

NCED MINI-GRANT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The mission of the Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED) is to work cooperatively with agencies and programs to assist the diverse population of Nevadans with disabilities of all ages to be independent and productive citizens who are fully included in their communities.

The purpose of the NCED's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is to enhance the mission of the NCED through representing issues and concerns of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

Proposals are requested for the *Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED) Community Partner Fund*. The NCED's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) has been charged with distributing the NCED Community Partner Fund twice annually.

A total of \$5,000 is available for the six-month period of July-December 2011. It is anticipated that \$5,000 will be available twice yearly. In order to be able to award several mini-grants, each mini-grant is expected to be in the range of \$250-\$1,000.

The NCED seeks to provide mini-grants to community-based organizations, to microenterprises owned by people with disabilities and to families with members with disabilities to expand, enhance, and/or improve programs/projects in alignment with the core values of the NCED.

The work of the NCED is built upon the following core values:

Full access: Striving toward increased access to services, supports, educational opportunities, and work experience.

Collaboration: Partnering with state and local agencies and federal networks provide opportunities for all concerned to extend both effectiveness and reach.

Capacity building: Increasing the ability of communities to meet the needs of people with disabilities through resources, training, and technical assistance.

Systemic change: Working within existing systems to effect change in policy as well as provide exemplary service.

Advocacy: Empowering individuals and families to make their voices heard both individually and collectively.



HOW TO APPLY

Interested people/organizations should complete the attached application cover sheet and submit a maximum two-page narrative describing the proposed program/project. The narrative should include the following:

- Name of the project/program
- Organization's mission (if applicable)
- Amount requested
- Purpose of the program/project
- Which of the NCED's core values the project addresses
- Who the project/program will serve
- Specific Goal to be addressed
- Anticipated short-term outcomes
- Marketing the program/project (if applicable)
- How will you promote the project to leverage additional support or draw attention to the issue?
- Collaborations and other support

ATTACHMENTS

Attach the supporting materials:

- Project Budget Form (included in this email)

If your organization is a 501(c)3 non-profit, please also attach:

- Documentation of tax exempt status

Proposals will be accepted until noon on Friday, May 27, 2011. Proposal may be emailed to Melissa Westphal @ westphal@unr.edu , faxed to 775-784-4997 or mailed to UNR, MS285, Reno, NV 89557. Questions can be answered by emailing Melissa or calling her at 775-682-9053.

