



Frequently Asked Questions 2020 Inclusive Health Innovation Grants¹

This document serves as a companion to the Inclusive Health Innovation Grants RFA. If you have additional questions, please contact inclusivehealth@specialolympics.org.

1. Can organizations outside the U.S. apply for grants?
 - At this time, only U.S.-based organizations are eligible.
2. Can local chapters of national organizations apply for grants?
 - Local chapters may apply; though preference will be given to organizations with national-level influence. National organizations are encouraged to consider how local chapters might be integrated into their proposals, e.g. creating models for replication or development of best practices.
3. Are organizations which already work with Special Olympics eligible to apply?
 - Yes; this includes organizations who have previously received an inclusive health grant.
4. Can Special Olympics Programs apply?
 - These grants are intended for mainstream organizations, thus Special Olympics Programs are not eligible for these grants. We do encourage mainstream organizations to consider partnering with SO Programs where appropriate.
5. What do you mean by 'mainstream' organization?
 - These are organizations in the public health sphere (anything and anyone that has an impact on people's health) whose primary mission is not focused on people with disabilities. Examples of mainstream organizations include: YMCA, United Way, American Public Health Association (APHA), American Academy of

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Pediatrics (AAP), and universities and medical schools. Please contact us if you have any questions about your eligibility.

6. When will we find out if our application is funded?

- In most cases we expect to notify applicants of our decision in late December 2019.

7. How will our proposal be evaluated?

- Each proposal will be evaluated on its own merits by a Special Olympics technical evaluation committee. To ensure your proposal is accurately evaluated, be sure to carefully read the entire RFA and submit your application using the template provided. The program description is the most important part of the application. The strongest applications will be those that:
 - i. have a well-developed concept to expand on existing or develop new meaningful inclusion efforts to include people with ID in existing health programs and services;
 - ii. clearly articulate project objectives, outcomes, and deliverables;
 - iii. develop models, case studies, or other resources to be shared with other organizations, including through the Center for Inclusive Health website (inclusivehealthcenter.org).

8. Is funding for these grants guaranteed?

- Funding is contingent upon availability of funds. These grants are made possible with the support of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We anticipate funding up to 10 proposals.

9. Will the resources/work developed under our grant be featured on the Center for Inclusive Health website?

- Yes. One of the key goals of this grant is to develop resources and models of inclusive practices that other organizations can replicate. This information would live on the Center for Inclusive Health, which is envisioned as one-stop-shop for all resources related to inclusive health. Visit the website to familiarize yourself with the content: inclusivehealthcenter.org