

IFSP-Funding Portal User Guide

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If you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact My Life, My Community operators at (844) 603-9248.

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Before You Begin

Before you submit an application for this program, please verify that you or the individual you are submitting the application for is currently on the Developmental Disability (DD) Waiver Waiting List. You can verify this information by contacting your support coordinator/case manager at your local Community Services Board (CSB). To find your local CSB, please visit https://tinyurl.com/mlmc-csbbha.

If at any point you need help completing the application or you have questions, please contact My Life, My Community/Senior Navigator at (844) 603-9248.

For Non-English Speakers

To see the application in another language, use the "Translate our site into" function at the bottom of https://ifsponline.dbhds.virginia.gov. Using the dropdown arrow, select the language you need. You do not need to change this back to English before saving your draft or submitting the application for review.



Spanish: Para ver la aplicación en otro idioma, use la función "Traducir nuestro sitio en" en la esquina inferior derecha de la página web.

Usando la flecha desplegable, seleccione el idioma que necesita. No es necesario que vuelva a cambiarlo a inglés antes de guardar el borrador o enviar la solicitud para su revisión.

French: Pour voir l'application dans une autre la ngue, utilisez la fonction «Traduire notre site da ns» dans le coin inférieur droit de la page Web.

À l'aide dela flèche déroulante, sélectionnez la la ngue dont vous avez besoin. Vous n'avez pas bes oin de changer cela

en anglais avant de sauvegarder votre brouillon ou de soumettre la candidature pour révision.

Vietnamese: Để xem ứng dụng bằng ngôn ngữ k hác, hãy sử dụng chức năng "Dịch trang web của chúng tôi vào"

ở góc dưới cùng bên phải của trang web. Sử dụn g mũi tên thả xuống, chọn ngôn ngữ bạn cần. Bạ n không cần phải thay đổi điều này về tiếng Anh trước khi lưu bản nháp của bạn hoặc gửi đơn đă ng ký để xem xét.

Step 1: Accessing the IFSP Application Portal

- → The IFSP online application portal works best using the latest version of all common web browsers.
- → The application portal is also optimized for mobile devices including tablets and smart phones.
- → To get to the portal, type or copy/paste the following link into your web browser: https://ifsponline.dbhds.virginia.gov.
- → The webpage you see will look like the one pictured below.
- → The maximum amount of funds you may request for the program is \$1,000. The minimum amount is \$200.



Getting Help

If at any point you need help, select the down arrow next to the word "Help" listed in the top bar of the web page as shown below.



Step 2: Registering to Fill Out an Application

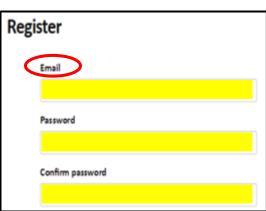
- → You will need a login account for the IFSP-Funding Portal to complete an application.
- → Click the link in the top right corner of the page that says "**Register**". See the picture below as a guide. This will begin the registration process for submitting an online application.

NOTE: You only need to register **ONCE** to log in to the IFSP Application Portal. **If you have previously registered, you should use that same login.** One person may submit applications for multiple individuals using the same login information. If you forgot your login information or no longer have access to the previously registered email address, please either reset your password or register using any email address that you regularly check.

→ To create a login, look for the "Register" link on the IFSP Portal. The picture here shows the location on the portal page where the "Register" link is located. The information for the Responsible Party is what you should use when you register. The Responsible Party is the person applying for an individual who is on the DD Waiver Waiting List and who will be responsible for the received funds.



- → You will also need a valid email address. Make sure to use an email address that you check regularly. Type your email address in the "Email" field, circled in red in the image below. Please make sure your email address is correct, since this is the email address that IFSP staff will use to send all communication about your application(s).
- → After you type in your email address, create a password for accessing the Application Portal. Your password needs to meet all the following requirements:
 - At least 8 characters in length
 - Utilize at least 3 of the following 4:
 - 1. Special characters,
 - 2. Alphabetical characters,
 - 3. Numerical characters, and
 - 4. Combination of upper case and lower-case letters.



- → Once you have created your password, you will need to re-enter the same password into the field titled "Confirm Password".
- → After you have created a password and entered an email address, you will see an email confirmation screen that say that you will receive an email with instructions on how to confirm your email address.

Confirming Your Account

→ Confirming your email is the last step of the registration process. Go to your email mailbox. Look for a message from "IFSP- (do not reply)" with the subject line of "Confirm Your Account". The email will look like the example below.



- → Included in this message is a link titled "here". Click the link to confirm your email address and complete your registration. The red arrow in the image above shows where the link is.
- → Once you click the "here" link, your internet browser will launch and you will see a pop-up to let you know that this process is complete. You are now able to log in to the portal using your email address and password.

See the example:

→ After confirming your email address, you will also receive a "Welcome to IFSP" email letting you know that you have successfully registered. A sample message is below:

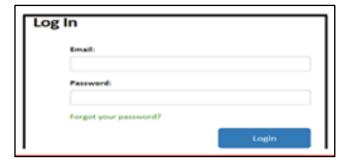
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→ To log in to the IFSP Application Portal, go to https://ifsponline.dbhds.virginia.gov and use the email address and password you just created.

Resetting Your Password and Security Timeout

NOTE: If you forget your password, click on the **"Forgot Password"** link that is located on the main login page to generate an email link to reset the password.



NOTE: For security purposes, the application will <u>time out after 30 minutes of inactivity</u>. Be sure to save draft applications so you do not lose what you have entered.

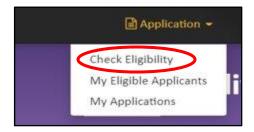
Step 3: Creating and Drafting a New Application

NEW APPLICATION FEATURE: Eligibility Checker

IFSP has added a new step to the IFSP-Funding process to help make sure only eligible individuals are able to complete an IFSP-Funding request. The new function will check applicants' eligibility against Waiver Waiting List data and instantly let applicants and responsible parties know if they are eligible for IFSP-Funding. After successful meeting the eligibility criteria, eligible applicants will be sent to the remaining application sections that ask about need. If you feel that the system has incorrectly identified the applicant as ineligible, please follow the instructions provided in the Portal.

→ After logging in, look for the "Application" link on the black bar at the top of the page. The picture below shows the location on the portal page where the link is located.

Click the link circled in red that is labeled **"Check Eligibility"**.

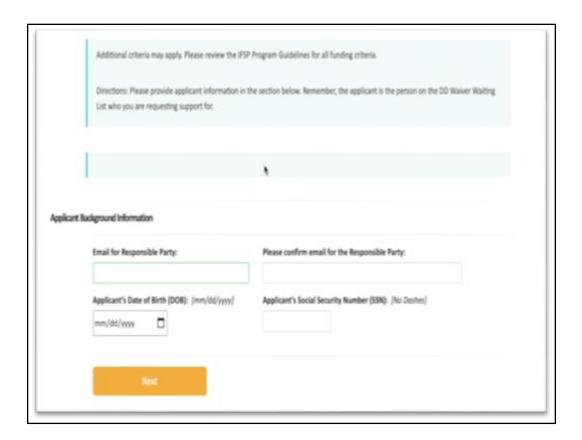


Entering the Applicants' Identification Information

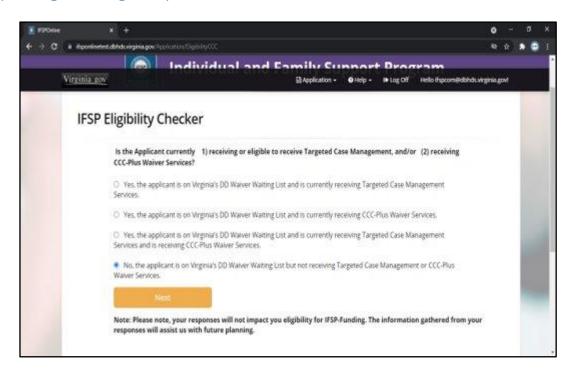
To determine eligibility, applicants will be asked to provide the following information:

- Email address for the Responsible Party
- Applicant's Date of Birth
- Applicant's Social Security Number

The information provided in this section must match what was provided at the time the person was placed on the Waiver Waiting List. If the information does not match, the applicant will be determined as "not active on the DD Waiver Waiting List" and you will not be able to access the rest of the application.



Completing the Eligibility Checker



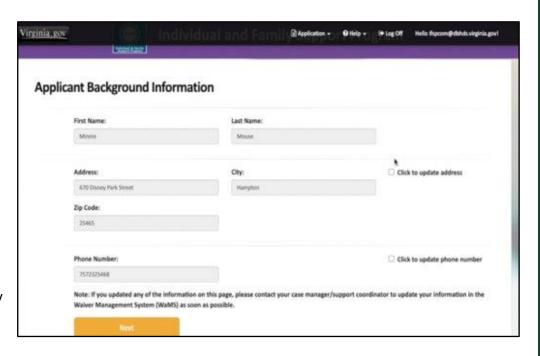
- → Complete the questions in the "Eligibility Checker" (pictured above) and select "Next".
- → If the Applicant meets all the eligibility requirements, then you will be able to complete the remainder of the application and save a draft.
- → If the applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements, a pop-up message will appear, instructing the applicant to contact their local CSB.

NOTE: IFSP is not able to resolve Waiver Waiting List Eligibility issues. Applicants must contact their CSB to resolve these issues.

Part I: Applicant Information

In this section, the Applicant's Background Information will be prepopulated with information from the Waiver Waiting List.

You will not be able to change the Applicant's First or Last Name. This information is taken directly from the WaMS system and any correction that are needed must be made by contacting your local CSB.



Address and contact information will also be pre-populated. This information may be updated.

To update an address or phone number, please check the corresponding box.

NOTE: Any new address or phone information provided in the application only applies to the IFSP Application. Please make sure to contact your local CSB to update the case file for the applicant so that the correct information is in the WaMS System.

Saving Eligible Applicant Background Information

Applicants who are eligible to apply for funding will see a confirmation page like the screen to right.

To proceed with the other parts of the application draft, you will need to select the "Save Applicant Background Information" button.

Completing this section only saves part of your application. Applicants



will need to complete the steps listed under the "Create Application Draft" section of the application.

Creating an Application Draft

After you save the applicant's background information, you will be directed to a page to complete the remaining application sections:

- Responsible Party
- Relationship Information
- Assistance and Resources
- Needs

To access the remaining sections, look for the name of the applicant that you want to create a request under the



header name "Applicant Name". It is circled on the image on the right.

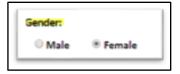
Next, click on the button labeled "Create Application Draft".

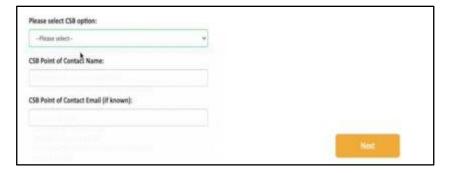
Verifying Applicant Information

- → After selecting the "Create
 Application Draft" button you
 will see the screen on your right.
- → Most of the information in the "Applicant Information" will be pre-populated from the entries from the "Eligibility Checker" section.



→ For the items that are not complete, specifically the "Gender" and "Confirming Your CSB" (in the images below), please enter your information in this section.

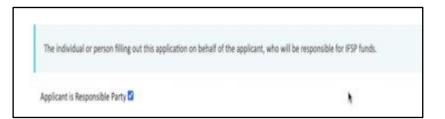




Part II: Responsible Party

This section is about the person who is responsible for receiving the Applicant's IFSP funds and purchasing the requested items/services.

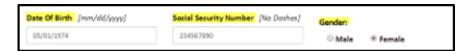
If the Responsible Party is the SAME PERSON as the Applicant, then you will need to check box labeled "Applicant is Responsible Party", as shown in the diagram on the right.



→ Fill out each of the fields listed on the page. You will need the Responsible Party's first, middle, and last name. Be sure to type each entry into the corresponding field correctly (upper case first letter, spelling). This is how the person's name will be listed and saved.



→ Fill out the Responsible Party's date of birth, Social Security Number, and gender. Be sure to use the format in the example below.

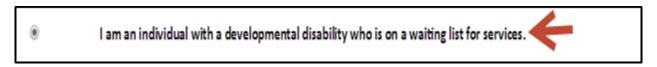


- → Fill out the Responsible Party's street number and name in the "Address Line 1" field. If there is an apartment or suite number, enter this information in the "Address Line 2" field.
- → Type the Responsible Party's zip code in the "Zip Code" field. Next, type the Applicant's city in the "City" field.

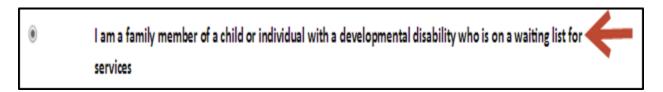
Part III: Relationship Information

The next section is also about the Responsible Party.

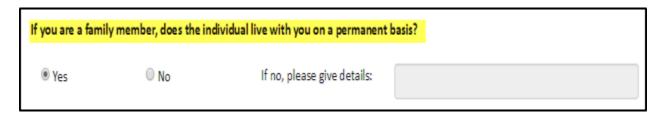
If the Responsible Party is the **SAME PERSON** as the Applicant, then this section will be automatically completed, and you will be sent to Section IV. Below is how the answer will appear in Section III. Remember, you will be skipped to Section IV, and this will be automatically completed.



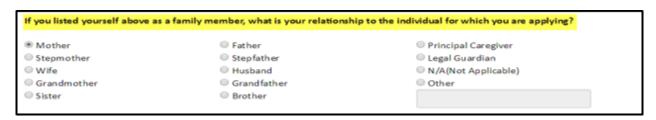
→ If the Responsible Party is **NOT THE SAME PERSON** as the Applicant, then you will need to check the second box as seen below:



→ The next question is about whether the Responsible Party lives with the Applicant. The Responsible Party does not have to live with the Applicant, but a description needs to be provided if they do not live in the same household.



→ Use the section shown below to describe the relationship the Responsible Party has with the Applicant.



→ Review all the information you have entered on this page to make sure it is correct, and then select the "Next" button in the bottom right corner.

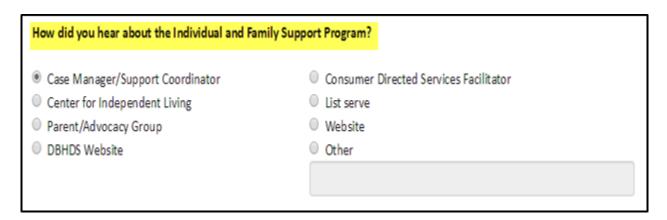


NOTE: You will be able to make changes to this and any of the other sections before you submit the final version of your application. See "**Editing Your Application**" for instructions on how to do this.

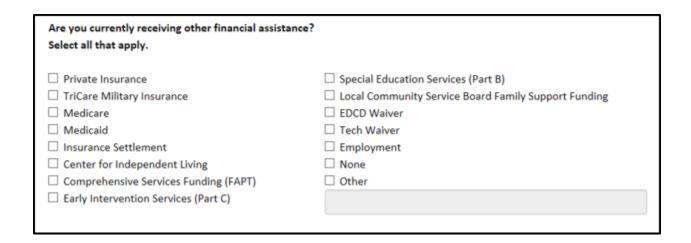
Part IV: Assistance and Resources

This section helps the IFSP staff understand the assistance and financial resources the Applicant currently uses. This information will help DBHDS collect data on ways to better assist individuals on the DD Waiver Waiting List.

→ On the "Assistance and Resources" page, select the best answer that describes how you learned about IFSP.



→ Next, select any assistance the Applicant is currently receiving. Check all that apply.



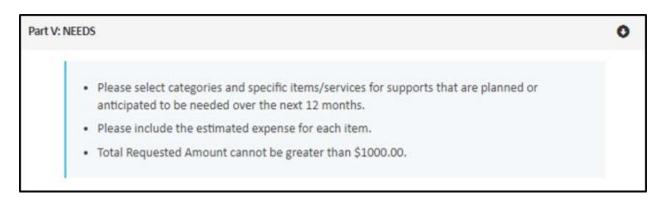
→ Review all the information you have entered on this page to make sure it is correct, and then select the "Next" button in the bottom right corner.



NOTE: You will be able to make changes to this and any of the other sections before you submit the final version of your application. See the section called **"Editing Your Application"** for instructions on how to do this.

Part V: Needs

Use this section to describe what the Applicant needs the IFSP funds for.



To see a complete listing of eligible needs that may be supported with IFSP-Funding, please see the IFSP Program Guidelines.

→ Select the drop-down menu titled "Needs" to find the item that the Applicant will purchase with

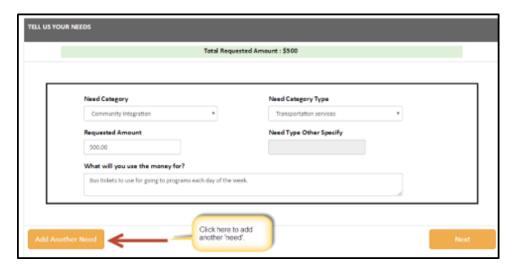
IFSP funds. Then select the item in the drop-down menu.



- → Once you have selected the "Need Category Type", enter the approximate cost of the item in the "Requested Amount" field.
- → The amount you enter into the "Requested Amount" field will automatically be added to the number listed in the "Total Requested Amount" ribbon of this section, as shown in the next picture.

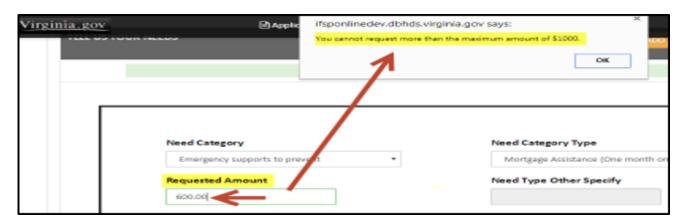


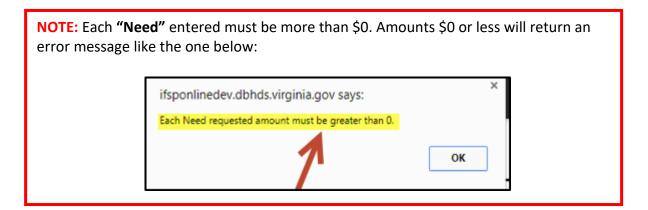
→ If the Applicant is requesting more than one item, click on the "Add Another Need" button on the bottom left side of the section, as pictured below.



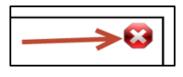
NOTE: The total minimum amount you may request is \$200. The maximum amount you may request is \$1,000. If the amount you are entering into the "**Requested Amount**" field is more than the total allowed amount for the program, you will get a pop-up message/alert letting you know that you are going over the annual funding limit.

→ To change a request that is more than the annual limit, click "OK" on the pop-up message. The "Requested Amount" field will remove the amount you entered and allow you to enter a new amount that is within the maximum amount allowed for this program.





- → In the event you ever need to delete a "Need" that you have entered, just click on the "X" that is located next to the specific need section, as seen on the right.
- → Review all the information you have entered on this page to make sure it is correct, and then select the "Next" button in the bottom right corner.

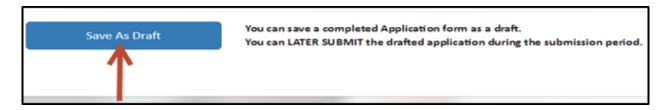




NOTE: You will be able to make changes to this and any of the other sections before you submit the final version of your application. See **"Editing Your Application"** for instructions on how to do this.

Saving a Draft of Your Application

→ If you are only saving a draft of your application, click the "Save As Draft" button as seen below.



→ This will save a draft of the application you just finished. You will be able to go back and edit your draft any time before you submit.

NOTE: Remember, you will not be able to submit a draft before the submission period opens. Once a draft is submitted, you cannot make changes to it. Please contact ifspsupport@dbhds.virginia.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

→ Once you have saved your drafted application, you will receive the confirmation message pictured below.

If you select the option to "Go Back to My Applications", you will be returned to the list of your saved applications in the IFSP Application Portal.



Editing a Draft of Your Application

→ To edit a draft application, select "Application" from the menu on the ribbon at the top of the page. Click the "My Applications" option in drop-down menu as shown in the image below.



→ Once you are on the "My Applications" page, you will see a list of your saved applications. Under the "Edit" column, click on the green "Resume" button for the application that you want to edit. The picture below shows an example.



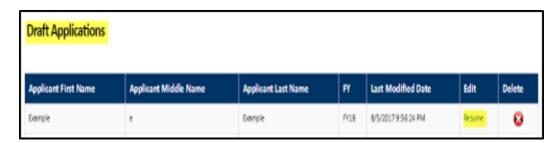
→ When you are in the application that you would like to edit, choose the section you need to change and follow the steps for completing that section and make the necessary changes.

Viewing and Deleting Saved Drafts

To view a draft application, select "Application" from the menu on the ribbon at the top of the page. Click the "My Applications" option in drop-down menu as shown in the image below.

To delete a draft application, click the red "X" under the table column titled "Delete". This action will permanently remove this draft.

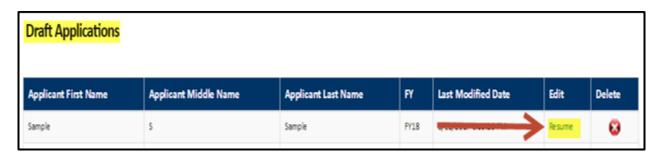
To edit a draft application, click the green "Resume" button under the table column titled "Edit". This action will allow you to return the draft and make any needed edits.



Step 4: Submitting Your Application

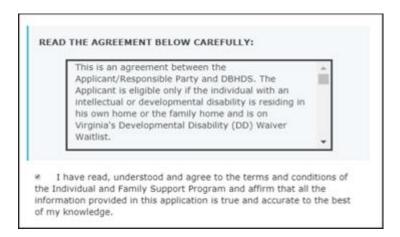
NOTE: The "**Submit**" function will not be available on the application until the submission period opens.

→ When the IFSP submission period opens, go to your saved application(s) and select the "Resume" button as seen in the image below.



- → Review each section carefully to ensure you have entered everything correctly and completely.
- → Once completed, click the "Submit" button to submit the application. The Program Agreement will appear, and you will be asked to sign.

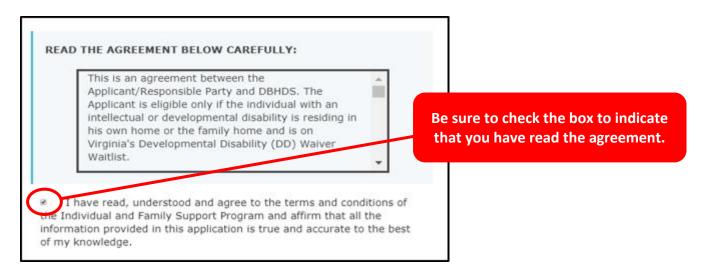
NOTE: The signature field will NOT appear until you check the **"Program Agreement"** box.



Signing Your Application

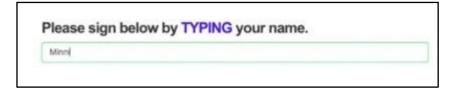
You will now be asked to sign the application. In the box, please type your name to sign the document.

Review each section carefully to ensure you have entered everything correctly and completely.



NOTE: The signature field will not appear until you check the **"Program Agreement"** box.

→ In the box, please type your name to sign the document.

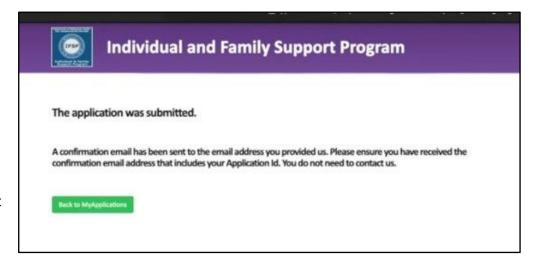


NOTE: After you type your signature, a **"Submit"** check box will appear. Once it appears, please click the **"Submit"** as see in the image below.



Confirm Your Application Submission

- → After you type your signature and submit your application, you will see a Confirmation Screen like the one to the right.
- → You will receive an email confirming that we have received your submitted application. The



message will have your Application ID number. Please keep this number on file to use as a reference for your records and future communication.

→ All applications submitted for review will be listed in the "Signed and Submitted Applications" section of the "My Application" page of the Application Portal. An example of a submitted application is pictured below.

Signed and Submitted Applications

Applicant Name	FY	Requested Amount	Status	Submitted Date
	FY18	\$100.00	Submitted : Pending	8/9/2017 5:54:23 PM

Just like the drafted and saved applications, you will be able to view your submitted applications. However, you will **NOT** be able to make changes to the request once you have submitted it for review and approval.

If you need answers to IFSP-related questions, please visit the My Life, My Community website at https://mylifemycommunityvirginia.org.



