Family Support Services—Family Reimbursement for Goods & Services, Application for 2024

Living Resources Corporation's Family Support Services (FSS)—Family Reimbursement for Respite, Goods & Services program provides financial assistance to families in New York State who live with a family member diagnosed with a developmental disability. This service can provide financial reimbursement to families who have had to provide respite and to buy necessities for their loved one with ID/DD, up to $3,000 per family each year. Any request must clearly contribute to the health and wellbeing of the individual, and must be related to the care of the individual with a disability.

Applicants must be OPWDD eligible. Only families living in Albany, Fulton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, and Washington counties are eligible for the grant and other counties within Region 3 by request with written approval from the DDRO. Individuals living independently, or in residential settings are **not** eligible for reimbursement. FSS is a single provider service, should any other agency be applied to and approved through OPWDD, applicants could be denied for a secondary agency.

Families completing the application process may be eligible for reimbursement of respite, sensory items, summer camps, music lessons, and anything else eligible per ADM and OPWDD approval. FSS is considered "last resort" and other options must be explored first. Applications must be turned into our office by the following dates in order to be considered for approval for that quarterly meeting:

- Quarter 1: Friday, February 16th, 2023
- Quarter 2: Friday, May 10th, 2023
- Quarter 3: Friday, August 16th, 2023
- Quarter 4: Friday, November 8th, 2023
- The committee takes into consideration any special request regarding these deadlines as long as the recipient contacts the FSS Coordinator to review the circumstances on an individual basis.

Requests are reviewed on an anonymous basis; only the FSS Coordinator will know applicants' names for proper dispersal of funds. All applications are brought to the agency FSS committee and decisions are made solely by the committee based on the following: eligibility for OPWDD services, clinical justifications (if applicable), preserving the family unit, and how the grant will improve the individual's and family's quality of life relating to the person developmental disability. Funding is limited and first come first serve. We cannot guarantee that requests will be approved.

All applications needs to be **filled in completely with attached required documents requested.** Failure to do so will result in a delay for committee review or denial of grant. A family may only apply for this grant once per calendar year.

After the FSS Family Reimbursement Committee has met, the agency will contact you via mail as to the decision of the committee and OPWDD. Letters of approval or denial will be generated within one month of the meeting date. Any awarded funds must be used by deadline date given or they may be given to another in need, unless an extension is granted.

More information can be found on the Living Resources FSS webpage located at livingresources.org under program and services. Please contact Jacqueline Calder, FSS Coordinator, at jcalder@livingresources.org or at 518-218-0000x5414 with any questions or assistance needed in completing the application.

Best,
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OPWDD FSS FAMILY REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION

Application must be filled out completely in order to be considered

1. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING SERVICES:	
1a DATE OF BIRTH:	1b. TABS NO.:
1c. ADDRESS (Street/Town/Zip):	
1d. COUNTY:	1e. NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE HOME:
2. NAME OF PARENT / RELATIVE / GUARDIAN:	
2a. PARENT / GUARDIAN EMAIL:	2b. PARENT / GUARDIAN PHONE #:
3. CARE MANAGER'S NAME:	3a. CARE MANAGER'S ADDRESS (Street/City/Zip):
3b. CARE MANAGER'S EMAIL:	3c. CARE MANAGER'S PHONE #:
4. FISCAL INTERMEDIARY (If Applicable- Name/Agency/Phone/Email):	

5. DIAGNOSIS – PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY PER OPWDD

☐ Intellectual Disability ☐ Traumatic Brain Injury – TBI ☐ Other

☐ Autism ☐ Cerebral Palsy

☐ Epilepsy (seizures) ☐ Neurological Impairment

6. WHAT IS THE ITEM (S) OR SERVICE REQUESTED FOR REIMBURSEMENT – PLEASE DESCRIBE:

Please note - camp can only be reimbursed if the camp has a permit by the New York State Department of Health and/or Local Department of Health pursuant to Subpart 7 of the New York State Sanitary Code (see 10 NYCRR Subpart 7).

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED ON THIS APPLICATION:

* IS THIS ITEM/SERVICE AN IMMEDIATE CRISIS SITUATION AS IDENTIFIED IN THE GUIDELINES? Please check one:

YES ☐ NO ☐

7. HAVE YOU TRIED FOR FUNDING FROM PRIMARY MEDICAL INSURANCE, INCLUDING FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT OR OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS MEDICAID, MEDICARE, SELF DIRECTION, HCBS WAIVER – ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS OR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY, ETC.

YES ☐ NO ☐ **RESULTS**

7a. IS THE INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN MEDICAID? YES ☐ NO ☐

7b. WHAT SERVICES ARE YOU RECEIVING EITHER THROUGH THE HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED (HCBS) WAIVER AND/OR OPWDD STATE PLAN SERVICES?

☐ RESPITE ☐ DAY HABILITATION ☐ LIVE-IN CAREGIVER ☐ PREVOCATIONAL SERVICES

☐ RESIDENTIAL HABILITATION ☐ SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT ☐ COMMUNITY TRANSITION SERVICES

☐ FISCAL INTERMEDIARY ☐ INDIVIDUAL DIRECTED GOODS AND SERVICES ☐ SUPPORT BROKERAGE

☐ ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY – ADAPTIVE DEVICES ☐ COMMUNITY HABILITATION ☐ ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS

☐ FAMILY EDUCATION & TRAINING ☐ INTENSIVE BEHAVIORAL SERVICES ☐ PATHWAY TO EMPLOYMENT

☐ VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS ☐CARE COORDINATION SERVICES ☐ CRISIS SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

☐ ARTICLE 16 CLINIC

7c. IS ANYONE RESIDING IN YOUR HOME RECEIVING PAYMENT TO PROVIDE CARE TO THE INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING SERVICES?

YES ☐ NO ☐

8. LIST ALL REIMBURSEMENT APPLIED FOR AND/OR RECEIVED THIS CONTRACT YEAR: (add a page if needed): This information **MUST** be reported. Please be advised that $3,000 is the maximum total amount that may be reimbursed. If you have a large reimbursement request that exceeds an agency internal cap and you are submitting to multiple agencies for partial reimbursement, you must indicate this in the spaces below.

AGENCY	DATE	AMOUNT	APPROVED	DENIED	PENDING
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9. CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: (Please attach to this application)

☐ **Signed application, receipts/invoice (photocopies and digital copies are acceptable), respite verification forms. (If receipt has been submitted to another agency for partial reimbursement, list what agency has the receipt.)**

☐ **Clinical justification / letter from physician or clinician if the request is for a clinical item / service**

☐ **If enrolled in Self-Direction, a copy of the most recent self-direction expense report or budget which verifies that Family Reimbursement is accounted for.**

☐ **If enrolled with a CCO, a copy of the most recent life plan with FSS family reimbursement properly documented.**

10. HOW DOES THIS REQUEST DIRECTLY RELATE TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S DISABILITY? Please add a page or reply in the area below. Be specific and provide justification as appropriate.

In the event that a claim for goods or services is discovered to be fraudulent, the agency to which that reimbursement application was submitted is to be notified (if not the discovering entity) and will investigate the request in question and all documentation provided with the reimbursement request. In the event that the fraudulent claim is confirmed, the individual/family will be required to pay the amount reimbursed back to the agency (if the service/good was already reimbursed) and will be suspended from any future reimbursement for goods and services for a period of time determined by the agency and OPWDD. The recipient of the reimbursement may also be subject to legal actions as determined by the agency and OPWDD.

Families may submit requests for Reimbursement to the RO or a FSS Reimbursement provider agency at any time, depending upon which entity administers the reimbursement program in that region, using the form provided by the Family Reimbursement provider agency or obtained from the individual's Care Manager or Care Coordinator. Funds are available only on a contract year basis. Any authorized, but unused, reimbursements may not be carried over by a receiving family from one year to the next. For self-directing individuals, verification is made to ensure that the FSS program is included in the current budget. Inclusion of funding in the budget does not guarantee that the request will be approved. Reimbursement requests must be consistent with FSS guidelines. Applications may be submitted to any of the Family Reimbursement Program providers by individuals, families, case managers or advocates. Anything submitted more than 90 days after purchase/occurrence will be awarded per the discretion of the Reimbursement Program provider. Applications that are not filled out in full will be returned, and payment will be delayed.

***I HAVE READ THE STATEMENT ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND THAT INFORMATION RELATED TO MY REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT MAY BE MUTUALLY SHARED WITH AND/OR RECEIVED FROM OTHER AGENCIES WITHIN THE OPWDD REGION/DISTRICT:**

11. Print Name of Parent/Guardian signing form:	11a. Date Completed:
11b. **Parent/Guardian Signature**: _____ * SIGNED APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED	
12. If Submitted By Care Coordinator, Print Name:	12a. Name of Care Coordination Organization (CCO):
13. Date Submitted:	