

June 23, 2020

For Grants Committee Meeting

Subject: Overview of Conference Sponsorship Proposals

The ADDPC released a competitive grant solicitation for applicants to propose a conference, symposium or training on any ADDPC Goal (self-advocacy, inclusion, or integrated employment). Applicants could apply for \$10k, and applications were due on May 14, 2020.

The ADDPC received 9 applications by the due date, and a review committee of council members evaluated each application. Their recommendation is as follows:

Not recommended for Funding:

- Center for Outcome Analysis
- Special Olympics of AZ
- The Star Raft Project

Recommended for funding, but with clarifications:

- Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
- Arizona Association for Supportive Child Care
- Niagara University
- Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired
- Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center
- The Arc of Arizona

Brief Summaries:

AZ Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence, \$8459

In collaboration with Ability 360 and The Arc of AZ, will provide three-8-hour workshops about the impact of violence in the I/DD community. It is expected a total 120 participants will attend (40 per event), and includes trainings for victim service providers, disability-serving organization staff, and family members and individuals with I/DD. Proposed dates for training are May, June and July 2021. Funds will be used for staff time, print materials, travel stipends for out of town participants to attend the trainings, and speaker fees.

AZ Assoc. for Supportive Child Care, \$10,000

ASCC plans to host an annual statewide early childhood conference in February 2021. The 30th Annual Celebrate the Young Child Conference will be a two-day event, a Friday networking dinner with keynote speaker and a full day conference on Saturday. The ASCC is requesting funds for the Friday pre-conference event to cover the costs for supplies and speaker fees (no meals will be paid for by ADDPC funds). ASCC will invite early childhood professionals that are not familiar with inclusion in early childhood, and family members who have children with I/DD.

Niagara University, \$9,939

NU has developed a comprehensive disability awareness training program for first responders. NU will bring this training to AZ either in a virtual remote training or in-person training. Dates will be finalized with state and local first responders' associations. Target audience includes, local and state patrol, firefighters, 911 operators/dispatchers, EMS and other first responder management. Training is not meant for family members or individuals with I/DD. Funds will be used to cover the costs of personnel, trainer, resource booklets and other training materials, and travel costs for trainer. Applicant provided additional match and clarified other concerns.

S. AZ Association for the Visually Impaired, \$10,000

SAAVI will propose an Integrated Employment theme conference "Cultivating a Culture of Strength" on May 14, 2021 in Tempe for approximately 200 for individuals who are blind or visually impaired, individuals with I/DD, employers, caregivers, families, professionals, educators and other community members. The focus is to highlight advancements gained by the blind community to provide companies with information to take an integrated approach to strength-based employment; inform consumers of their rights and responsibilities; and provide information for families, caregivers, and professionals central to integrated employment. The conference will culminate with a job fair at the end of the day, where participants will be exposed to companies with various employment options and have a chance to network. Funds will be used to cover the costs of supplies, meals, rental fee, and professional speaker.

SARRC, \$7,500

SARRC is proposed two 1-hour Inclusive Practices for Community Settings webinars for community members, interested in learning about inclusive best practices. Following each webinar, each partner leadership team will receive three 1-hour consultations with a certified BCBA to continue further discussions and application of inclusive practices in their natural environment. With funding, SARRC can continue to provide critical training on inclusive practices to community organizations and partners, ensuring that individuals with autism are meaningfully integrated into inclusive communities. Funding will be used to cover the costs of SARRC staff.

The Arc of Arizona, \$10,000

The Arc of AZ, with the Arizona Autism Coalition will host the second annual Autism and I/DD Resources Conference to be held on October 17, 2020 in Phoenix. The theme is Building a Sustainable Future, and will be geared to self-advocates, family members, caregivers, professionals, and other community stakeholders who work with individuals with I/DD. The conference will not focus on one single topic or audience segment, but instead engage the attendees on various facets of community living and possible opportunities to be inclusive and engaged. Areas of topic to be addressed include self-determination, employment, safety and security, legal and judicial issues, healthcare and oral healthcare, family and caregiver needs, behavior management practices and related professional therapy practices.