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Cuyahoga DD Awards \$197,500 in Grants for Inclusive Arts & Culture, Recreation, Access, Library Programs

CLEVELAND, Ohio –March 31, 2026– March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. As part of its celebration and to demonstrate its commitment to inclusion, the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Cuyahoga DD) announced 26 recipients of grant funds totaling \$197,500.

These funds will support Cuyahoga County accessibility, arts and culture organizations, library programs, and recreation centers and providers.

“We are grateful to the taxpayers of Cuyahoga County. These local dollars allow everyone to get out and enjoy our community,” said Dr. Amber C. Gibbs, Cuyahoga DD Superintendent and CEO.

This year, Cuyahoga DD awarded nine Access and Physical Space grants for projects including curb cuts, ramps, automatic/assisted doors, and accessible playground equipment. Grant awards ranged from \$5,000 - \$10,000.

The seven Arts and Culture grant recipients will continue or expand their accessible programming for adults with DD. Grant awards ranged from \$3,000 - \$12,500.

The nine Recreation Services grant recipients will develop or expand inclusive, accessible sports and recreation programming. Grant awards ranged from \$5,000 - \$6,300.

The East Cleveland Public Library will bring on a Library Facilitator for accessible library programming with its \$3,000 grant.

2026 Cuyahoga DD Grant Awardees

Access & Physical Space

- City of Euclid Recreation & Planning
- City of Lakewood
- City of North Olmsted
- Cleveland Metroparks
- Cuyahoga County Public Library
- LAND studio
- Nature Center at Shaker Lakes
- Rid-All Green Partnership
- SPACES

Arts & Culture

- ARTFUL Cleveland
- Future Ink Graphics (FIG)
- Graffiti HeArt Corp.
- North Pointe Ballet
- NPower Services / RockAbility
- Theatre Agápe
- Youth Challenge

Recreation Services

- Bedford Heights Community Center
- City of Bedford Parks & Recreation
- City of Middleburg Heights
- Empower Sports
- ICAN - Independence Community Adaptive Network
- Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation
- Orange Community Education and Recreation
- Rec2Connect
- Solon Parks and Recreation - Adaptive and Inclusive Rec

Library Grant

- East Cleveland Public Library

About Cuyahoga DD

The Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Cuyahoga DD) supports and empowers people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play in the community. Proudly serving more than 15,000 county residents from birth through adulthood, Cuyahoga DD is primarily supported by a property-tax levy last approved by voters in 2005. Learn more at www.CuyahogaDD.org.

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