

### Criteria for CIDSO Grants (2012)

The members of the **Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization** believe grants awarded by CIDSO for 2012 should reflect the values of and further the work of our organization. These may be described as follows:

*We seek to promote independence and inclusive opportunities for all people in our area\* with Down syndrome that they may become productive citizens with the maximum opportunity to reach their full potential as human beings.*

1. To fulfill these goals, CIDSO offers grants to address two broad areas of concern for the period from July 1, 2012, to July 1, 2013.

- a. Service needs of persons with Down syndrome in our area. Including but not limited to such things as:
  - \* Therapies: Occupational, Physical, Speech and Hearing
  - \* Glasses/Hearing aids/Assistive devices
  - \* Inclusive Opportunities
  - \* Employment opportunities
  - \* Respite
  - \* Recreation
- b. Providing information about or increasing public awareness of Down syndrome. Including but not limited to such things as:
  - \* Enhancing the quality of the Down Syndrome Information Center
  - \* Programming/promotion for Down syndrome awareness month
  - \* Appropriate programming for schools and other public meetings
  - \* Distribution of information about Down syndrome Conference attendance by service providers/teachers beneficial to residents of our area\* with Down syndrome

The following criteria and outcomes are important to the committee in awarding a grant:

1. What age and how many people touched by Down syndrome will benefit from this project?
2. How does the project define and address the needs of people with Down syndrome?
3. How does the project open new opportunity or lead to expanded services for greater numbers of people with Down syndrome in our area?
4. How does the project increase public awareness of the abilities of people with Down syndrome and/or recognition of the appropriateness of participation?
5. How does this project increase public acceptance with the inclusion of people with Down syndrome in typical environments during typical events/activities?
6. Please see "CIDSO Grant Review Committee Guidelines".

Restrictions:

1. CIDSO is forbidden by law from providing funds directly to individuals or families touched by Down syndrome.
2. Service grants should apply to all unreimbursed expenses. This is not to supplant existing funds.

\* The geographical area covered by CIDSO extends in a circle within a 30 mile radius of Bloomington-Normal.

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2012 CIDSO Grant Program  
July 1, 2012 - July 1, 2013  
Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please refer to "Grant Review Committee Guidelines" and to "Criteria for CIDSO Grants" for assistance in completing this grant application.)  
All responses may be written on a separate sheet of paper.

A. Description of Project: (Briefly describe the project to which you wish CIDSO to award grant funds)

B. Amount of funds sought \_\_\_\_\_ (Please check one of the following)  
 Project is only effective if fully funded.  
 Partial funding is acceptable.  
Minimum amount needed for effectiveness is \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Effect of Project: (Describe how this project, if funded, will enhance the quality of life for people with Down syndrome in our area. Respond to the criteria questions. Please be specific and provide an itemized budget of estimated expenditures.)

D. Reporting. By what procedure will you measure and report the effectiveness of your project? (This will help CIDSO assess the effectiveness of our grant program.)

Submit completed applications by **March 15, 2012** to:  
Dawn Mattia  
1706 Blue Spruce  
Normal, IL 61761

Grant awardees will be announced on or before July 1, 2012  
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## CIDSO Grant Review Committee Guidelines

- \* Reference the CIDSO priorities when determining grant recipients. The criteria and outcomes for CIDSO grants, as outlined, are definitely intended to be used as a guide in determining grant recipients.
- \* Speech and communication, education, employment and inclusive community issues are typically the greatest needs for an individual with Down syndrome.
- \* Grants for workshop presentations are a very effective method for reaching large numbers of parents and/or professionals on issues related to Down syndrome. Workshops need not be limited in number. Several each year are both acceptable and encouraged as they provide convenient opportunities for sharing and learning information.
- \* Repeated and new applications have equal considerations without preference given either to emerging needs or to repeated/continuation applications.
- \* All money CIDSO placed in the grant program does not have to be awarded if the committee determines the applications are not an effective use of the grant money.
- \* If the grant primarily benefits one person, please consider whether or not an avenue for sharing information with parents and/or professionals is provided in the project. This should be in the form of a presentation/workshop/written comprehensive report/etc. (please see the following points)
- \* If a grant *services a small number of persons* (less than 5) *one* of the following must also be met:
  - a. The project is a public awareness project.
  - or*
  - b. A workshop or public presentation is provided for sharing project information.
  - or*
  - c. A comprehensive written report is submitted to the grant application review committee. This must include specific suggestions, information gathered during the project, what worked, what didn't, highlights, pitfalls, contact persons, benefits, implications, resources, etc.. The report need not be a formal document and length is not important. The sole purpose of this report is to enable other professionals and/or families to benefit from what has been learned during the project. *If a workshop or presentation has been offered this comprehensive report is not necessary.*
- \* Although CIDSO encourages touching the lives of as many people as possible, we are in no way opposed to awarding grants that meet the needs of an individual if the above criteria are met.

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