Signature Employment Grants

Advocacy Center of Louisiana (New Orleans, LA) - To improve employment outcomes and reduce recidivism rates of formerly incarcerated Louisianans with disabilities, the FAIR project will address the issues of financial capability and lack of connection to community supports. FAIR will use a client-centered approach to provide financial coaching and facilitated connections to accessible and appropriate community services. $425,000.

Anixter Center, Lester and Rosalie (Chicago, IL) - To produce long-term change in healthcare and disability services systems, Anixter Center, education and justice system workforce partners, and hospital systems, with support from The Chicago Community Trust's Disabilities Fund and Chicagoland Healthcare Workforce Collaborative, will implement a demonstration project producing a sustainable, replicable disability/justice-involved inclusion hiring and retention model. $400,000.

ARC of the United States, The (Washington, DC) - To pilot a new pathway to employment for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) by combining an internship program at first responder agencies (fire, police, EMS, etc.) for cadets with I/DD with comprehensive disability awareness training and support for first responders. $175,000.

Cornell University (Ithaca, NY) - To assist 125 veteran students with disabilities at (1) Oswego State University (NY) and East Central Community College (MO) in obtaining full- or part-time employment through Customized Employment and Career Pathways apprenticeships. Implement employment methods meeting the particular needs of female veterans. Promote model replication across each partner’s educational system in Year Two. $350,000.

Community Employment Grants

Advancing Opportunities, Inc. (Ewing, NJ) - To provide support services to college students with disabilities with the goal of increasing post-graduation employment success. $25,000.

BLESSED Ministries, Inc. (Newark, NJ) - To focus on the development of skills related to job searches; assessing one’s own capabilities in order to secure and retain employment. $25,000.

Camden City Garden Club, Inc. (Camden, NJ) - To address Camden's most pressing challenges: academic underachievement, unemployment, financial marginalization among underserved, at-risk youth (14-24) through a hands-on environmental science education/job training initiative. $25,000.

Center for Vocational Rehabilitation, The (Eatontown, NJ) - To provide vocational training, assessment/evaluation services, and placement to people with special needs in a supportive setting. $47,000.
Cheshire Home, (Florham Park, NJ) - To provide individual instruction, utilizing assistive technology, to young adults with paralysis or intellectual challenges, so that they can attain personal enrichment and self-sufficiency. $25,000.

Collier Youth Services, (Wickatunk, NJ) - To provide job education training, including stipends, for young adults with behavioral and emotional challenges who are employed in Collier's JET program during summer 2019. $25,000.

Community Access Unlimited, Inc, (Elizabeth, NJ) - To deliver multi-curricula-based employment-readiness programming to high school students and post-high school adults to increase employment-readiness and successful, sustainable workforce participation. $45,000.

Employment Horizons, Inc. (Cedar Knolls, NJ) - To prepare PWDs to transition from agency-based work/training to Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) using remunerative, community work experiences; then placing them into/supporting them in CIE. $40,000.

Family Resource Associates, Inc, (Shrewsbury, NJ) - To launch unique employability services of Project SEARCH and Customized Employment, gaining a continuum of workforce programs for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities in Monmouth/Ocean counties. $45,000.

Fedcap Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (New York, NY) - To significantly increase the access to work experiences and employment in the community for students with significant disabilities by providing technical assistance and training to educators. $43,000.

Food Bank of South Jersey (Pennsauken, NJ) - To provide warehouse/food packing skills to special needs students as part of a comprehensive job training program. $45,000.

Princeton Child Development Institute (Princeton, NJ) - To fund one full fiscal year of job training for five adult learners with autism to prepare them for employment opportunities. $45,000.

Township of Woodbridge (Woodbridge, NJ) – To develop a comprehensive food services job training and life skills work program to help transition individuals with disabilities into adult life and competitive employment. $45,000.

Special Initiative Grants

Adler Aphasia Center (Maywood, NJ) - To support the activities and ongoing development of the Adler Life Skills program at multiple program sites. $10,000.

Arts Unbound, Inc. (Orange, NJ) - To provide approximately 700 hours of individual coaching to at least twenty artists. $10,000.

Athletes with Disabilities Network Northeast (Wales, PA) - To purchase equipment that will be kept at regional locations: Sitting Volleyball equipment, Archery Equipment, Spinal Cord Kayak Travel and coaching cost. $8,000.

Centra State Medical Center, Inc. (Freehold, NJ) - To offset programming and operating costs, waiving the participant fee for 60 people, so that they may participate free of charge. $12,000.
County of Bergen (Hackensack, NJ) - To offset costs and fund 4 community aphasia groups in Bergen County. $10,000.

MarbleJam Kids (Hackensack, NJ) - To supplement program production costs, program professional instructors including additional staffing required to meet the needs of the campers who participate, Joey Travolta, director, 3 film making professional instructors, film crew, and the support staff including a camp nurse, behaviorist, on call psychologist, and art instructor and additional supplies. $15,000.

Montclair State University Foundation (Montclair, NJ) - To provide or supplement student fees and associated costs of 10 participants with IDD from Bloomfield School District transition program to engage in classes and social activities during the 2018-2019 school year. $10,000.

Montclair State University Foundation (Montclair, NJ) - To support ReelAbilities NJ, which is a critically important disability related film festival and discussion forum as an annual event in Northern, Southern, and Central New Jersey. There is a strong audience participation base that reinforces the value of this program, stimulates meaningful dialogue and action, provides information, changes attitudes and stereotypical notions and increases participation and inclusion of people with disabilities in employment, education and community. $20,000.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. (La Plata, MD) - To provide key support, materials and fishing outings for six programs in New Jersey, while continuing to increase our participant base and provide access to physical and mental health services through fly fishing. $10,000.

Shore Clubhouse A NJ Nonprofit Corporation (Long Branch, NJ) - To develop a business, which would allow members to integrate themselves into the community, gain valuable marketable skills for future employment, and learn self sufficiency. $5,000.

Washington Center for Internships & Academic Seminars, The (Washington, DC) - To provide two partial scholarships for students with disabilities from New Jersey to participate in a TWC Internship Program in the spring 2019 semester. $20,000.