

DD Council meeting notes April 15, 2026

DD Council Follow-up regarding excess use of “Other” category for Act 378 IFS funding.

At the previous DD Council meeting a committee member requested a follow up on the excess use of the “Other” category for Act 378 Individual and Family Support funds.

A review of each LGE’s budget spreadsheets revealed that several services categorized as “Other” could have been placed in an existing category within the system, such as:

- Furniture, appliances, or cookware/dinnerware & linens could have been placed in the **Household Furnishings** category
- Wipes and/or undergarments could have been placed in the **Incontinent Supplies** category
- Bathroom modification, vehicle conversion, wheelchair ramp, and a barrier free walk-in shower could have been placed in the **Vehicle/Home Mods.** Category
- Lift System, Hoyer Lift, shower chair, wheelchair repair, and Cubby Bed could have been placed in the **Medical Equipment/Maintenance** category
- Supported Employment could have been placed under **Vocational/Employment Services**

The review of the LGE budget spreadsheets also revealed there were a large amount of funds utilized for repeated services without a category in the system. The following categories have been added to the OCDD Database for those identified services.

- Summer, Fall, Holiday Activity
- Day Program
- “SIL” for Supervised Independent Living
- Therapy
- Medication & Related Supplies
- Lodging/Travel
- Extermination Services

*All of the above information has been shared with the LGEs including a reminder--guidance on entering IFS requests in the database.