Rural
Unserved & Underserved Populations
Grants Program

APRIL Annual Conference
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Session Overview

• Introduction to the Reeve Foundation’s National Paralysis Resource Center
• Rural Unserved & Underserved Populations Grants Program
• Other Reeve Foundation Grant Opportunities
• Questions
A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.”

– Christopher Reeve
Introduction to the Reeve Foundation

Dual Mission: Today’s Care. Tomorrow’s Cure
We are dedicated to curing spinal cord injury by advancing innovative research and improving quality of life for individuals and families impacted by paralysis.
Definition of Paralysis

The Reeve Foundation uses a functional definition of paralysis:

Difficulty and/or inability to use arms and/or legs due to neurological conditions including (but not limited to) spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, stroke, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, ALS, post-polio syndrome, etc.
Once you choose hope, anything’s possible.”
—CHRISTOPHER REEVE

National Paralysis Resource Center

With partnership from the Administration for Community Living, the Paralysis Resource Center (PRC) provides much-needed free educational information, programs, emotional support and individualized assistance to Americans living with paralysis, along with their caregivers, families and medical professionals.
Snapshot of Impact

Information Specialists
117,000+ families have received one-on-one assistance in 170 languages

Reeve Summit:
Where Care, Cure and Community Connect
Annual summit with a spectrum of care and cure topics designed for the community and professionals

1st call made when loved one is diagnosed with paralysis

Virtual Community
3M+ users visit ChristopherReeve.org and social media channels annually

Quality of Life Grants
$37 million+ awarded to over 3,550 non-profit programs in all 50 states

Paralysis Resource Guide
225,000+ copies distributed to the Reeve Foundation’s community

Military and Veterans Program
Supports the unique needs of service men and women regardless of when they served or how they were injured

Health-Related Materials
250,000+ pageviews, video views and downloads of educational content annually

Peer & Family Support Program
20,000+ people have received support from 500+ certified peer mentors who are also living with paralysis
Free Materials & Resources

Books

Wallet Cards

Fact Sheets

Publications
Rural Disability Resources

People with disabilities who live in rural areas often face an additional array of challenges to getting the care and supports they need such as transportation issues, less access to specialists, and lack of employment opportunities.

AgrAbility or National AgrAbility Project
http://www.agrability.org/
Breaking New Ground Resource Center
Purdue University
ABE Bldg., 225 South University Street
West Lafayette IN 47907-2003
Phone: 800-625-4264
Email: agrability@agrability.org
AgrAbility provides resources for farmers, agricultural workers and others who live in rural areas. They also conduct onsite assessments to identify barriers both in the agricultural workplace and the home. They recommend appropriate assistive technology, modified work practices and other solutions. They arrange for peer support opportunities that connect clients with others who have successfully accommodated their disabilities.
See their Toolbox (Assistive Technology Database) at www.agrability.org/toolbox

Arizona Center for Rural Health
http://cfrh.arizona.edu/
Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health
1295 N. Martin Ave., P.O. Box 245163
Tucson, Arizona 85724
Phone: 520-626-5823

Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL)
http://www.april-rural.org/
11324 Arcade Drive, Suite 9
Little Rock, AR 72212
Phone: 501-753-3400
APRIL is a national membership organization dedicated to advancing the rights and responsibilities of people with disabilities in rural America.
Native American Disability Resources

Native American Disability and Health Resources

American Academy of Pediatrics: Native American Child Health
http://www2.aap.org/nach/
Committee on Native American Child Health
American Academy of Pediatrics
345 Park Blvd.
Itasca, IL 60143
Phone: 847-434-4000
Toll-free: 800-433-0016
E-mail: indianhealth@aap.org

The Committee on Native American Child Health (CONACH) develops policies and programs that improve the health of Native American children. The CONACH also conducts pediatric consultation visits to Indian Health Service (IHS) and tribal health facilities and works to strengthen ties with tribes throughout the United States.

American Indian Library Association (AILA)
Undocumented Immigrant Resources

There were 10.7 million unauthorized immigrants living in the U.S. in 2016. For decades, the United States has struggled to deal with the health care needs of its undocumented immigrants mainly through emergency room care and community health centers.

Despite the success of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) millions remain uninsured. Undocumented immigrants were excluded from ACA provisions and comprise the largest segment of this group. This factsheet will connect you with some health, legal, and educational resources and services that are available to undocumented individuals with disabilities living in the U.S.


Health Resources:

http://www.undocumentedpatients.org/
Hastings Center’s Undocumented Patients: Undocumented Immigrants and Access to Health Care
21 Malcolm Gordon Rd.
Garrison, NY 10524
Through this research project, The Hastings Center is exploring the consequences of excluding undocumented immigrants and migrants from obtaining health insurance under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and the continuing exclusion of this population from Medicaid coverage and most other entitlement programs.

Kaiser Family Foundation: Resources on Immigrants and Health Care Coverage

New England Journal of Medicine article “Stuck between Health and Immigration Reform—Care for Undocumented Immigrants”. 7/24/13
Gives an overview of which US health care services are available to undocumented immigrants.
What We’ve Learned

• Rural Communities are STRONG
• Rural Communities are RESILIENT
• Rural Communities have the ability to gather around a purpose and solve problems
Rural Inequities

Rural Americas experiences many inequities compared to the nation as a whole:

- Housing
- Transportation
- Access to Healthcare
- Limited Healthy Food Options
- Lack of Access to Broadband and Other Technology
- Historical Trauma
Rural Communities and Environmental Challenges

• Hazardous materials often end up in remote areas where the land is cheap
• Environments impacts and dangers of rural industries (mining and farming)
Rural Communities and Health

• Chronic diseases
  • Hearth disease
  • Obesity
  • Diabetes
• Health Insurance
The Intersection of Rural Communities and Disability

- Rural Americans represent a higher proportion of people with a disability
  - 17.1% of rural Americans report a disabling condition compared with 11.7% of urban-dwelling Americans
- Higher rates of disability persist across gender, race, impairment type, and all age groups
- Veterans and people in poverty living in rural areas report higher rates of disability than those in urban areas
Why We Created This Program

• Rural Communities are STRONG
• Rural Communities are RESILIENT
• Rural Communities have the ability to gather around a purpose and solve problems
Aim of the New Grants Program

- Fund projects that explicitly benefit people living with paralysis in unserved and underserved rural communities.
- Projects will focus on promoting accessibility and participation in rural communities.
- Grants are up to $40,000
- 18-month project period
Potential Projects

- Transportation
  - Providing access to safe and affordable transportation options
  - Providing accessible driver’s education/training programs

- Assistive Technology and Durable Medical Equipment
  - Short-term AT Equipment Loan Programs
    - Ramps
    - Broadband internet
  - AT Demonstration Centers
Potential Projects Continued

• Health
  o Rural Community Health Centers or Veterans Hospitals
  o Care Coordination
  o Telehealth
• Agriculture and access to healthy foods
• Employment and education
• Peer and Family Support Groups
Quality of Life Grants Program

The Quality of Life Grants Program impacts and empowers people living with paralysis, their families and caregivers by providing grants to nonprofit organizations whose projects and initiatives foster inclusion, involvement and community engagement, while promoting health and wellness for those affected by paralysis in all 50 states and U.S. territories.
Quality of Life Tiered Grants Structure

Direct Effect (Tier 1)
- Tier 1 - Up to $25,000 (must be completed within 12 months)
  - Open-Focus
  - Examples of previously funded programs:
    - Sports wheelchairs for wheelchair basketball team; adapted glider in a community playground; kayak for a rowing program; hydraulic lift at a pool; electronic door openers at a community pool; workshop education on sex and sexuality with a spinal injury; wheelchair accessible picnic table at a county fairground; camp programs; support groups, etc.

Priority Impact (Tiers 2, 3, & 4)
- Tier 2 - $30,000 (must be completed within 12 months)
  - Respite/Caregiving
  - Assistive Technology
  - Covid-19 Addressing Social Isolation
    - Tier 3 - $40,000 (must be completed within 18 months)
      - Nursing Home Transition
      - Racial Equity
      - Rural Underserved and Unserved Populations
        - Tier 4 - $50,000 (must be completed within 24 months)
          - Employment

Expanded Impact (Tier 5)
- Tier 5 - Grants of $100,000 (must be completed within 24 months)
  For previously awarded Quality of Life grantees whose programs and/or projects have achieved demonstrable, successful impact.
The Grant Cycle

September 1, 2022
Cycle Opened

October 13, 2022
Proposals Due

External Review
October 17th
November 3rd

Internal Review
November 17th
December 4th
# Direct Effect – Examples of Funded Projects

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Types of Direct Effect (Tier 1) Projects Funded

- Sports wheelchairs for a wheelchair basketball team
- Adapted glider in a community playground
- Kayak for a rowing program
- Accessible gym equipment
- Hydraulic lift at a pool
- Electronic door openers at a community center
- Workshop education series on sex and sexuality with a spinal cord injury
- Wheelchair accessible picnic table at a county fairground
- Program for preventing abuse in adaptive sports
- Camp programs
- Subsidized lessons for therapeutic riding
- Transportation costs for an inclusive afterschool program
- Support groups
The Priority Impact Grant Tiers (Tiers 2, 3, & 4) offer three increasing levels of grant funding. Priority Impact grants fund priority issues for individuals living with paralysis. Grantee organizations will demonstrate capacity to implement the grant without intensive technical assistance and capacity building, as well as demonstrate capacity for program development, evaluation and sustainability.
Tier 2 – Grants of up to $30,000. (Grants must be completed within 12 months.)

- Respite/Caregiving
- Assistive Technology
- COVID-19: Addressing Social Isolation
Priority Impact Tier 3

**Tier 3** – Grants of up to $40,000. (Grants must be completed within 18 months)
- Nursing Home Transition
- Racial Equity
- Rural Underserved and Unserved Populations
Priority Impact Tier 4

**Tier 4** – Grants of up to $50,000. (Grants must be completed within **24 months**)
- Employment
Feedback

In adherence with federal OMB requirements we are unable to comment on denied applications or provide programmatic direction to organizations applying for Quality of Life grants, as giving feedback/direction would be providing unfair advantage over other applicants.
Thank You

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