

DRAFT: Request for Grant Applications to support Training for Self-Advocates, Family Members and Stakeholders

Purpose:

The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) is seeking proposals in support of its Self-Advocacy Goal as contained in the Five Year Plan.

The ADDPC plans to make multiple awards across the State of Arizona with special emphasis on those geographical areas or populations of persons with developmental disabilities and their families that are underserved or unserved. Examples may include ethnic or tribal groups and rural/remote locations or urban settings that may receive minimal supports for self-advocacy.

The ADDPC will seek two categories of applications:

1. Applications seeking to continue existing projects funded by the ADDPC as long as the current projects have met all cited expectations and have been fully compliant with the terms of the existing contract and the new proposal details expansion, and increased outreach in self-advocacy efforts that result in capacity and/or system change. Proposals will include focus on outcomes of efforts using established evaluation tools that demonstrate the effectiveness of the program. In addition, these proposals shall include a plan for building program sustainability once ADDPC funding ends.
2. New self-advocacy programs (excluding one-time conferences, seminars and workshops) that demonstrate innovative design and approaches that increase the development of self-advocacy competency for an individual or organizational basis. Such proposals will detail how activities will focus on underserved/unserved persons with developmental disabilities and their families and will lay out what types of outcomes are expected to achieve - increased capacity or systems change. A description of a valid evaluation approaches will be included in the proposal to accurately measure outcomes and the effectiveness of the proposal. Applicants will describe how the proposed program will be sustained beyond ADDPC funding.

Requirements:

May include the following (not a comprehensive list):

- Applicants will detail training approaches that is evidence based and/or a best practice model, targeting self-advocates, family members, and/or stakeholders in the community seeking to increase their knowledge and skills to improve their advocacy efforts.
- Applicants must have the ability and capacity to enact their proposals within Arizona focusing on underserved/unserved areas of the state. Communication modalities will be described with emphasis on approaches that best meet the needs of the identified audiences.
- Applicants must have the ability to develop communication modalities that emphasize their approaches that best meet the needs of the identified audiences.
- Applicants must have the ability and capacity to target participants from around the state that would benefit from training offered by the proposal.

- Applicant must have the ability to develop and track their progress through evaluation methods that show positive outcomes.
- Applicant must have the ability to partner with other community stakeholders that will support local self-advocacy efforts.
- Applicants may provide training in a one location, if the training is part of an ongoing and regular schedule for participants to learn and gain the most information on advocacy efforts.

What this RFGA will NOT fund:

Applications will not be considered susceptible for an award if they propose any of the following:

- One time conference, ~~or~~ workshop, or seminars.
- Projects that only provide outputs as a result of the evaluation process.
- Projects not addressing and providing ongoing, consistent training to self-advocates, their family members and/or stakeholders who have an interest in advancing advocacy efforts.

Term of the Contract:

One year from date of award with two (2) additional years of funding at the same level of award.

Available Dollars:

\$100,000