

# PHILADELPHIA AUTISM PROJECT

## SEED AWARD INITIATIVE

### WHAT IS THE SEED AWARD INITIATIVE?

Seed awards are small grants, provided annually to individuals, family members, or organizations to begin and/or build upon existing support groups and innovative programs. Seed awards impact underserved and underrepresented populations living with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in the city of Philadelphia by leveraging community leaders, grassroots organizations and existing resources.

### AREAS OF IMPACT

Past award recipients have proposed activities that span a variety of areas including:



#### Raising Awareness

- African and Caribbean Autism Awareness Program
- Refugee Autism Support Group
- Videos Series: Autism in African American, Asian, Hispanic and Latino Families
- Voting on the Spectrum



#### Creating Self-advocacy and Support Groups

- ASPERation
- PA Sibling Support Network
- Temple Social Xchanges Group
- You, You, You



#### Creating an Autism Friendly Environment

- PA School for the Deaf: Modification of the MCHAT
- Mighty Writers
- Art Reach
- Philadelphia Museum of Art



#### Developing Innovative Programs

- Free Library of Philadelphia: Sensory Story Times
- University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
- Community Autism Network (CAN) Center
- Chit Chat: Exploring Philly's Outdoors & Foods



#### Creative Arts and Recreation Programs

- Walnut Street Theater School Class for Children on the Autism Spectrum
- Promoting Education Enhancing Athletics
- Bowties and Butterflies
- Folk Futurism



### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Additional funding to grow the number and size of seed award projects supports establishing hubs of information and resources for individuals with autism and their families in Philadelphia. Funding is directed to workshop development, materials, speakers, and technical assistance.



### TO LEARN MORE:

For more information on past and current awardees, please visit [www.phillyautismproject.org/seed](http://www.phillyautismproject.org/seed)

For a map of all awardees, please visit

[www.Phillyautismproject.org/resourcemap](http://www.Phillyautismproject.org/resourcemap)



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