ASHA State Grants

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Why Does ASHA Award State Grants?

Funding to support:
- Efforts to maintain licensure
- Protect scope of practice
- Support existing programs
- Advocacy for support or opposition to a legislative or regulatory effort
- Innovative ideas
History of ASHA State Grants

- As early as 1999 ASHA began to offer grants to state associations
- Grants were awarded under ASHA Priorities, Focused Initiatives and Strategic Pathway
- **Priority Grants**
  - Grants were initially awarded for professional-consumer advocacy
  - Awards to parent/consumer groups or professional organizations
  - Simple one-page application
- **Focused Initiative Grants**
  - Awarded for state lobbying, testimony by ASHA leadership and coalition building
  - Awarded to implement ASHA workload, IDEA, and salary supplement initiatives
  - Application and project budget form required

Current ASHA State Grants

- **Strategic Pathway**
  - Since 2008, state association grants have been awarded under ASHA Strategic Pathway to Excellence
  - Grants of up to $12,000 (as of 2016) per state have been awarded
  - Requirements include an application and resource allocation form
  - End of year grant and budget report
  - New in 2016: ASHA’s Reimbursement and Personnel grants have merged into one grant.

ASHA Grants Timeline

- 2016 Grants have already been awarded. The next grant cycle will begin in February 2017.
- February 2017: Applications submitted
- March 2017: Awarded notified
- December 2017: Grant and budget report due
ASHA State Association Grants
http://www.asha.org/Advocacy/stateleaders/StateAssocGrants/

Application Process

Due to differing grant award procedures by the 2016 calendar year, some examples for which these grants can be utilized include addressing issues such as professional liability, reimbursement, and other state-specific needs. Please visit the ASHA website for specific information on how to apply for funds for each state association.

Number of grants will vary based on the number of applications submitted. ASHA requires separate applications for each state association's needs.

Application Process:
February 15, 2016
Deadline to submit application
March 11, 2016
Award letters sent to state association president
March 15, 2016
Submit grant agreement
December 31, 2016
Fiscal Year Report and Budget Report

ASHA State Grants: Proposal and Resource Allocation Form
http://www.asha.org/Form/State-Grant-Proposal-and-Resource-Allocation/

2016 ASHA State Grant Awardees
2016 Grant Awardees

- **Arkansas**: Create a guide on the roles and responsibilities of school-based SLPs that is approved by the Department of Education; Host town hall meetings statewide to share the guide with SLPs and present on how to advocate for the profession.
- **California**: Create videos to address advocacy, awareness, and advancement of the professions.
- **Colorado**: Lobbyist funding to assist with sunset review for the SLP certification law.
- **Maine**: Lobbyist and consultant funding to address issues impacting the professions including Child Development Services provider rules and reimbursement rates.
- **Montana**: Lobbyist funding to address dramatic increased licensure fees.
- **Nebraska**: Lobbyist funding to educate legislators and membership on legislative issues impacting the professions including Medicaid reimbursement and expansion, insurance coverage of cochlear impacts, and defining habilitation.
- **Nevada**: Compile data on the shortage of SLPs in Nevada; Establish support for the creation of a master’s SLP program in Nevada.
- **New Mexico**: Develop web-based video and training on SLPA policies, guidelines, and supervision; Pilot regional meetings for SLPs and SLPA’s to explore issues of relevance on how to support working with SLPA’s.
- **Oregon**: Produce videos on the work of SLPs and audiologists in different work settings.
- **Vermont**: Lobbyist funding to address licensure transition issues from the Agency of Education to the Office of Professional Regulation.
- **Virginia**: Develop and implement trainings on cerumen management, advocacy, and SLPA supervision.
- **Wisconsin**: Supporting a movement towards comprehensive licensure.
Previous innovative awardees

- Develop mentoring program for SLP students and school-based SLPs (WV)
- Establish network to collaborate among all CAA training programs and develop materials to recruit high school students (PA)
- Develop multicultural Advisory Council to create guidelines for professionals working in CLD populations (OK)
- Develop training modules to increase knowledge, skills and competencies of SLPAs working in schools; coordinate web-based training with Education Service Centers (TX)
- Develop videos on the professions for posting on website and social media networks (CA)

- Develop program with Dept. of ED to provide online training for SLPs who supervised SLPAs (IL)
- Introduce and pass legislation to permit CFs to bill Medicaid (GA)
- Establish Minority Student Leadership Program (NM)
- Develop PSAs to increase awareness of audiology and SLP services for consumers, legislators and other stakeholders (MS)
- Produce podcast addressing the shortages of audiologists and SLPs and the use of SLPAs in the state (OR)

ASHA Student Advocacy Grants

- Student advocacy grants assist in funding activities designed to increase student involvement in your state association's advocacy events.
- We encourage you to think of creative and innovative ways to engage students by educating them on current legislative issues that affect the professions of audiology, speech-language pathology, and those we serve.
- Student advocacy grants can create a valid alternative with measurable results to increase student participation in advocacy and, potentially, membership in your state association.
ASHA Student Advocacy Grants Timeline

- 2015-2016 Grants have already been awarded. The next grant cycle will begin in September 2016.
- September 2016: Applications submitted
- October 2016: Awardees notified
- September 2017: Grant and budget report due within 60 days of event

2016 ASHA Student Advocacy Grant Awardees

- Arkansas
- Delaware
- Hawaii
- Iowa
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- New Mexico
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