

WHO HAS RECEIVED KOVAR GRANTS AND/OR LOANS?

Statewide Organizations:

- Special Olympics Virginia
- Heart Havens
- Gabriel Homes

Northern Virginia:

- ARC of NOVA
- ECHO Inc.
- Marian Homes
- St. Coletta

Richmond and Central Virginia:

- SOAR365
- North Star Academy
- Rappahannock Adult Services

Williamsburg and Tidewater

- Ability Center of VA
- Little Sisters of St. Francis
- Children's Hospital Kings Daughters
- Holiday House of Portsmouth
- Colonial Behavioral Health

Western Virginia:

- Allegany Highlands Covenant Services
- Lutheran Family Services
- The Arc of the Piedmont
- A Farm Less Ordinary
- Vector Industries
- enCircle

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What is Intellectual Disability [ID]?

Mild to severe impairment in intellectual ability equivalent to an IQ of 70 to 75 or below that is accompanied by significant limitations in social, practical, and conceptual skills (as in interpersonal communication, reasoning, or self-care) necessary for independent daily functioning and that has an onset before age 18- [Webster Dictionary]

Why KOVAR? What is KOVAR doing to support individuals with ID?

The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services estimates there are some 78,000 persons in Virginia with ID. The services provided to these persons covers a wide spectrum from group homes for community living accommodations to day care, education, sports, and job training. The more serious the ID condition of the person the more care is needed.

KOVAR supports a number of tax-exempt organizations throughout Virginia who care for these persons and their needs. KOVAR does this thru a series of monetary grants to help the quality of life for persons with

intellectual disabilities. KOVAR grants help provide job skills training programs, life skills training programs, transportation, group home support, employment opportunities and athletic programs. In the last five years, KOVAR averages about \$440,000 in grants to 30 different organizations each year. KOVAR has provided over \$18,000,000 in grants to organizations in the past 53 years

KOVAR has lent more than \$6,000,000 in interest free group home loans. The home loan fund of over \$2,000,000 is encumbered in 15 group home loans to 7 different group home providers in all corners of the Commonwealth. Only the Commonwealth of Virginia provides more funds to support Virginians with ID than KOVAR provides annually.

HOW KOVAR FUNDS ARE USED:

- **Group Home Loans**
- **Job Skills Training Programs**
- **Life Skills Training Programs**
- **Transportation**
- **Startup Programs** -- helping establish innovative programs designed to assist individuals with ID and their families.
- **Group Home Support** funding renovations, repairs, and furniture for group homes.
- **Athletic Programs**

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

Financial statement is available upon written request from the Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs, Commonwealth of Virginia.

KOVAR is recognized for its public accountability, program effectiveness, and expense control:

- Certified by America's Best Charities for its efficiency, a recognition given to less than 5% of charitable organizations in the United States.
- Certified by Charity Navigator 4 Star.

KOVAR is a 100% volunteer effort and has no salaried employees. KOVAR is grateful to brother Knights and their families and friends who donate their time, talent, and treasure for the benefit of Virginians with intellectual disabilities.



Grant for equipment for food truck.

