

A Voice Discovered  
Grant Giving Guidelines  
Organization Grant  
(Updated January 2017)

## Grant Giving Policy

- AVD may grant up to \$3,000 per year for organizations who meet the qualifications for grant funding as long as funds are available.
- Grants will be provided on a first come first serve basis.
- If an organization uses the \$3,000 before the end of the fiscal year, A Voice Discovered and the organization may discuss holding a fundraiser to raise funds to specifically benefit that organization's AAC program.
- At the end of each fiscal year, the board will re-evaluate the amount of money to be granted to organizations as well as the total grant amount for the year based on the amount of money raised each year from donors and fundraising as well as feedback from grantees.
- For 2017, AVD has allocated \$3,000 for organizational grants. If AVD gives \$3000 in grants and still has applicants, those applicants will be notified and their applications will be reviewed at the first meeting in the next fiscal year.

## Organization Grant Giving Qualifications

- The organization must fill out the grant application and email an electronic copy to the grant committee ([grants@avoicediscovered.com](mailto:grants@avoicediscovered.com)) or mail a paper copy to:  
A Voice Discovered  
Attn: Grant Committee  
PO Box 7389  
Ventura, CA  
93006
- The organization must provide services to and/or work with people with complex communication needs in some capacity.

- The purpose of the organization's grant request must align with the mission of A Voice Discovered.
  - The purpose of the organization's project should include ways to enhance the programs offered to people with complex communication needs who use and/or are in need of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC).
  - The purpose of the organization's project should include ways to improve the knowledge of staff members and quality of services provided to people with complex communication needs who use and/or need augmentative and alternative communication (AAC).
  - The organization's project should also include ways to involve the families/caregivers of the people using AAC including providing families with information about AAC and how it is being implemented at the program/facility.
- The organization must have a licensed Speech and Language Pathologist with AAC experience on staff or serving as a consultant to provide AAC assessments, therapy and/or training for staff members and family members. Services provided must follow evidence-based practice.
  - If the organization does not have an SLP with AAC experience, then A Voice Discovered can provide names of local SLPs with AAC experience who can help provide training and consultation services.

## Feedback and Follow-ups

- The grantee or the person who filled out the initial grant application will be asked to provide AVD with follow-up information about the progress toward their project goals and how the grant money is being used.
- The grantee or the person who filled out the initial grant application will also be asked to complete a feedback form 6 months after services have been completed regarding the grant process.