**HDI Fund for Excellence**

The Human Development Institute (HDI) established the Fund for Excellence for the development of innovative programs, services, or products to address the needs of individuals with disabilities and their families, for which funding is not currently available. Fund for Excellence Projects are led by HDI staff. Learn more at: <https://hdi.uky.edu/project/fund-for-excellence>

**Application Process**

Applications are accepted for review quarterly, January 15, April 15, July 15, October 15 when funding is available. Applications may be submitted online [here](https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bBAJHBpXUPeEVUx) or: <https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bBAJHBpXUPeEVUx>

Applications are reviewed by HDI Directors. If funded, a final report summarizing activities must be submitted within 15 days of completion. Guidelines for the report will be provided if your application is approved for funding. Completion of this application does NOT guarantee funding. Funding decisions are typically made within four weeks. Please seek supervisor approval to develop proposal. Proposals should include the components listed below

**Application Components**

Proposal timelines should not exceed 12 months. Proposals will be reviewed on: need, activities, outcomes, suitability, potential to generate new knowledge, reasonableness of budget, and sustainability. A scoring rubric is available in the FFE overview folder.

Please create a .doc or .PDF proposal (maximum 5 pages) that address the following items in your request:

1. Date
2. Name and address of person making request
3. Email
4. Phone
5. Name of others involved in this request
6. Name of project
7. Statement of need for this project
8. Brief summary of the nature of this request (abstract)
9. How does this request relate to HDI's mission?
10. Activities and timeline
11. Anticipated outcomes
12. Amount of request
13. Budget breakout (i.e. salary support, professional services, travel, etc.)
14. Other funding sources that have been sought
15. Will this request be combined with other funding sources to reach the total amount of funds needed? Please explain.
16. How will this project generate new knowledge?
17. How will the efforts of this request be sustained AFTER the funding ends?

**Application Resources**  
HDI’s Director of Research, Phil Rumrill [prumrill@kent.edu](mailto:prumrill@kent.edu) and HDI’s Director of Research, Mykal Leslie [Mykal.leslie@uky.edu](mailto:Mykal.leslie@uky.edu) are available to discuss potential FFE application ideas. If funded, the Division Director of Administration, Beth Potter [beth.potter@uky.edu](mailto:beth.potter@uky.edu) and Administrative Research Assistant, Nancy Savage [nancy.elmore@uky.edu](mailto:nancy.elmore@uky.edu) will provide support in administering and completing the project.

Some FFE funded projects include:

* **Expanding Photo Library**
* **Volunteer Advocacy Program**
* **My Choice Kentucky**
* **Using Propensity Score Matching to Assess Effectiveness of Health Navigators on Outcomes for Stroke Patients**
* **Professional Certificate in Universal Design**
* **Sign Language for Early Childhood Educators and Families of Young Children**
* **Digital Storytelling Initiative**
* **Communication Initiative for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**
* **Percussion Empowerment Project**
* **Teacher Effectiveness Pilot**
* **School-Based Physical Activity Intervention for Children with and without ADHD**
* **Rural Transportation Toolkit Project**
* **Unpuzzled: Leadership and Allyship Development Project: Bev Harp and Laura Butler**
* **HDI Supported Training Experiences Post-Secondary (STEPS) Case Study**
* **HDI Consumer Advocacy Toolkit**
* **HDI National Center for Prenatal and Postnatal Resources**
* **Adaptation of Health and Wellness Curriculum with Universal Design for Learning and Dyad Approach**
* **Sibling Support: Building Capacity for a Kentucky Sibling Leadership Network Chapter**

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