



Allen Speiser Memorial Fund

for Vocational Rehabilitation

Grant Program

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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.

In the past, the fund provided 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.

This year, a single grant will be provided to support the development and delivery of a forum to the larger community to address employment issues for the disabled community. Collaborating entities/consortia may apply and creativity is encouraged.

Who?

Eligibility is open to 501(c)(3) nonprofit, human service organizations that *serve people with disabilities* in Onondaga, Madison, Oswego, Cortland and Cayuga Counties. Also this year, consideration will be given to governmental departments, educational departments and student service offices.

How?

Interested entities should submit *electronically* a two page letter specifying:

- Background information demonstrating ability to provide forum
- The forum proposed with issue and audience addressed
- Participating consortia, if any
- Timeline
- Costs, including any match
- Other supporting information

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2018; the grant will be awarded and the awardee will be notified by March 31, 2018 for program delivery by December 31, 2018.

Grant requests should generally not exceed **\$4,000**. Awarding of Allen Speiser Memorial Fund grants in no way affects an organization's application for the Community Foundation's community grants program.

Please feel free to share this RFP with other agencies, departments or groups who you feel might be interested.

Email questions and applications to dgill@cnycf.org.



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