



## GRANT GIVING GUIDELINES

The mission of the Freedom of Mobility Foundation is to promote the independence of all disabled individuals including children with disabilities through effective and affordable transportation opportunities education, support and advocacy.

The organization gives funding priority to projects in transportation, but will also give consideration to funding requests that further the goals of improving independent living and quality of life of the target populations.

### The Freedom of Mobility Foundation will award grants for:

- Pilot projects for demonstration and research
- Direct support through established community-based programs
- Communication and education activities
- Policy analysis and program development

### The Freedom of Mobility Foundation will not fund:

- Foundations or other entities that are not recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- General Operating Expenses
- Capital costs or endowments
- Direct support of individuals
- Lobbying of any kind
- Political campaigns
- Religious organizations, except to the extent that the funded program is essentially secular
- Conferences, symposia or speaker fees, except to the extent that they are a necessary component and minor of the principal grant

## Key Award Criteria

The Freedom of Mobility Foundation seeks grant opportunities that meet the following criteria:

- **IMPACT**  
Projects that serve a wide segment of a target population that have previously not been served.
- **LEVERAGE**  
Projects that build partnerships or generate matching funds or resources.
- **INNOVATION**

Pilot Projects that propose new and efficient approaches to specific problems within the target populations.

- **MANAGEMENT AND PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY**  
Proof of management, and financial oversight capacity, qualifications of program staff, composition of governing board, history of service delivery and clearly stated outcomes with concrete, measurable program objectives.
- **COMMUNITY**  
Building and inclusion of diverse community clientele.

### **Application Process**

Qualifying organizations interested in receiving funds from the Freedom of Mobility Foundation should submit a Letter of Inquiry. The Letter of Inquiry will be reviewed to determine whether the program meets the giving guidelines and funding focus of the Foundation.

All organizations will be notified within 90 days as to the status of their request. If the program is considered priority funding, the Foundation will invite the organization to complete a grant application. A representative from the Foundation will be responsible for evaluating the request and submitting a funding recommendation to the Board of Directors for a final funding decision.