

Quality of Life Grants Program

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA/FUNDING RESTRICTIONS

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation Paralysis Resource Center (PRC) Quality of Life grants are funded through a federal cooperative agreement with the Administration for Community Living (Cooperative Agreement Number 90PRRC0002-02-00).

In accordance with our Federal cooperative agreement, **the Reeve Foundation is prohibited from funding the following:**

- Grants awarded directly to individuals
 - This also includes any expense that would be seen as a **“gift to an individual”** such as a “ready bag” for disaster preparedness, t-shirts for a camp, jerseys and uniforms, a home modification, etc.
- For-Profit Companies
 - This also includes Nonprofit organizations acting as a Fiscal Sponsor for a for-profit company or other organization that does not have its own 501(c)(3) tax determination status.
- Organizations and projects that are based outside of the United States.
- Projects that utilize contractors or vendors outside of the United States.
- **Research**
- **Rehabilitative Therapy**
 - However, programs that assist people living with paralysis to participate in ***exercise opportunities*** are allowable.
 - Programs that use physical or occupational therapists to work directly with persons with paralysis is considered part of rehabilitative therapy.
 - Exercise opportunities that are facilitated by someone who, for example, has a bachelor’s degree in exercise science or is a certified fitness instructor would be an allowable expense.
- **Equipment**
 - However, it is allowable to fund ***Loan Closets***. Otherwise equipment provided to individuals to keep is considered a gift. Requests for loan closets must include a specified period of time. A device loan is typically 4 to 6 weeks (and sometimes up to 9 weeks/3 months) and enables individuals to try out and familiarize themselves with Assistive Technology or Durable Medical Equipment before acquiring it on their own. Open ended and long-term loan closets will not be considered. (This also applies to ramps.)
 - Equipment can be funded if it ***Provides Access*** and/or ***Promotes Independence***. Examples include:

- Providing Access: Adaptive strollers that are used as part of a program, are not given out to individuals and remain onsite; a transfer chair at a community pool; a stair lift, an examination table or gynecological examination table in a rural area where no such equipment is available in that region, etc.
 - Promoting Independence: A scale (Knowing your weight promotes independence. It allows people to remain healthy, as being overweight can lead to a myriad of chronic health conditions.); Beach wheelchairs and adaptive bikes at a community park or sports wheelchairs for a community sports team (these examples could also fit under the area of providing access).
 - Equipment may be purchased under the Nursing Home Transition grant program. See allowable expenses pertaining to that program.
- The development of prototypes for invention of equipment or other research and developmental activities involving intellectual property rights.
- **Construction of Buildings/Major Construction**
 - However, funds may support simple accessibility modifications to existing structures, playgrounds, trails, etc.
 - Requested funds for simple accessible bathroom modifications, for example, are allowable if they are for an already existing bathroom. Allowable expenses would include grab bars, accessible toilets and sinks, etc. We cannot fund the building of a new bathroom or a major renovation of the existing bathroom.
 - If, for example, you are requesting funds for an accessible lift or elevator, this would be allowable under equipment that provides access and promotes independence. We cannot fund the excavation or construction of the elevator or shaft, as that would be considered major construction.
- Projects that serve less than three (3) individuals with paralysis, their families, or caregivers
- Fund raising events or paid fund raiser positions
- Lobbying and/or efforts to influence legislation
- Projects that cannot be completed within 12 months of receipt the grant award
- Projects that have already been completed
- Food (meals, per diem, board, lunch, beverages, *alcohol*, etc.)
- Medical services

the following ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS will be asked in the application. A “Yes” response will indicate that your organization and/or project are not eligible for funding.

Is your organization a For-Profit Company?

Yes/No

Is your organization or project based outside of the U.S.?

Yes/No

Does your project utilize contractors or vendors outside of the U.S.?

Yes/No

Will grant funds support Research?

Yes/No

Will grant funds support Rehabilitative Therapy?

Yes/No

Will grant funds provide equipment to individuals to keep and the equipment is not part of a loan closet? (Please note that adaptive sports equipment that is used as part of a program and not given out to individuals and remain on the program site are allowable.)

Yes/No

Does the equipment not adhere to the functions of providing access and promoting independence?

Yes/No

Will grant funds support the development of prototypes involving intellectual property rights? (This includes the invention of equipment or other research and development activities.)

Will grant funds support new construction of buildings/major construction?

Yes/No

Will your project serve less than three (3) individuals with paralysis, their families, or caregivers?

Yes/No

Will grant funds support fund raising events or paid fund raiser positions?

Yes/No

Will grant funds support lobbying and/or efforts to influence legislation?

Yes/No

Will your project take longer than 12 months to complete?

Yes/No

Will grant funds support a project(s) that has already been completed?

Yes/No

Will grant funds support food (meals, per diem, board, lunch, beverages, *alcohol*, etc.)?

Yes/No

Will grant funds support medical services?

Yes/No