

# What is Hart-Supported Living?

Hart Supported Living is a program of the Department for Aging and Independent Living that provides Kentuckians with a disability the option to create and manage their own plan of supports. Hart Supported Living is a Kentucky program that was started in 1992 through the passage of state legislation. Grants available through Hart Supported Living come from state funds.

## Self-Directed Services

The supports and services received through Hart-Supported Living are self-directed. This means services are designed and managed by the person with a disability, sometimes with assistance from family or other support team members.

## Hart-Supported Living Grant-Eligible Services

Attendant & Personal Care	Home Companions	Community resource development staff
Homemaking Support	Respite Care	Recreation & Leisure Activities
Live-In Supports	Life Skills Training	Support Coordination Consultants
Employment-Related Expenses	Transportation	Modifications to a home you own or rent
Adaptive Technology & Equipment	Assistive Technology	Vehicle Modifications

## An Individual Plan *You* Direct

Hart Supported Living grants allow a person with a disability to hire and manage their own employees, either alone or with the assistance of support staff. Participants may also choose to contract with an agency to provide services.

## Non-Eligible Services

The statute prohibits Hart Supported Living funds from providing services that would:

Isolate people who are disabled from the general population

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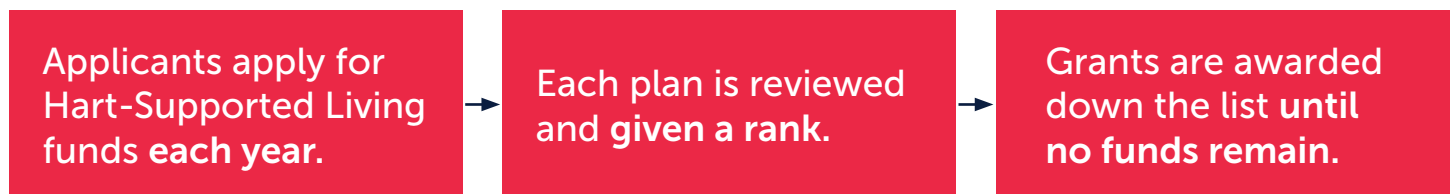
Regulations require that Hart-Supported Living funds may not be used for:

On-going rent or mortgage payments	Payment of a medical insurance premium or unpaid medical bills
Supplementation of wages for staff in other publicly-funded programs	Modifications costing over \$3,500 to rental property
A home improvement not related to the person's disability	The cost of transportation to segregated activities or to programs primarily for persons with disabilities
Rental of a vehicle for more than thirty days in a fiscal year	Purchase of a Vehicle

## Applicant Eligibility

Any individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) can apply for Hart Supported Living funds. Applicants may live alone, with a family member, or in a group setting. A person with a disability may have family, friends, or others assist in creating a plan to apply for Hart Supported Living funds.

## Application Process



There is no waiting list. If an applicant was not selected to receive funding, they are encouraged to apply again next year. If the plan is funded, the person with a disability chooses who provides their services. They may choose an agency or hire and manage their own employees to provide needed services.