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For more information, see Disability services provider public health grants (https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMDIuMjk3NzIwMjEiLCJ1cmwiOi1Kvp7atLBOHn31Ro0/s/1038731105/br/87808592839-l) and Disability Services Public Health grants FAQ page (https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/news-initiatives-reports-workgroups/long-term-services-and-supports/hcbs-grants/). Providers who have questions about the grants may send an email to dsd.responsecenter@state.mn.us (mailto:dsd.responsecenter@state.mn.us)

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