

Complete Grant Listing 2017

Signature Employment Grants

Autism Alliance of Michigan (Southfield, MI) -To evaluate, develop, and implement a new diversity initiative, (originally piloted via 4 employees with disabilities/autism "FordInclusive"), for hiring individuals with autism in mid-level positions within automotive companies. AAoM has designed an automotive, best practice model to implement across the industry, but requires fidelity testing/implementation, and assessment of outcomes. \$300,000.

Communication Service for the Deaf, Inc. (Austin, TX) -To empower Deaf and hard of hearing job seekers in Texas with the necessary skills to find and succeed in employment, the CSD Works Job Club provides instruction, guidance, and peer support in a virtual (remote) career readiness program delivered in American Sign Language (ASL). \$310,603.

Easter Seals Serving DC \ MD \ VA (Silver Spring, MD) -To launch a nationally scalable, social venture employment service that will match people with disabilities with a wide range of private sector employers. ESSN will partner with supported/customized employment, vocational rehabilitation, training, and transition programs to recruit qualified candidates for its employer customers. \$450,000.

State University of Iowa, Center for Disabilities and Development (Iowa City, IA) -This project will pilot and assess the functionality and cost effectiveness of virtual technology platforms to increase supported employment service capacity and efficiencies in the Midwest; providing real-time information, supports, and services to workers with disabilities, their long-term job coaching staff, and their employers in both rural and urban settings. \$450,000

Community Employment Grants

Abilities Of Northwest Jersey Inc. (Washington, NJ) - Star is a skill training and internship service which will be offered to area high school students and adults with disabilities. \$45,000.

Arc Middlesex County (The) (North Brunswick, NJ) - Our goal is to provide job coaching services to individuals with significant disabilities before graduation, to better prepare them for future meaningful employment opportunities. \$24,000.

Arc of Atlantic County, Inc. (The) (Egg Harbor Township, NJ) -This project will collaborate with employers to provide participants individualized assessment and specialized training to increase labor force participation rates of people with disabilities. \$25,000.

Arc, Ocean County Chapter, Inc. (The) (Lakewood, NJ) -To develop a program to assist individuals with disabilities in their transition from the sheltered workshop environment to integrated competitive employment while providing them with specific training and integrated experiences necessary to allow them to be successful in their transition. \$50,000.

Best Buddies International, Inc. (Miami, FL) - Best Buddies International will hire a program supervisor to launch the Best Buddies Jobs program in New Jersey. \$45,000.

Career Opportunity Development, Inc. (Egg Harbor City, NJ) - To successfully transition consumers into fully integrated community employment, CODI is requesting funding to hire transitional employment specialist/job developer. This individual will assist consumers (one on one) to successfully transition from supported employment/set aside contracts to competitive employment, thus providing opportunities to routinely transition individuals from sheltered to competitive employment. \$50,000.

Cheshire Home (Florham Park, NJ) - This program provides training, utilizing assistive technology, to adults with paralysis or developmental disabilities, The diverse options focus on employment, academic advancement, and computer proficiency. \$25,000.

Community Access Unlimited Inc (Elizabeth, NJ) -Multi-curricula-based employment-readiness programming deliverable to H.S. students (in or out of school setting) and post-H.S. adults to increase employment-readiness and successful, sustainable workforce participation. \$35,000.

County of Hudson - Office of Disability (Jersey City, NJ) -Hudson County's Project SEARCH provides a unique internship opportunity to students with disabilities that will transition into independent adults working in a competitive environment. \$25,000.

G.I. Go Fund, Inc. (The) (Newark, NJ) - To further develop our Employment Center to train veterans with necessary skills and introduce our VetBus to transport veterans to vital governmental and nonprofit providers. \$25,000.

Hudson Community Enterprises (Jersey City, NJ) - The Xerox Digital Career Pathway program utilizing a learn and earn approach will provide work based training in all aspects of digital printing. \$45,000.

Inroads to Opportunities (Roselle, NJ) -To determine vocational readiness and support individuals with disabilities in Trial Work Experiences. \$30,000.

Oaks Integrated Care (Mount Holly, NJ) - Oaks is requesting seed funding to create a supported employment program for individuals with disabilities. \$30,000.

Princeton Child Development Institute (Princeton, NJ) - Funding for one full fiscal year of job training for five adult learners with autism to prepare them for employment opportunities. \$40,000.

Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey (New Brunswick, NJ) - Develop curriculum and implement online training for individuals with disabilities to secure and retain employment based on readily available transit options. \$40,000.

Samost Jewish Family and Children's Service of Southern New Jersey (Cherry Hill, NJ) - Soups and Sweets is a 200 hour culinary training and internship program and catering business for individuals with developmental learning and mental health disabilities. \$40,000.

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Niagara Falls (Niagara, NY) - To conduct a one-year feasibility study to develop a plan to coordinate transportation among 4 partner agencies with the goal of transporting clients to work, using common routes and vehicles within their geographic area in upstate New York. \$50,000.

Special Initiative Grants

Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of the USA (New Egypt, NJ) - Vets Chat and Chew is a program which gives veterans the opportunity to learn how food can help them feel better mentally and physically. \$15,000.

Kean University Foundation (Union, NJ) - Treatment tailored to meet the individual needs of selected clients with aphasia as an alternative to the traditional therapy model. \$10,000.

MarbleJam Kids Inc. (River Edge, NJ) - An inclusive film making camp and prevocational life skills program for children with autism, special needs, and their siblings. \$12,000.

Montclair State University Foundation (Montclair, NJ) - ReelAbilities Montclair is a 3 day film festival that includes screenings, discussions and special events hosted on the campus of Montclair State University. \$20,000.

Muscular Dystrophy Association (Maywood, NJ) - MDA summercamp creates hope for children with muscle disease. Our activities are all inclusive, allowing children to build confidence, nurture independence and forge lifelong friendships. \$20,000.

North Jersey Navigators, Inc. (Bayonne, NJ) - The purpose of this project is to support and expand recreational and competitive adaptive sports for individuals with disabilities. \$8,000.

Overlook Hospital Foundation (Summit, NJ) - Our three-day program is designed to improve the quality of life for stroke survivors and their caregivers for residents of New Jersey. \$15,000.

Push to Walk: A New Jersey Non-profit Corporation (Oakland, NJ) - Kessler Foundation's Client Scholarship Fund grant will enable people living with paralysis to participate in Push to Walk's Exercise Program, despite financial limitations. \$10,000.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum (Summit, NJ) - All hard costs for Phase One of the Accessibility Project-construction, supplies, labor and supplies. \$8,000.

Two River Theatre Company (Red Bank, NJ) - Two River will make the theater more accessible to patrons with cognitive, visual, hearing or physical disabilities and increase community awareness about our accessibility services. \$8,000.

Washington Center for Internship & Academic Seminars (The) Washington, DC) – Kessler Scholarships will help two New Jersey students with disabilities fully participate in a TWC Internship Program and prepare for the transition to the workforce. \$20,000.