
Program Background

- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020. The CARES Act provides supplemental funding for programs and a vast array of resources to assist people with disabilities to continue living independently in their communities across the U.S.
- Centers for Independent Living received funds to provide assistance to individuals with disabilities to assist with overcoming barriers encountered as a result of the pandemic.

DAWN Center for Independent Living provides support to persons with disabilities throughout their lifespan so they can achieve their highest level of independence in their community.

DAWNCil's comprehensive services are a critical part of the support network that enables people with disabilities residing in Morris, Sussex, and Warren counties to live independently in their communities.

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Coronavirus Aid, Relief,
and Economic Security
Act

CARES ACT
Financial
Assistance
Program

Consumer Information
and Eligibility Brochure

Eligible for residents of Morris, Sussex, and Warren Counties

The CARES Act funding is a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the request for assistance must be directly related to the pandemic.

Those who are interested must:

- complete an application stating need, and
- describe how the request is related to COVID-19, and
- provide verification of no other source of funding, and
- explain sustainability post assistance.

Requests must ensure costs are reasonable and DAWNcil has the right to find a comparable replacement. Upon completion, the application is to be returned to the office of DAWNcil for review.

Funds can be used for assistance with:

- Technology
 - Food
 - Essential Household Supplies
 - Personal Care Items
 - Housing Assistance
 - Transportation Assistance
 - Prescriptions
 - Durable Medical Equipment
 - Personal Care Attendants
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
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This program is effective January 20, 2020 through September 30, 2021 or until funds are expended.

Required Documentation:

- An application must be completed by consumer or caregiver. **Staff assistance is available if necessary.**
- The following supportive documents are required when applying:
 - A doctor's note or assessment may be required.
 - 3 comparable prices for the product or service requested, if necessary.
 - Verification that no other source of funding is available.
 - Verification of sustainability after assistance, if applicable.
 - A signed Independent Living Plan .
 - Signed authorization for Release of Information.

Upon authorization, funds will be distributed directly to the vendor providing the product or service. A signed acknowledgement form from the consumer will be required upon receipt.