

Global Down Syndrome Foundation

Educational Grants

March 21, 2016

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are proud to present the fifth Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the Global Down Syndrome Foundation Educational Grants (“Grant(s)”). Since they were launched in 2012, the Grants have provided \$307,800 to local Down syndrome organizations from around the United States, funding 31 innovative educational programs to medical professionals, self-advocates, teachers, and parents of people with Down syndrome.

The Grants are a direct result of surveys sent to many local Down syndrome organizations and feedback from DSAIA Leadership Conference workshops. The surveys and feedback underscored the importance of local educational programs towards creating a brighter future for people with Down syndrome.

The long-term intentions of the Grants are to provide much needed funding to create important educational programs or augment existing educational programs that are designed to help people with Down syndrome and to help attract sustainable funding from other sources by utilizing the parameters of success which are required per the Grant RFP. These parameters will ensure that such educational programs are successful and sustainable. In this way, over time, we can help launch dozens if not hundreds of new educational programs that benefit people with Down syndrome.

The proposals for the Grants are due to the Global Down Syndrome Foundation by 5:00pm (MDT) on Friday, May 20, 2016. The Grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$10,000 and winners will be announced at the National Down Syndrome Congress Annual Convention in Orlando in July 2016.

Attached you will find information about the Global Down Syndrome Foundation Educational Grants, including eligibility requirements. We look forward to your proposals as well as your thoughts and suggestions.

Together, we are creating a brighter future for people with Down syndrome!

Michelle Sie Whitten

President and CEO

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ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be a Global Down Syndrome Foundation member.
 - Local Down syndrome organization memberships range from \$150 to \$500 a year based on annual revenue size.
 - To become a member, go to www.downsyndromeworld.org/membership.
- The proposal must be for a new educational program **OR** in some cases a significant extension of an existing program will be taken into consideration; in both cases the educational program should have a clear and measurable impact that benefits people with Down syndrome.
- Only organizations that are designated 501(c)(3) by the IRS can apply.
- Organizations must link from their websites to the Global Down Syndrome Foundation (www.globaldownsyndrome.org) as a resource in order to be considered.
- A Grant Agreement must be signed once a Grantee is chosen in order to access the Grant funding.
- The grant application must be filled completely and be submitted by no later than 5:00 pm MDT Friday, May 20, 2016. Grant awards will be announced at the National Down Syndrome Congress Annual Convention in July 2016.

Send complete grant application packet, including all of the attachments,
to Ashley Twining Sparhawk at asparhawk@globaldownsyndrome.org

SECTION A: Organizational Information

(Please type directly into the form)

General Information

Legal Name of Organization:

DBA (if applicable):

Taxpayer ID Number:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

Executive Director or President Name:

Phone:

Email:

Contact (if different):

Phone:

Email:

Organization Email:

Organization Website:

Twitter:

Facebook:

Other social media:

Authorization

The undersigned certifies that she/he is authorized to represent the organization applying for a Grant, and that the information contained in this application is accurate. The undersigned agrees that if a Grant is awarded to the organization, the grant will be used for the purpose outlined in the Grant application and may not be expended for any other purpose without prior written approval from the Global Down Syndrome Foundation. The undersigned also agrees that information about the organization as specifically related to the grant may be used by the Global Down Syndrome Foundation in any published materials.

Signature of Executive Director / President

Date

Organizational Information

Year Founded:

Mission Statement:

Brief History:

Current Goals:

Geographic Area Served:

Number of Employees:

Full Time:

Part Time:

Number of Volunteers:

FT /PT Employees with
Down syndrome:

If your organization is membership-based, how many members do you have?

What percentage of members or people served by your organization fall into the following categories (total should **not** equal 100% as many people will fall into more than one category)? Please fill in both tables.

Adults (21 and over) with Down
syndrome and their families
%

Children (under 21) with Down
syndrome and their families
%

Professionals who serve or interact
with people with Down syndrome
%

Under the
poverty line %

Hispanic %

Native
American %

Other ethnicity %

African
American %

Asian %

Caucasian %

Board/ Governance

Describe the role of the board of directors in advancing the mission of your organization.

Describe your organization's policy regarding board term limits and diversity.

What percentage of the board contributes financially to your organization annually?

Describe how your organization strives to be inclusive in its programs, hiring, board and volunteer recruitment, and describe the results of inclusiveness activities to date.

Financial Information

What financial or accounting software does your organization use?

Who is responsible for the organization's financials (choose all that apply)?

Full Time Accountant

Part Time Accountant

Contract Accountant

Volunteer Accountant

Board of Directors

Other (please specify)

Organizational Budget:

Revenue: \$

Expenses: \$

Fiscal Year Ending Date:

Have you received funding from the Global Down Syndrome Foundation in the past three years?

If yes, please briefly describe the project that was funded and the amount of funding.

Sources of Income Table

	%	Foundation Grants
	%	Government Grants
	%	Corporations
	%	Events
	%	Individual Contributions
	%	Workplace Giving
	%	In-Kind (optional)
	%	Other
	100%	Total

Existing Organizational Programs (attach additional sheet if necessary)

Provide a brief description of all your organization's current programs and events.

Provide a more detailed description of your organization's current educational programs. Include population numbers served, as well as past results. (Do not include the educational program that is associated with this grant application, which you will describe in more detail in the narrative section.)

SECTION B: Program Information

Type of Grant Requested

Support is being requested for (please check only one area):

Annual
conference
or workshop

Twice-annual
conference
or workshop

Quarterly
conference
or workshop

Other (please specify)

Target audience (please provide percentage for all areas that apply):

People with
Down syndrome

Parents and caregivers
of people with Down
syndrome

Educational
professionals

Medical professionals
(including therapists)

%

%

%

%

Amount of request (should not exceed \$10,000):

Program Description (attach additional sheet if necessary)

Name of Program:

Dates and times the program is offered:

Anticipated attendance:

Description of Program:

How does this effort address a need for people with Down syndrome?

What are the specific, measurable objectives of the program?

Explain the methodology and benchmarks that will be used to assess the program.

Provide a sample of survey questions that you would use to gauge the effectiveness of the program.

If the program existed last year, what outcome(s) were achieved? How will additional funds provide for a significant difference in programming?

How will you market this program in your area?

Program Budget: (attach additional sheet if necessary)

Budgeted revenue and expenses for the program.

Will additional funds be required for the program to break even or have a positive net income? If so, how do you plan to raise the funds? Please include the names of foundations and/ or corporations you would target. What confidence level do you have of receiving the additional funding?

Will a fee be charged for attending the program? If so, how much?

Sustainability: (attach additional sheet if necessary)

Calculate the percentage of revenue this grant would represent for your organization.

Calculate the percentage of attendance/ audience this program represents of your total membership or constituent base.

Provide a list of potential foundations that would fund this type of program as well as the average grant size per foundation.

SECTION C: Attachments

1. **Letter indicating tax-exempt status** under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Letter must be dated within the last five years.
2. **Board of Directors List** including information about position on board, occupation, and name of employer, city and state of residence and term end date.
3. **Anti-Discrimination Statement** that has been adopted by the Board of Directors (if available).
4. **List of names and qualifications of Key Staff**, including the length of service with the organization. Do not include job description and resumes.
5. **Annual Operating Budget** for the current financial year (including revenue and expenses).
6. **Detailed Program Budget** for the grant proposal (include revenue and expenses).
7. **Current (Year-to-Date) Financial Statements.** Include a Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) and Statement of Activities (Income and Expense Statement) through the most recently completed operating month available (must be within the past three months).
8. **Year-End Financial Statements** (audited, if available)
9. **Major Contributors List** for the past two years, including major public contributors (foundations, corporations, government) and amounts.
10. **Annual Report** (if available)