

Ann Arbor Autism Foundation

Guidelines for Project Funding

The Ann Arbor Autism Foundation is interested in supporting new and innovative program opportunities for individuals with autism. The Foundation values community-based collaborations, inclusive programming and projects that include parents as advisors, supporters or volunteers.

Pursuant to section 4945(g) of the Internal Revenue Code and section 53.4945-4 of Treasury Regulations, the following are the procedures of the Ann Arbor Autism Foundation ("Foundation") in the awarding of grants to organizations.

Selection Process

Selection of projects to fund is made on the basis of criteria related to the mission of the Foundation, and its priority in relation to other demands on Foundation funds.

The group of persons who select recipients (see discussion of "grants committee") are not in a position to derive a private benefit, directly or indirectly, if certain potential grantees are selected over others. Grants are provided without regard to race, color, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin, sex or marital status of the individual or organization submitting the proposal.

Applicants will be solicited through various organizations with the use of flyers and ads in local newspapers and publications. All applicants will be asked to submit a grant application and send it to the Ann Arbor Autism Foundation, P.O. Box 130977, Ann Arbor, MI 48113. The Foundation will review applications four times per year. Please submit applications by May 1, August 1, November 1 and February 1.

Grants Committee

There is a preliminary screening of all candidates by the Treasurer to determine financial need, and then passed to the chair of the grants committee for further review. The grants committee is made up of various volunteer community leaders, including individuals who are not employees or board members of the Foundation. Employees and board members of the Foundation are NOT eligible for grants. Grant recipients are expected to fulfill their obligation to the Foundation to fund only the project for which the grant was specifically intended.

Procedure for Exercising Supervision Over Individual Grants

The Foundation must receive periodic progress reports indicating the applicant's ongoing participation in the project specifically funded by the grant. If the Foundation determines that any part of a grant has been used for improper purposes, the Foundation takes all reasonable and appropriate steps to recover diverted grant funds or to insure the restoration of diverted funds. These steps will include legal action if necessary.

