

**256.477 SELF-ADVOCACY GRANTS.**

(a) The commissioner shall make available a grant for the purposes of establishing and maintaining a statewide self-advocacy network for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The self-advocacy network shall:

(1) ensure that persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities are informed of their rights in employment, housing, transportation, voting, government policy, and other issues pertinent to the intellectual and developmental disability community;

(2) provide public education and awareness of the civil and human rights issues persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities face;

(3) provide funds, technical assistance, and other resources for self-advocacy groups across the state; and

(4) organize systems of communications to facilitate an exchange of information between self-advocacy groups.

(b) An organization receiving a grant under paragraph (a) must be an organization governed by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that administers a statewide network of disability groups in order to maintain and promote self-advocacy services and supports for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the state.

**History:** *1Sp2017 c 6 art 1 s 4*