



What Can I Buy With My Family Support Grant

NOTE: The list below is intended as a guide. Services and items that can be funded will vary for individual families based on child's age, specific needs and other factors determined by State regulations and Imagine policies.

- **Respite Care** – Includes temporary care of a person with a developmental delay/disability in order to offer relief to the person's family and allow them to deal with emergency situations or to engage in personal, social or routine activities that otherwise may be neglected or postponed due to the demands of caring for a person who has a developmental disability/delay.
- **Professional Services** – Includes individual counseling, therapies and home health services provided to the family member with developmental disabilities/delays. **(If your child is between the ages of 0-3, the FSSP grant cannot cover therapy)**
- **Medical and Dental** – Includes medical and dental expenses not covered by medical or dental insurance or other funds. Expenses must be directly related to the family member with a developmental disability/delay. Massage and chiropractic services need to include the name of the provider and their license designation, for example: services provided by Bob Smith, CMT.
- **Behavioral Services** - Includes behavioral therapies relating specifically to your child with a disability. Please describe this need in detail including providers name if you are currently working with a behavior therapist. **(If your child is between the ages of 0-3, the FSSP grant cannot cover behavioral services)**
- **Transportation** – Costs that are related to providing care and support to the family member with a developmental disability/delay that are above and beyond those typically incurred by other families. Transportation is only fundable if it is not able to be funded by another source such as Medicaid.
- **Assistive Technology** – Special equipment that may be appropriate and necessary for the family member with a developmental disability/delay or the family, as long as it pertains to supporting the person in the family.
- **Home Modifications** – These include modifications such as: physical adaptations to the home environment (e.g. ramps, lifts, widened door frames, bathrooms) repairs to the home structure or furnishings damaged by a family member with a developmental disability/delay.
- **Parent and Sibling Support** – Covers expenses for all other family members (including grandparents) living in the household. These services may cover a wide range of needs such as: family counseling, childcare and sitter services for siblings. Family Counseling, Training and Support Groups for Family Members include: behavioral intervention counseling or training, education and/or training to assist the family in understanding and supporting their family member with a disability, including brothers and sisters; genetic counseling and family planning; special resource materials or publications; cost of memberships in support organizations; or individual or family counseling.

- **Recreation and Leisure – (This category is only available to individuals who are over the age of five and their families.)** Supports must be related to the stress or pressure placed upon the family as a result of providing care for the family member with a developmental disability, or to the direct enhancement of social or community inclusion for the person with a developmental disability/delay.
- **Homemaker Services** – Funding for housekeeping tasks are allowable when it is determined to reduce the stress that the family experiences as a result of the child's disability, and, therefore, increases the chance the family will remain intact and/or increases the family's ability to provide care for the family member with a developmental disability/delay. If a request for housekeeping is made, please provide detailed information as to how these tasks are not able to be performed as a result of your child's disability. We may follow up with additional questions if needed to be sure that the level of care of your child meets the housekeeping need.
- **Child Care Services** – May include in or out-of-town care for siblings, which may be necessary in order for the family (parents, caregivers) to obtain relief from providing long-term care, and which is above and beyond typically incurred expenses of parent(s) of a child or adult member without a disability. This is not an opportunity of funding for long term services.
- **Alternative Therapies** – This may include acupuncture, vitamins and supplements that are recommended as a result of the person's disability and must have a letter from the medical doctor recommending them. Additionally, we require alternative therapy documentation which will be sent to you after your grant application is received by our offices.
- **Therapeutic Materials** – These items must not be generic in nature. They must be specifically adapted for the child's delay/disability. These items must be accompanied by a written recommendation from your child's therapist. **(If your child is between the ages of 0-3, talk with your service coordinator about funding options for Therapeutic Materials).**
- **Developmental Classes** – These classes must be specifically related to your child's delay/disability and must be accompanied by a written recommendation from your child's therapist. **(If your child is between the ages of 0-3, talk with your service coordinator about funding options for Developmental Classes).**
- **Other Individual Expenses** – This may include items that are necessary as a result of the person's disability, including physical or educational needs. Examples may include special clothing or other materials.

****FSSP Grants cannot be used to pay for the services/items listed below****

Excluded Items – Items that are excluded from Family Support grants include anything that is not above and beyond the costs incurred for a child or adult family member without a developmental disability. For example: normal, budgeted expenses such as food, rent, and utilities, services which take the place of day services or public education, items covered by other funding sources or which can be obtained free of charge, duplication of services or religious and political contributions.