



January 16, 2025

GOVERNOR MOORE'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES 2026

WHAT WE KNOW:
**WE KNOW THERE IS EXPANSION
FUNDING, INCLUDING FUNDING FOR
TRANSITIONING YOUTH, YOUTH AGING
OUT OF DSS AND DHS SERVICES, CRISIS,
AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

WHAT WE KNOW:

**WE KNOW THERE IS A PROPOSAL FOR
200 MILLION IN COST CONTAINMENT
THAT STARTS IN THE CURRENT FISCAL
YEAR (2025) AND CONTINUES IN 2026**

Maryland Department of Health

M00M01.02 Community Services - Developmental Disabilities Administration

Program Description

The Developmental Disabilities Administration is responsible for planning, developing, and directing a statewide, comprehensive system of services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

Appropriation Statement

	2024 Actual	2025 Appropriation	2026 Allowance
Number of Authorized Positions	143.00	145.00	145.00
Number of Contractual Positions	19.23	9.75	9.70
01 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits	13,463,904	13,862,024	14,384,071
02 Technical and Special Fees	1,225,804	237,578	404,557
03 Communications	69,289	136,315	134,855
04 Travel	178	6,771	6,771
06 Fuel and Utilities	24,301	46,067	24,301
07 Motor Vehicle Operation and Maintenance	4,213	3,069	1,997
08 Contractual Services	2,332,481,435	2,089,072,658	2,647,373,237
09 Supplies and Materials	19,351	37,815	35,832
10 Equipment - Replacement	42,878	41,404	39,561
11 Equipment - Additional	18,298	0	
12 Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions	3,882,974	1,175,000	1,175,000
13 Fixed Charges	473,942	478,863	549,301
Total Operating Expenses	2,337,016,659	2,090,997,962	2,649,340,855
Total Expenditure	2,351,706,367	2,105,097,564	2,664,129,483
Net General Fund Expenditure	978,190,642	1,091,581,582	1,344,186,857
Special Fund Expenditure	10,222,042	6,450,203	8,730,258
Federal Fund Expenditure	1,363,293,683	1,007,065,779	1,311,212,368
Total Expenditure	2,351,706,367	2,105,097,564	2,664,129,483

At first glance,
this looks ok

This shows an assumption
that almost half of service
funding will have a federal
match (FMAP)

**BUT, THEN, IN THE BUDGET BILL,
WE SEE WHERE THEY PROPOSE
THE FUNDING COMES FROM**

14	M00M01.02 Community Services – Developmental	
15	Disabilities Administration	
16	To become available immediately upon the passage of	
17	this budget to supplement the appropriation for fiscal	
18	2025 to fund increased spending in community services.	
19	General Fund Appropriation	452,920,675
20	Federal Fund Appropriation	447,929,820
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22		900,850,495
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M00M01.02 Community Services – Developmental
Disabilities Administration

To become available immediately upon the passage of
this budget to supplement the appropriation for fiscal
2025 to fund DDA Financial Management Counseling
Services contract spending.

General Fund Appropriation	4,461,542
Federal Fund Appropriation	3,823,447
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	8,284,989
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M00M01.02 Community Services – Developmental
Disabilities Administration

To become available immediately upon the passage of
this budget to reduce the appropriation for fiscal 2025
to modify Reasonable and Customary wages to a level

more closely aligned with the Bureau of Labor and
Statistics (BLS).

General Fund Appropriation	–18,267,595
Federal Fund Appropriation	–18,267,595
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	–36,535,190
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M00M01.02 Community Services – Developmental
Disabilities Administration

To become available immediately upon the passage of this budget to reduce the appropriation for fiscal 2025 to eliminate the availability of “wage exceptions,” which allow for higher wages than the “Reasonable & Customary” wage range.

General Fund Appropriation	–2,357,109
Federal Fund Appropriation	–2,357,109
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	–4,714,218
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M00M01.02 Community Services – Developmental
Disabilities Administration

To become available immediately upon passage of this budget to reduce the appropriation for fiscal 2025 to eliminate the “Geographical Differential” rates, which allow higher rates for traditional providers and self-directing participants in select counties.

General Fund Appropriation	–27,989,010
Federal Fund Appropriation	–27,989,010
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	–55,978,020
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The geographic differential rate (roughly 14.69% more) is applied to areas in Maryland where the cost of living is higher, those counties include:
Calvert County; ● Charles County; ● Frederick County; ● Montgomery County; and ● Prince George's County.

M00M01.02 Community Services – Developmental
Disabilities Administration

To become available immediately upon passage of this budget to reduce the appropriation for fiscal 2025 to reflect a policy change requiring providers of Community Living services to exhaust Shared Hours before activating Dedicated Hours.

General Fund Appropriation	–27,117,875
Federal Fund Appropriation	–27,117,875

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–54,235,750

M00M01.02 Community Services – Developmental
Disabilities Administration

To become available immediately upon passage of this budget to reduce the appropriation for fiscal 2025 to reflect reduced costs related to services for individuals who are ineligible for federal matching dollars.

General Fund Appropriation	–3,100,000
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M00M01.02 Community Services – Developmental
Disabilities Administration

To become available immediately upon passage of this budget to reduce the appropriation for fiscal 2025 to reflect the elimination of the Low Intensity Support Services Program.

General Fund Appropriation, provided that this appropriation is contingent upon the enactment of legislation that eliminates the Low Intensity Support Services Program	–2,772,250
Federal Fund Appropriation, provided that this appropriation is contingent upon the enactment of legislation that eliminates the Low Intensity Support Services Program	–2,772,250
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	–5,544,500
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M00M01.02 Community Services – Developmental
Disabilities Administration

To become available immediately upon passage of this budget to supplement the appropriation for fiscal 2025 to allow for the expanded use of the Waiting List Equity Fund.

General Fund Appropriation, provided that this appropriation is contingent upon the enactment of legislation that expands the use of the Waiting List Equity Fund

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Special Fund Appropriation, provided that this appropriation is contingent upon the enactment of legislation that expands the use of the Waiting List



Equity Fund

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M00M05.01 Holly Center – Holly Center
To become available immediately upon the passage of this budget to supplement the appropriation for fiscal 2025 to fund overtime costs at the Holly Center.

General Fund Appropriation	171,589
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M00M06.01 Secure Evaluation and Therapeutic Treatment (SETT) Program – Developmental Disabilities Administration Court Involved Service Delivery System
To become available immediately upon the passage of this budget to supplement the appropriation for fiscal 2025 to fund overtime costs at the Secure Evaluation and Therapeutic Treatment (SETT) Center.

General Fund Appropriation	545,219
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M00M07.01 Potomac Center – Potomac Center
To become available immediately upon the passage of this budget to supplement the appropriation for fiscal 2025 to fund overtime costs at the Potomac Center.


General Fund Appropriation	400,760
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M00M07.01 Potomac Center – Potomac Center
To become available immediately upon the passage of this budget to supplement the appropriation for fiscal 2025 to fund operational costs at the Potomac Center.

General Fund Appropriation	845,122
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Meanwhile, they would use some of the current fiscal year funding that was cut from community services, to fund institutional setting OT (SETT, Holly, and Potomac)

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GOVERNOR MOORE'S PROPOSED BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT (BRFA) OF 2025

5 7–101.

6 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

7 (b) “Administration” means the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

8 (l) (1) “Individual–directed and family–directed goods and services” means
9 services, equipment, activities, or supplies for individuals who self–direct services that:

10 (i) Relate to a need or goal identified in the person–centered plan of
11 service;

12 (ii) Maintain or increase independence;

13 (iii) Promote opportunities for community living and inclusion; and

14 (iv) Are not available under another waiver service or services
15 provided under the State plan established in Subtitle 3 of this title.

16 (2) “Individual–directed and family–directed goods and services” includes
17 all goods or services authorized by regulations adopted or guidance issued by the federal
18 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under § 1915(c) of the Social Security Act.

19 7–205.

20 (a) (1) There is a continuing, nonlapsing Waiting List Equity Fund in the
21 Maryland Department of Health.

22 (b) Subject to the appropriation process in the annual operating budget, the
23 Department shall use the Waiting List Equity Fund for providing community–based
24 services to individuals eligible for, but not receiving, services from the Developmental
25 Disabilities Administration.

26 (e) (1) [(i)] The Department shall adopt regulations for the management
27 and use of the money in the Fund.

28 [(ii)] (2) The regulations shall authorize the use of money in the
29 Fund to provide services to individuals:

30 [1.] (I) Who are in crisis and need emergency services; and

Pages 45 and 46: Would amend statutes to make changes proposed this year permanent. The BRFA proposes changes to the Waiting List Equity Fund to allow the fund to be used for services and supports, It proposes to strike a portion of the Self Direction Act of 2022 that prevents a cap being placed on individual and family directed goods and services (IFDGS). By removing the bracketed portion of the law, there could be a cap placed on IFDGS starting immediately upon budget approval and beyond.

1 **[2.] (II)** Who are not in crisis and do not need emergency
2 services.

3 **[(2)** The Waiting List Equity Fund may not be used to supplant funds
4 appropriated for:

5 (i) Emergency community placements; or

6 (ii) Transitioning students.]

7 7–409.

8 (c) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Administration may not
9 establish a limit on[:

10 (i) The dollar amount of individual–directed and family–directed
11 goods and services provided to a recipient; or

12 (ii) The] **THE** number of hours of personal support services provided
13 to a recipient who receives self–directed services that:

14 **[1.] (I)** Are necessary for the health and safety of the
15 recipient; and

16 **[2.] (II)** Are authorized by regulations adopted or guidance
17 issued by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under § 1915(c) of the
18 Social Security Act.

19 (2) A recipient may not receive services or supports in excess of the
20 recipient’s annual approved budget.

§7–717.

- (a) (1) In this part, “low intensity support services” means a program designed to:
 - (i) Enable a family to provide for the needs of a child or an adult who is living in the home and has a severe chronic disability that:
 - 1. Is attributable to a physical or mental impairment, other than the sole diagnosis of mental illness, or to a combination of physical and mental impairments; and
 - 2. Is likely to continue indefinitely; or
 - (ii) Support an adult who is living in the community and has a severe chronic disability that:
 - 1. Is attributable to a physical or mental impairment, other than the sole diagnosis of mental illness, or to a combination of physical and mental impairments; and
 - 2. Is likely to continue indefinitely.
- (2) “Low intensity support services” includes the services and items listed in §§ 7–701(d) and 7–706(c) of this subtitle.
- (b) There is a Low Intensity Support Services Program in the Administration.
- (c) Low intensity support services shall be flexible to meet the needs of individuals or families.
- (d) (1) The Administration shall establish a cap of no less than \$2,000 of low intensity support services per individual per fiscal year to a qualifying individual.
- (2) The Administration may waive the cap on low intensity support services provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection.
- (e) (1) An individual seeking low intensity support services is not required to:
 - (i) Submit an application to the Department as provided in § 7–403 of this title; or
 - (ii) Complete an application for the Medical Assistance Program if the low intensity support services will be provided to a minor.
- (2) The Department may develop a simplified application process for low intensity support services.
- (f) The Administration shall deliver services to an eligible individual seeking low intensity support services dependent on the availability and allocation of funds provided by the Administration.