

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)



What is a Developmental Disability?

According to the Developmental Disability Act the term "developmental disability" means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that is:

- Attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments
- Manifested before the individual attains the age of 22
- Likely to continue indefinitely
- Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care; receptive and expressive language; learning; mobility; self-direction; capacity for independent living; economic self-sufficiency; and reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of life-long or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

An individual from birth to age 9 inclusive, who has a substantial delay or specific congenital or acquired condition, may be considered to have a developmental disability without meeting three or more of the criteria described, if the individual, without services and supports, has a high probability of meeting those criteria later in life.

To learn more about the DD Act go to:

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/add/ddact/DDACT2.html>.

Do you have to be a 501(c)(3) to apply?

Yes. Only 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible for funding at this time.

Do you provide funding for operation expenses or only for projects?

We currently only consider funding for projects. Funding for general operating expenses are not considered at this time.

What about matching or challenge grants?

We like them. In fact, if your financial request is large, we encourage you to find other sources of funding along with ours to make your goal. We encourage partnerships and collaborative efforts in grant making.

Would you fund a long-term project, say, three to five years in length?

No, at this time, funding for projects is only one year. However, under special circumstances, a no cost mini grant extension might be considered if it met the following criteria:

- There is a specific reason why extension of the project dates is needed.
- This reason is not due to mismanaged finances or poor financial planning.
- An agreement is made whereby the grant seeker will submit regular reports which would be reviewed by the CPC to determine if the criteria had been met for funds not yet spent. These criteria would be agreed upon by both parties at the onset of the mini grant relationship.

How do I make initial contact with your organization?

To begin, complete the online grant application process. This can be done through our website during an open cycle.

Are there any deadlines I need to know about?

Our CPC meets four times per year. Grant applications are reviewed at the quarterly meeting following the closure of the request for proposal due date. Specific dates will be included in request for proposal.

Where are you located?

We are located on the Oregon Health & Science University campus situated on Marquam Hill in Portland, Oregon.

My organization is not in the Portland Metropolitan Area. Can I still apply for funding?

Any non-profit organization based in Oregon and that delivers the project or services in Oregon and falls within our guidelines is of interest to us and eligible for possible funding.

Do you fund international projects?

No, not at this time.

If you have any other questions, please contact us at ucedd@ohsu.edu or 503-494-8364.