final-DD-Mini-Grant-Guidelines.pdf>

Behavioral Health: <https://alaskamentalthrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/17.6.16-Final-BH-Mini-Grant-Guidelines.pdf>

Service Dogs: <https://alaskamentalthrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/16.8.15-FINAL-Service-Animals-Funding-Guidelines.pdf>

Stone Soup Group (SSG) can submit three mini-grants in each category per month. Often, we receive more than three mini-grants, and in that case, a review committee decides which mini-grants to submit. We use the Trust's funding priorities as a guideline. If you are working with another provider, care coordinator, or agency, it is helpful to ask them if they submit mini-grants as they may be able to send the grant immediately.

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Documents Required:



- Letter of Support: for most requests, a letter of support, prescription, and/ therapeutic or medical justification from a licensed health care professional three. The best letters identify:
 - Individual's needs and diagnosis
 - How the request supports an individual's needs
 - Increased independence and quality of life as a result of the request
 - Please see the sample letter for further details
- Quote(s): documentation of the price of the item(s) or service(s) to be purchased.
 - Please verify the quote includes shipping costs and that the item(s) can be shipped to Alaska
 - Screenshots are helpful to identify the item(s)
 - Include size, color, item name, and any other details
 - If an installation is required, please include details about who is responsible for the installation costs
- The beneficiary or family is required to provide receipts and shipping confirmation to SSG once the items are received.

Timeline:

SSG uses the following to process to submit mini-grants:

- 10th of the month: the required documents are due to SSG
- 15th of the month: mini-grants are submitted, based on the review committees recommendations
- Award Notification: mini-grant award determinations send by the first week of the following month
- Purchasing: SSG starts to work on the purchasing after the award notification is received.

If you have questions or concerns, please speak with your SSG Navigator or contact our main office: (907) 561-3701 main or (877) 786-7327 toll free within Alaska