

3.5 Individual Budgets

Individual budgets, based on tiering, for participants enrolled in the Supports Program include the following components: Employment/Day Supports, Individual/Family Supports, Direct Support Professional (DSP) Service (funding allocated to individual budgets for the purpose of providing a legislatively mandated DSP wage increase. Only applies to services as indicated in Section 17 and is used when all other budget categories are depleted), and Supported Employment (as needed). Some services included in an individual’s Service Plan can be funded through multiple budget components, while others can only be funded by one of the components. Individuals enrolled in the Supports Program will have access to the following budget amounts (with the addition of the Supported Employment component as needed) associated with the tier in which they are assessed:

Tier	Employment/ Day	Individual/Family Supports	DSP Service	Supported Employment	Total Individual Budget
A	\$14,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$546.00	Available as needed	\$19,546.00
Aa	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$719.00	Available as needed	\$25,719.00
B	\$18,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$805.00	Available as needed	\$28,805.00
Ba	\$26,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,035.00	Available as needed	\$37,035.00
C	\$22,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$920.00	Available as needed	\$32,920.00
Ca	\$32,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,207.00	Available as needed	\$43,207.00
D	\$33,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,380.00	Available as needed	\$49,380.00
Da	\$47,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,782.00	Available as needed	\$63,782.00
E	\$43,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,667.00	Available as needed	\$59,667.00
Ea	\$63,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$2,242.00	Available as needed	\$80,242.00

Information about which services can be purchased through which budget component is included for each service described in Section 17. Support Coordination services and Fiscal Management services are administrative costs that do not come out of the individual budget.

The individual budget covers the service plan year. For example, if an individual’s ISP is approved in May, the individual budget will provide funding for services until the next annual ISP is completed and approved in May of the following year. If the individual experiences changes in his/her level of care, behavior, or medical needs during the course of the plan year, a NJ CAT reassessment should be requested as described in Section 3.6.