



CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Disabilities Commission

July 26, 2023

Re: Budget Funding Input FY2024

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional information regarding budget requests for the next city budget fiscal year.

In addition to maintaining the \$10,000 budget previously approved for the Disabilities Commission, commission members have requested that Council consider the following budget requests. These items may not necessarily be the best fit for a commission budget, but the commission encourages Council to consider adding these items in the City budget where appropriate.

1. Funding for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer to attend / complete the ADA Coordinator Training program. The cost is \$300 with additional no to low cost online trainings.
2. Funding to send the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer to the national ADA Symposium every year so that person can meet with national leaders regarding accessibility for citizens at all levels of city services. Cost would include registration (~\$800-\$900), travel, hotel, and meals (varies).
3. Provide funding to send at least one other city staff member / director / officer to the National ADA symposium to ensure that each city department has the opportunity to rotate through this important training (e.g., IT, sidewalks, transit).
4. Consider funding for a part or full time ADA Coordinator, or perhaps more immediately, cover the financial costs needed to provide PROTECTED TIME for the current ADA coordinator.

I look forward to seeing you at the City Council meeting on August 7 to present this information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jacque Sample
Chair, Disabilities Commission