



Finding Funding for Training

Here are some ideas for to consider as sources of outside funding to support participation in training:

1. Your state's Office of Consumer Affairs
2. Your state/county/local mental health department or agency
3. Your state vocational rehabilitation department or agency
4. The organization that trains and certifies Peer Specialists in your state
5. Consumer-run organizations or drop-in centers in your state and local area
6. Your state/local branch of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) or MHA (Mental Health America)
7. State/county/local groups that serve people with disabilities
8. Your place of worship
9. Family members and friends
10. An agency for which you work or volunteer

TIPS

- Write your own statement on why you want to attend the training and how you plan to use what you will learn. It helps, when you are asking for money, to have this neatly and clearly written out for the person or group you're asking.
- Include a written training program description with your request.
- Offer to make a presentation or write an article about your participation for the supporting organization or agency.
- If a potential funder cannot support the total cost of your participation, ask different groups or individuals to support portions of your expenses; for example, your hotel costs or the registration fee.
- If a source can't help you, ask them for suggestions on other places to approach.

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