

2021 – 2022 Philadelphia Autism Project Seed Award Review Components

Goal of Seed Awards

The goal of the seed award initiative is to create, sustain and grow support groups, self-advocacy groups and programs in the Philadelphia area, led by individuals on the spectrum, family members and organizations. Seed awards impact underserved and underrepresented populations in the city of Philadelphia by leveraging community leaders, grassroots organizations and existing resources to support mutual engagement.

Criteria

- Program Merit and Strength
 - What do you aim to accomplish with the seed award funding?
 - What is the structure of your program and how will your program be implemented? Please include information about:
 - the structure of the program
 - number and length of group meetings/events
 - frequency of group meetings/events
 - number of individuals you anticipate participating
 - How will you measure success?
- Community Impact
 - How are individuals on the spectrum and/or their families leading or participating in activities?
 - Why is your group or program needed?
 - How do you plan to connect with individuals on the spectrum and their families to engage their participation in your group or program?
 - Describe the population your support group, program or event will serve (such as age, audience, Philadelphia neighborhood location, etc.).
 - Does your project reach historically underrepresented populations? If so, please explain. If not, please identify what would help in order to do so.
- Fiscal Responsibility
 - Please provide a budget breakdown on how you plan to use the funds
 - Other Funding - Provide a list of other contributions and sources of support and matching funds for the project.
- Sustainability
 - What are the long-term plans for your group/program? For example, how will your group/program continue beyond the funding received from the Philadelphia Autism Project? Are there other grant opportunities that you plan to apply for?
 - What is the staff structure and personnel needed to sustain the project? For example, who will be working on this project or helping to plan programs/events? Do you think there are enough people to support ongoing project activities?

Criteria Rubric: Group 1 Applicants (Established Organizations)

<p>Program Merit and Strength</p> <p>30 Points</p>	<p>Strong <i>21 to 30 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear goals and objectives • Clear and strong vision of its long term purpose 	<p>Adequate <i>11 to 20 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate articulation of its goals and objectives • Sense of vision for its long term purpose 	<p>Inconsistent <i>1 to 10 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate articulation of its goals and objectives • Vision for its long-term purpose is not evident
<p>Community Impact</p> <p>30 points</p>	<p>Strong <i>21 to 30 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant is very clear on the community it intends to serve • Detailed information or data about the specific needs of the community of focus • Applicant embraces and pursues authentic engagement with its community through its programming and operations. 	<p>Adequate <i>11 to 20 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant is not very clear on the community it intends to serve. • Limited information or data about the specific needs of the community of focus • Applicant has plans to pursue engagement with its community to some degree, or inconsistently, through its programming and operations. 	<p>Inconsistent <i>1 to 10 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community served was not identified. • No information or data about the specific needs of the community of focus • Applicant has ineffective or inconsistent plans to engage with its community through its programming and operations.
<p>Fiscal Responsibility</p> <p>20 points</p>	<p>Strong <i>13 to 20 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If applicant has received seed funding before, they have made significant progress with funds used • Budget submitted with the application is clear, realistic, and demonstrate consistency 	<p>Adequate <i>7 to 12 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If applicant has received seed funding before, they have made adequate progress with funds used • Budget submitted with application is adequate; some inconsistency between budget 	<p>Inconsistent <i>1 to 6 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If applicant has received seed funding before, they have not made any progress with funds used • Budget submitted with application contain multiple errors, is very inconsistent, lack information and/or demonstrate poor financial management and oversight.
<p>Sustainability</p> <p>20 Points</p>	<p>Strong <i>13 to 20 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff structure and personnel are appropriate for scope of operations. • Applicant has identified continued external funding and connections outside of the seed award to continue the project. 	<p>Adequate <i>7 to 12 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff structure and personnel are not ideal for scope of operations. • Applicant has identified adequate funding or connections outside of the seed award to continue the project. 	<p>Inconsistent <i>1 to 6 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff structure and personnel are not sufficient for scope of operations. • Applicant has not identified any funding or connections outside of the seed award to continue the project.

Criteria Rubric: Group 2 Applicants (Grassroots Programming Initiatives)

<p>Program Merit and Strength</p> <p>30 Points</p>	<p>Strong <i>21 to 30 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed program aligns with objectives Demonstrated effort towards developing a long-term vision 	<p>Adequate <i>11 to 20 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed program somewhat aligns with objectives Sense of vision for its long-term purpose 	<p>Inconsistent <i>1 to 10 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed program does not align with objectives No consideration of a long-term vision
<p>Community Impact</p> <p>30 points</p>	<p>Strong <i>21 to 30 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoughtful consideration of the specific needs of the community or need for the program Applicant embraces and pursues authentic engagement with its community through its programming and operations 	<p>Adequate <i>11 to 20 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited consideration of the specific needs of the community or need for the program Applicant has plans to pursue engagement with its community to some degree, or inconsistently, through its programming and operations. 	<p>Inconsistent <i>1 to 10 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No consideration of the specific needs of the community or need for the program Applicant has ineffective or inconsistent plans to engage with its community through its programming and operations.
<p>Fiscal Responsibility</p> <p>20 points</p>	<p>Strong <i>13 to 20 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If applicant has received seed funding before, they have made significant progress with funds used Budget submitted with the application is clear, realistic, and demonstrate consistency 	<p>Adequate <i>7 to 12 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If applicant has received seed funding before, they have made adequate progress with funds used Budget submitted with application is adequate; some inconsistency between budget 	<p>Inconsistent <i>1 to 6 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If applicant has received seed funding before, they have not made any progress with funds used Budget submitted with application contain multiple errors, is very inconsistent, lack information and/or demonstrate poor financial management and oversight.
<p>Sustainability</p> <p>20 Points</p>	<p>Strong <i>13 to 20 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff structure and personnel are appropriate for scope of operations. 	<p>Adequate <i>7 to 12 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff structure and personnel are not ideal for scope of operations. 	<p>Inconsistent <i>1 to 6 points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff structure and personnel are not sufficient for scope of operations.