



Rose Douglas Policy

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Intent: Rose Douglas was an educator who had a son with an intellectual disability. During his lifetime, there were only a few programs to assist him, and they were very important to the Douglas Family. Recognizing the services and enrichments for the benefit of persons with intellectual disabilities were limited, Rose left a significant endowment bequest to support not only the programs which had assisted her son, but to develop and enhance services to improve safety, health, housing, education, recreation, and the overall enjoyment of life for persons with intellectual disabilities.

Service Area: Limited by donor intent to Josephine County.

Definition: For purposes of these grants, in 2014 FWCF, in concurrence with a Department of Justice ruling, defined “intellectual disability” as follows:

Significantly below average general intellectual functioning defined as intelligence quotients (IQs) under 70 as measured by a qualified professional, and existing concurrently with significant impairment in adaptive behavior manifested during the developmental period prior to age 18. Individuals of borderline intelligence, IQs 70-75, may be considered to have intellectual disability if there is also significant impairment of adaptive behavior as diagnosed and measured by a qualified professional. Grantees are not expected to be involved in any measurements or evaluations. This guideline is to **describe** the population to be served by this program. Examples of developmental disabilities include but are not limited to autism, behavior disorders, brain injury, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and fetal alcohol syndrome.

If an organization does not have the benefit of testing to determine whether its clientele meet the definition of intellectual disability, FWCF will, in its discretion, consider what other evidence the organization might submit, on a case-by-case basis, and make a determination whether the organization otherwise likely meets the objectives of the Rose Douglas Fund.

Many worthy programs include the intellectually disabled in their provision of services. However, this funding is limited to programs which **significantly** affect or serve this population, are specialized to the needs of this population, or provide particular high-quality training in how to meet the needs of this population in the context of other essential services. Having some

intellectually disabled persons within a broad client base is not adequate to qualify for this funding program.

Organizations whose mission has not historically served or focused on this population are encouraged to apply if a specific program is developed to serve this population.

Proposals NOT applicable: While FWCF strongly supports inclusion, accommodations for physical disabilities, without accompanying mental disabilities, are not eligible for this funding.

Deadline: March 1

Application Procedure: Rose Douglas Grants may be operational, programmatic, or capital. They are generally limited to \$10,000, with occasional exceptions. To apply, organizations submit a proposal responding to the following questions:

1. Describe how your organization works with, reaches out to, and aligns with families of the intellectually disabled and groups that serve the intellectually disabled. How will persons with intellectual disabilities and their caregivers learn about your program?
2. Explain how the services offered with these funds will benefit the intellectually disabled population.
3. Describe how the need for this project or program was determined.
4. Provide evidence of the degree of community support for this project or program.
5. Indicate how many intellectually disabled individuals your project will serve.
6. Detail how the project's progress will be monitored and the results evaluated.