



PADSA

Pacific Alliance
On Disability
Self Advocacy

2016 Mini-Grants

What are the mini-grants?

A mini grant is a small grant, usually between \$250 and \$2,000, given to a state self-advocacy group so that the group can do a specific project.

How can groups apply for a mini-grant?

Self-advocacy groups who want to apply for a mini-grant should go here: http://pacific-alliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/mini_grant_app_v1.pdf and download an application. The application will include detailed and accessible, easy to understand instructions.

Groups will need to explain:

- What their project idea is;
- How this project will help their organization grow and expand
- How much the project will cost, and what the money will be used for;
- Who will work on the project;
- How long the project will take;
- How we will know if the project worked.

The Pacific Alliance will provide support as needed to groups at all stages of the application process. That might mean help figuring out what a group needs, coming up with a project idea, breaking the project idea down into steps, finding resources, or actually filling out the application.

For support with the application process email Kit Mead at KMead@autisticadvocacy.org. Kit can help you with all steps of the application process. This includes brainstorming!

How will the mini-grants be decided?

The Pacific Alliance will look at a few different things when we decide if an application qualifies for a mini-grant.

- Are all of the application questions answered in enough detail?
- Do we think this project will work?
- How will this project make the organization stronger in the long term?
- How does this project strengthen self-advocacy in the project's state?
- Does this project match with the state's plan for self-advocacy?

What happens if my group gets a mini-grant?

Once a group gets a mini-grant, they will receive technical assistance in putting in place their grant plan. They will get this from both Trena Wade, PADSA consultant, and Kit Mead, ASAN's Technical Assistance Coordinator.

Mini Grants Projects in the Past

In the past, mini grant projects included:

- 12 motivational disability self-advocacy trainings on a variety of topics;
- The distribution of books on autism and neurodiversity to local libraries to foster autism acceptance;
- Disability self-advocacy workshops and trainings at a local college and the formation of a student group on campus;
- A project to video-record the stories of various self-advocates;
- A project that prepared and distributed emergency preparedness materials
- The funding of a statewide board meeting for a self-advocacy group, along with the location of board members.

Applications are due April 21, and decisions on mini-grant applications will be made at the very end of April.

The Pacific Alliance on Disability Self Advocacy is a project of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network.