Request for Grant Application, Conference Sponsorship 2013
RFGA FFY-13-CS-02
Conferences shall take place by April 30, 2014
Total ADDPC Funds to support 6 Applications: $52,295.00

**Recommendation for an award:**

Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter – Request $10,000

A series of eight (8), half-day workshops in Phoenix, Tucson and Prescott targeting individuals with are aging with developmental disabilities, family members and support professionals. Workshops will be led by current staff members of the Alzheimer's Association who have extensive experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities and knowledge of Alzheimer's disease and its progression. Workshops will be designed to help participants learn about aging issues for persons with developmental disabilities, Alzheimer's disease/dementia, the stages of Alzheimer's, and how to make adjustments to accommodate the changes. The expected number of participants is up to 200 (total for all 8 half day workshops).

Southwest Institute for Families – Request $10,000

Southwest Institute for Families and their partners ABIL and Improbable Theater Company propose a one day event at the DEC to provide interactive education and training to persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities by engaging them in the arts. Specifically, participants will have the opportunity to improve their communication and self-expression through performance art, music, interpretive dance, painting and photography. Being involved in the arts will allow for an alternative means of self-advocacy and education about various art-based programs that are open and available to persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The expected number of participants is up to 50.

AZ Foundation for Blind Children – Request $3,375

AZ Foundation for Blind Children seeks funds for the Family Support Saturday Conference specifically for blind or visually impaired persons and their families. Community partners include the Arizona Schools for the Deaf and Blind. The Conference provides information to families and caregivers on community resources, eye conditions, feeding issues, disability law and advocacy, support group sessions and information about special education processes in Arizona. The expected number of participants and family members is 100.

Spina Bifida Association of AZ – Request $10,000

Spina Bifida Association will conduct a one-day, high motivational conference focused on four topics, 1) compromised self-care; 2) inadequate transportation knowledge; 3) diminished confidence and goals; 4) lack of awareness of opportunity and vision for impact. Knowledgeable and community speakers will be invited to speak on the proposed topics. The expected number of participants and family members is 70.

Autism Society of Greater Tucson – Request $10,000

The Autism Society of Greater Tucson will hold a one day conference in Tucson for parents, mental health providers, educators, social service providers, advocates and attorneys of children with disabilities. The topics that will be addressed include IEP's, tactics and strategies for effective advocacy with schools, special education law and children rights. The keynote speaker for the conference is expert Peter Wright, an attorney that represents children with special education needs and co-founder of the website about special education law and advocacy, Wrightslaw.com. The expected number of participants and family members is 400.

Arizona Hands & Voices, Inc. – Request $9,131

Arizona Hands & Voices is a non-profit group dedicated to supporting families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. They will be hosting the 2014 Arizona Hands & Voices Expo, a one day conference to showcase best practices in deaf education, inform parents about improving their child's literacy, special education, describe techniques in advocacy, and demonstrating innovating technology. Community partners to assist with the planning include the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the EAR Foundation of Arizona. The expected number of participants and family members is 200.

**Not recommended for an award are the following:**

SANDS

Southern Arizona Network for Down Syndrome proposed a one day conference for families on persons with Down Syndrome and Dementia. Topics for the conference include medications, nutrition, and memory stimulation. Applicant did not provide a budget narrative to support the costs and proposed methodology. A clarification request was issued for them to provide additional information and the applicant failed to respond to any inquires for further information.

Community Vision Inc.

Organization is based in Oregon but conference topic on community inclusion would take place in Tempe with on-site presenters and web-based presentations. Proposal was vague and all tasks in the scope of work were not addressed. It was difficult to determine the ultimate goal of the conference.

The Cutty Legacy Foundation

Proposal topic is life planning and family trust development. The Cutty Legacy Foundation has materials and tools to address this topic; however proposal did not fit the Council's Goal and Objectives. In addition, many parts of the RFGA requirements were missing including a timeline, no organizational overview, no personnel overview of key staff, budget narrative was not included, indirect rate was not provided, missing documentation in the Financial Systems Survey and overall the budget summary/costs did not match the methodology and costs could not be determined.

Arizona Association of Providers for People with Disabilities

Proposal is to develop a strategic plan by conducting focus groups, gathering information and presenting information and summary report to the ADDPC for further action. The proposal did not meet the requirements of the scope of work or the Goals or Objectives.

NAU/IHD

Proposal is a two-day conference in Flagstaff, taking place in early June on best practices for practitioners that work with persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families. Parts of the scope of work were not addressed, not all the speakers were identified or sessions were identified. The registration cost is cost prohibitive along with participants paying for their lodging and meals. Budget summary did not match budget narrative, missing evaluation section per the scope of work, and NAU provided various exclusions to the ADOA and ADDPC Terms and Conditions.

Dads 4 Special Kids; Native American Disability Law Center; and SARRC:

Each of these applications were considered non-susceptible for review and award, due to these applicants proposing the same conference topic as previously awarded in the RFGA Conference Sponsorship 2012-2013.