

Complete Grant Listing 2012

Signature Employment Grants

APSE (Rockville, MD) - To partner with OfficeMax to create a job training model that will allow individuals with significant disabilities to receive the pre-training necessary to close the "skill gap" that has prevented many individuals from successful employment in the past, although they possess amazing potential: \$323,333.00

The Center for Head Injury Services (St. Louis, MO) - To create Destination Desserts, a purpose driven, social enterprise business with two guiding principles: 1) build and grow an exciting business that will bake and deliver mouth watering creations; and 2) provide opportunities for training and employment for people with brain injuries: \$500,000.00

National Disability Institute (Washington, DC) - To facilitate the connection between employer and qualified job seeker with a disability by forming a collaborative employment model in the financial services sector, through the use of applicant training and certification, capacity building, and Vocational Rehabilitation Work-Try-Out and On-The-Job training: \$484,452.00

Community Employment Grants

Alliance Center for Independence (Edison, NJ) - To provide a 12-session program designed to give 40 individuals ages 21 and over the tools to prepare them for meaningful employment: \$25,000.00

Alternatives, Inc. (Raritan, NJ) - To provide job-training and accommodation assistance to people with disabilities in a retail setting: \$40,000.00

The Arc of Union County (Springfield, NJ) - To provide training and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in an ecologically-conscious retail business, selling new and used sports equipment: \$40,000.00

The Cerebral Palsy League, Inc. (Cranford, NJ) - To establish a Vending Management enterprise that will provide healthy vending choices, create employment opportunities for persons with disabilities, and generate revenue: \$50,000.00

Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey (Livingston, NJ) - To support a new Job Developer who will secure vocational opportunities for both high school students and adults: \$31,320.00

Cheshire Home (Florham Park, NJ) - To enable young adults with paralysis to learn to use the computer with adaptive technology, as a tool for employment, education, and independence: \$38,000.00

DAWN Center for Independent Living, Inc. (Denville, NJ) - To become an Employment Network through the Social Security Administration in order to provide tools, resources and services that support meaningful, gainful, inclusive employment for people with disabilities: \$45,000.00

Easter Seals New Jersey (East Brunswick, NJ) - To implement a program that facilitates quality education, leadership, and work opportunities for youth with disabilities to support their exploration and participation in high tech careers: \$40,000.00

University of Minnesota – Institute on Community Integration (Minneapolis, MN) - To work with congregations and faith networks in to develop customized processes that enable and empower faith communities to use the connections and commitment of their members to find and support employment opportunities for their members with disabilities: \$50,000.00

Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled of Metro West, Inc. (West Orange, NJ) - To train beginning students in the Adaptive Yoga and Meditation Teacher Training Program, providing 2010 graduates of the program employment as apprentice teachers, as they continue their training at an advanced level: \$25,000.00

LADACIN Network (Wanamassa, NJ) - To support a Career and Contract Developer who will create meaningful in-house and community employment opportunities for people with disabilities: \$40,000.00

Matheny Medical and Educational Center (Peapack, NJ) - To provide continuing prevocational opportunities for students and adults, including volunteering, and in-house and community vocational opportunities: \$35,000.00

National Multiple Sclerosis Society - GDV Chapter (Philadelphia, PA) - To assist in educating neurologists on the unique employment needs of individuals with multiple sclerosis and how these individuals can remain successfully employed: \$23,350.00

New York Service for the Handicapped (New York, NY) - To continue the 6-week residential summer program for adolescents/young adults with physical disabilities that provides support and training in physical independence, vocational skills and literacy: \$40,000.00

Newark Alliance Inc. (Newark, NJ) - To advance the work of the northern NJ public/private partnership to fund sustainable workforce development for low-skilled workers, including career development for people with disabilities: \$25,000.00

Opportunity Project, Inc. (Millburn, NJ) - To provide work evaluation, work adjustment training, supported employment and long-term follow along for adults with brain injury: \$40,000.00

Pathways for Exceptional Children (Montville, NJ) - To expand Project Win-Win to include a recording studio, new studio facility space, and a school based Project Win-Win program: \$35,000.00

PRIDE Industries (Roseville, CA) - To provide vocational training and employment supports to help people with severe disabilities secure and sustain employment in skilled trades positions: \$25,000.00

Raise Hope Foundation (Verona, NJ) - To train 20 participants with mobility-related disabilities for 14 weeks as preparation for work in the financial industry, including classroom work, job-shadowing, interviewing skills, and placement opportunities: \$30,000.00

Senior Citizens United Community Services, Inc. (Mt. Ephraim, NJ) - To utilize volunteer drivers to provide employment transportation to residents of Camden County who have mobility disabilities, but do not require wheelchair accessible vehicles: \$25,000.00

The Washington Center for Internships & Academic Seminars (Washington, DC) - To offer scholarships to students with disabilities so they can participate in an internship program in the nation's capital that combines classroom learning with real-world experience and training: \$25,000.00

Special Initiative Grants

County of Bergen (Hackensack, NJ) - To provide an opportunity for socialization, recreation, rehabilitative instruction and restorative exercises to stroke survivors: \$15,000.00

ChairScholars Foundation, Inc. (Odessa, FL) - To provide college tuition support to high school seniors with severe physical disabilities from low to moderate income households, residing in the New York Metropolitan area: \$15,000.00

Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation, Inc. (Mountainside, NJ) - To support Camp Chatterbox, which provides a recreational experience that strengthens independence, technological skills for speech generating devices, and self-confidence. Camp Chatterbox is the only overnight week-long camp for kids with augmentative and alternative communication needs: \$1,500.00

City Without Walls (Newark, NJ) - To support a community-based art program for Newark youth with physical disabilities to produce a large-scale mural with a master artist-mentor that will be permanently installed in a highly visible public space: \$15,000.00

Disability Funders Network (Midlothian, VA) - To contribute as a partner to the Hurricane Sandy DFN Emergency Response Grant Fund: \$15,000.00

Disability Funders Network (Midlothian, VA) - To co-host a breakfast in the Congressional Visitors Center during the 22nd anniversary of the signing of the ADA, where Senator Tom Harkin will speak to an audience of leaders from the disability community and key funders in the area of employment and workforce development: \$10,000.00

The Jewish Community Center in Manhattan, Inc. (New York, NY) - To expand the ReelAbilities Film Festival to New Jersey: \$20,000.00

Kean University Foundation, Inc. (Union, NJ) - To provide innovative speech and communication therapy and support services for clients and their caregivers: \$13,000.00

National Multiple Sclerosis Society - NJ Metro Chapter (Oakhurst, NJ) - The mission of the Wellness Center, which is housed at Kessler Institute, is to keep people with MS mentally and physically healthy while working and living independently: \$15,000.00

North Jersey Navigators, Inc. (Bayonne, NJ) - To provide special recreational and competitive adaptive programs that have been specially designed to develop and enhance the mobility skills of children and youth with physical disabilities: \$20,000.00

Push to Walk, A New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation (Riverdale, NJ) - To augment current exercise options for clients through the purchase of a hand cycle and to provide support for Summer Camp 2012: \$15,000.00

The Somerset Foundation, Inc. (Santa Monica, CA) - To develop a feature length dramatic film script, based on interviews and collaboration with pioneering members of the disability community, about the 'Rolling Quads.': \$5,000.00