



Philadelphia Autism Project Responsive Funding Requests

The Philadelphia Autism Project regularly receives funding requests to address community needs - for example, requests from school districts, or for events and groups that fall outside the seed award funding timeline. Resources are limited and we do our best to offer support - whether through connections, resources, or direct funding (when budget allows).

Below is an overview of how we review and consider incoming requests. This process is iterative and continues to evolve based on community feedback, our partnerships with city entities, and the types of requests we receive.

Process

1. **Initial Review** - When a request is received, we consider:
 - Alignment with the seed award initiative or whether it falls outside its scope.
 - Availability of existing resources or connections that could meet the need.
 - Potential to advance equitable access to resources.
 - Availability of funding.
 - Long-term sustainability of addressing the need.
 - Urgency and feedback from the community.
2. **Funder Review** - If the request meets most of the considerations, we submit it to our city funder for approval. We share requests even if initial review criteria are not met for full awareness of needs.
3. **Follow-up** – A more detailed proposal may be requested (such as project scope, budget, timeline, etc.), alongside project updates and/or brief reports on the funding and its impact.