

TO HELP FAMILIES LIVING WITH AUTISM

CVF Direct Help Program:

PLEASE NOTE: Applications will be available and accepted until available funds are given out. Applications will be kept eligible until the end of the year. A family can only receive help one time per year.

Only 2011 applications that are complete and legible with all required documentation included will be considered. We cannot accept phone calls asking if applications have been received. As soon as the process is complete we will contact you by mail whether you have been approved or not.

This program is intended ONLY for parents/legal guardians in DIRE financial need.

Please email questions to info@carlosvieirafoundation.org

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I know if my child qualifies for help from the Carlos Vieira Foundation?

A: Your child must meet all three basic criteria to apply:

1. Birth to age 18
2. Reside in Merced or Stanislaus County in California
3. Diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or a note from your child's physician stating that further testing is recommended.

Q: How much money can I request?

A: The maximum amount we can award per child is \$500 per year.

Q: How do I apply for assistance from the Carlos Vieira Foundation for my child?

A: First, review the three basic criteria. If you meet these, then you must complete a **GRANT APPLICATION**. You must attach a letter from your child's physician that confirms your child's diagnosis. You must provide a copy of your most recent tax return for each parent or guardian or combined. If you were not required to file a tax return, other proof of income is required.

Q: Are grant funds paid directly to families?

A: At no time are funds transferred to families. All grants awarded are paid directly to the vendor or service provider to pay for tuition, supplements/medication, medical evaluation, learning materials, testing, therapies, etc. When filling out the grant application you must be VERY specific on the items needed, where to buy them, cost for each item. If money is needed for medical related bills then you must provide the billing information and amount.

Q: I've sent my application in. How long until I know if my application has been approved?

A: **ONLY APPROVED GRANT RECIPIENTS WILL BE CONTACTED BY CVF.** If you wish to confirm receipt of your application, request a return receipt from the postal company. Approved grant distribution will normally be given out within 30 days of receiving an application.

Q.: Can I fax or email my grant application?

A.: No, all applications must be sent by mail.

Q.: Where do I mail my grant application?

A.: Your application must be mailed to the Atwater, CA address shown on the application.

Q.: How can I confirm that my application has been received?

A.: When you mail your application, request delivery confirmation or a return receipt from the post office.

Q: I have health insurance. Can I still apply for assistance?

A: Yes.

Q: I'm not sure if this request falls within the grant guidelines. Should I still send in an application?

A: If your request is for something other than NESSECITIES for your child with autism, it does not fall within the grant guidelines. Those questionable necessities will be determined by the CVF board members.

Q: We have so many medical bills, we're having trouble paying the rent/electric/water/telephone bills. Can CVF help pay these types of bills?

A: The guidelines of this grant do not allow payment for anything other than bills or materials that are directly related to your child with autism. All awarded grants will be paid directly to the vendor or service provider and only used to pay for tuition, supplements/medication, medical evaluation, learning materials, testing, therapies, etc.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER:

The Carlos Vieira Foundation is not responsible for any injury or accident (including any injury caused by negligence) that may occur with any of the awarded items associated with this Direct Grant program. The person(s) applying for this Direct Grant must assume full and complete responsibility for the proper use of said awarded items.

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