

## **St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources**

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: Technology Enhanced Supported Living**

#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SYNOPSIS**

The St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources (DD Resources) is requesting proposals for funding of an innovative pilot project that will supplement existing supported living services in the community for individuals with developmental disabilities. This pilot project will pair technological support provided by AbleLink Technologies with the necessary ongoing staff and technological maintenance supports, allowing an individual with a developmental disability to live independently. The technology will provide prompts, directions, and reminders for every aspect of the individual's life such as cooking, budgeting, grocery shopping, bus routes/stops and home safety.

**Applicants may attend an optional training session at DD Resources on January 20, 2012 at 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM.**

**Interested agencies should contact the Project Team to view a fifteen minute video by AbleLink Technologies, *Living the Smart Life*. Applicants must then schedule a separate meeting with staff prior to submitting an application.**

**Applications must be received no later than Friday, March 2, 2012 at 12:00 PM.**

**The requesting agency must submit one (1) three-hole punched original application with original signatures and three (3) three-hole punched copies.**

**Applications must be submitted to:**

Project Team  
St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources  
2334 Olive Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103

**Questions regarding the RFP can be directed to the Project Team at 314-421-0090.**

## **I. Statement of Purpose**

DD Resources has identified multiple unmet needs of DD Resources eligible consumers. One area of need is independent living. DD Resources is looking to enhance and expand current supported living services through technology.

## **II. Scope of Project**

Individuals with developmental disabilities can live safely and independently with the right amount of supports and services. This project gives a person independent living supports at all times throughout the day without the presence of paid staff 24 hours a day.

This pilot project will maximize what an individual can learn to do in the community rather than custodial programming (bed and board) that does not bring dignity and self-respect into the lives of citizens with a developmental disability.

This pilot project will be provided in the least restrictive environment feasible in keeping with the individual needs of the person with a developmental disability.

This technology will provide prompts, directions, and reminders for every aspect of the individual's life such as self-care management, appointments, cooking, budgeting, grocery shopping, bus routes/stops and home safety.

## **III. Review of Proposal**

In April 2012, a review committee consisting of DD Resources Staff and members of the DD Resources Board of Directors will evaluate all proposals.

The DD Resources Committee(s) will forward to the full Board a recommendation regarding which proposal should receive the award.