Grant Program

What?

The Allen Speiser Fund offers an annual grant program through the Central New York Community Foundation that promotes the placement and retention of employees with disabilities in the workforce.

The fund provides grants to agencies addressing job placement and retention through:

- **Training for auxiliary personnel** - training or technical assistance for professionals, employers, or other individuals who provide workplace oriented services to individuals with disabilities.
- **Equipment and assistive technology** - any items or pieces of equipment that will be used to enhance functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities in the workplace.
- **Materials for building and enhancing job readiness** – materials that professionals or employers can use to enhance the employability skills of individuals with disabilities.
- **Work supports promoting job accommodation** - may include assistance preparing for work, getting to and from work, meeting personal needs in the workplace, and performing job functions.

Who?

Eligibility is limited to 501(c)/(3) nonprofit, human service organizations that **serve people with disabilities** in Onondaga, Madison, Oswego, Cortland and Cayuga Counties.

How?

The application process is simple and quick. **The deadline for applications is March 6, 2020.**

Grant requests should generally not exceed $2,000. However, collaborative and/or innovative projects may exceed a $2,000 request. Awarding of Allen Speiser Memorial Fund grants in no way affects an organization’s application for the Community Foundation’s community grants program.

Email applications to [dgill@cnycf.org](mailto:dgill@cnycf.org).

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