

## ***The Becker Family Trust Impact and Innovation Grants Program***

The Trustees and Advisors of the Becker Family Trust invite you to respond to this request for a proposal. They wish to make \$1,000,000 in grants to agencies serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism. They will distribute four grants of \$200,000 and ten grants of \$20,000. Trust grant geographical criteria is the Commonwealth of Massachusetts only or a region therein.

The trustees and advisors, who will make decisions at their discretion, are:

- Alex Moschella, trustee, senior counsel at Colucci, Colucci, Marcus & Flavin, Woburn
- Cynthia Haddad, Sibling and Financial Advisor with Special Needs Financial Planning, a specialty practice to Shepherd Financial Partners
- Elin Howe, consultant, former Commissioner of DD Services in Massachusetts and New York

The Arc of Massachusetts will provide support to the grant program team through the Becker Center on Advocacy.

### **About the Becker Family**

Dan and Angela Becker became involved with The Arc after their son Michael, who had Down syndrome, was born in 1965. As parents, Dan and Angela served as role models and were ahead of their time. They believed that no one should be left behind and made sure Mike was involved in the community. They also were exceptional volunteers and served on the boards of Greater Boston Arc and The Arc of Massachusetts. Dan was a particularly active force on the Government Affairs Committee, the DDS Metro Region Advisory Board and the Family to Family Steering Committee. As committed advocates, they worked to ensure that parents' voices were heard. In 2014 The Arc of Massachusetts dedicated the Center for Advocacy in honor of the Becker family's decades of advocacy.

Dan and Angela worked hard to make sure that Mike would have a good life long after they had passed away. When he predeceased them, their legacy became a gift for our entire community. In this spirit, the Becker Family Trust will advance innovative programs that promote lifelong community supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### **The Impact-Innovation Grants**

Up to \$1,000,000 in grants will be awarded in March 2018. Projects and programs should demonstrate high impact with innovative features. The focus areas to be considered may include:

1. Social inclusion
2. Self determination
3. Employment
4. Assistive Technology
5. Supported/Shared living

Particular attention will be paid to projects which include individuals with: complex medical conditions; autism; or aging individuals or their caregivers. Applicants are encouraged to consider leveraging public and private resources and inclusive housing environments.

Grant decisions will be heavily influenced by sustainability, as documented in the grant application.

Distribution of funds: The Becker Family Trust will distribute the four major grants over a two-year period, with most of the funds being distributed within one year of the decision. During the first year of the grant, status reports are required every four months and distributions will be timed to coincide with the receipt of satisfactory reports. The trustee retains the right to explore an agency's progress further and withhold funds if the grantee's progress does *not* substantially meet expectations. A total of \$10,000 will be held for a satisfactory final grant report at the end of year two.

### ***Proposal Instructions for the Major Impact and Innovation Grants***

The trustee and advisors want your narrative and budget to be clear and succinct. The size limit for both together is five pages (Becker Trust Grants Cover Page and addendum items including your audit are not part of the application package size.)

The required submission package by email or Dropbox should include:

1. Becker Trust Grants Cover Page
2. Narrative that identifies the following:
  - a. the need you are addressing
  - b. goals and objectives for that need
  - c. activities to support goals and objectives and the timetable
  - d. explicitly note any community participation, including collaborators who are not DD service providers or diversity outreach
  - e. staff who will lead the project and their qualifications
  - f. criteria by which success will be determined for your agency and for external parties, including the trustees
3. Project budget and explanation of funds utilization
4. Plan for sustaining or leveraging the project
5. Addendum:
  - a. We need documentation of financial stability through an e-copy of the audit from the most recent completed fiscal year (2017 preferred)
  - b. List of board members
  - c. Current year operating budget summary, only if it is a significantly different amount than the audit being submitted
  - d. IRS nonprofit determination letter

### ***Instructions for the \$20,000 Grants***

The trust will distribute ten (10) smaller grants of \$20,000 each. These proposals should be no longer than two pages on one of the focus areas. The smaller grants require a half-year update and the trust will hold \$1,000 until receipt of a satisfactory year-end report.

The following should be included but will not be part of the page count:

1. Becker Trust Grants Cover page
2. One page budget and explanation
3. Addendum items
  - a. agency audit
  - b. board list

**To Apply**

Please email applications to [arcmass@arcmass.org](mailto:arcmass@arcmass.org). If you are using Dropbox, use [daley@arcmass.org](mailto:daley@arcmass.org) as the contact email. Grant proposals are due on December 6 - no exceptions. Grant Awards will be announced in March at a public event.

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***Cover Summary***

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. EIN \_\_\_\_\_

3. Grant Focus Area \_\_\_\_\_

4. Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Amount Requested: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Project Budget: \$\_\_\_\_\_

7. Project mission or main goal \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Proposal Summary

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9. Total number of individuals that your project will impact: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I certify these funds do not supplant other resources.

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**Signature and Printed Name of Chief Executive Officer**

***Please*** review and adhere to the announcement and instructions.

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