

Grant Recipient: Allofus Together Foundation Inc.

Program Name: Awareness For Autism Program (the “Program”)

City Funding Request: \$76,181

Contract/Grant Term: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

Any substantial change to this FY 2024-2025 City Grant Proposal Term Sheet (the “Term Sheet”) or the attached Program budget will require City Council approval.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

At the *ALLOFUS TOGETHER FOUNDATION* we believe that every individual deserves to be understood and supported, especially those affected by autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Our mission is to foster autism awareness and acceptance within underserved communities where access to resources and support can be limited. Our purpose is rooted in the belief that every child, regardless of socioeconomic status, deserves the opportunity to thrive and receive the support they need to navigate the challenges associated with autism. We are dedicated to creating a more inclusive environment for individuals with autism and their families by providing education, advocacy, and community connection.

Autism affects individuals from all backgrounds, yet those in underserved communities often face unique challenges. Limited access to information, services, and support can lead to misconceptions and stigma surrounding autism. At the *ALLOFUS TOGETHER FOUNDATION* we recognize the importance of tailored outreach efforts that resonate with diverse cultural contexts, ensuring that every voice is heard.

PROGRAM SCOPE OF WORK:

ALLOFUS TOGETHER FOUNDATION is committed to promoting autism awareness and support in underserved communities. Our Program focuses on educating individuals, empowering families, and fostering community connections to ensure that everyone affected by autism has access to the resources and understanding they need to thrive.

Program Goals and Objectives

1. Increase Autism Awareness:

- **Objective:** Develop and deliver educational workshops and materials that inform community members about autism, its characteristics, and the importance of acceptance.
- **Activities:** Host quarterly workshops in local schools, community centers, and online platforms, targeting families, educators, and healthcare providers.

2. Provide Access to Resources:

- **Objective:** Create and distribute resource kits that include information on autism, local services, and coping strategies for families.
- **Activities:** Develop comprehensive resource kits and establish an online resource hub to make information easily accessible.

3. Empower Families:

- **Objective:** Establish support groups for families of individuals with autism, providing a platform for sharing experiences and resources.
- **Activities:** Facilitate bi-weekly support group meetings led by trained facilitators, ensuring a safe space for discussion and connection.

4. **Strengthening Community Networks:**

- **Objective:** Partner with local organizations, schools, and healthcare providers to build a collaborative network focused on autism support.
- **Activities:** Organize community outreach events, health fairs, and collaborative workshops that connect families to available resources and services.

5. **Advocacy and Policy Engagement:**

- **Objective:** Advocate for policies that support individuals with autism, ensuring their needs are prioritized in local decision-making.
- **Activities:** Engage with local policymakers, conduct community forums, and mobilize community members to raise awareness and push for necessary changes.

6. **Cultural Competency Training:**

- **Objective:** Equip community leaders and service providers with the skills to provide culturally responsive support to individuals with autism.
- **Activities:** Develop and deliver training sessions that focus on understanding the unique challenges faced by diverse communities.

Evaluation and Assessment

To measure the success of our Program, we will implement a comprehensive evaluation plan that includes:

- **Surveys and Feedback:** Collect feedback from workshop participants, support group members, and resource kit recipients to assess the effectiveness of our programs.
- **Attendance Tracking:** Monitor attendance at workshops, support groups, and community events to gauge community engagement.
- **Impact Assessments:** Conduct follow-up assessments to measure changes in community awareness and attitudes towards autism.

PROGRAM IMPACT & REPORTING:

Anticipated Impact

1. **Increased Awareness and Understanding:**

- By delivering educational workshops and outreach programs, we expect to significantly enhance community awareness of autism. Participants will gain a better understanding of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), reducing stigma and fostering acceptance.
- We anticipate a measurable increase in knowledge about autism symptoms, communication strategies, and available resources among workshop attendees.

2. **Enhanced Access to Resources:**

- Through the distribution of resource kits and the creation of an online resource hub, we aim to provide families with vital information that can lead to improved access to services.
- Families will be better equipped to navigate educational and healthcare systems, leading to increased utilization of available resources.

3. **Stronger Family Support Networks:**

- Our support groups will create a sense of community for families, helping them feel less isolated.
- We expect that participation in these groups will lead to enhanced coping strategies, increased confidence in advocacy, and improved mental well-being for parents and caregivers.

4. **Community Engagement and Collaboration:**

- By partnering with local organizations, schools, and healthcare providers, we aim to foster a collaborative network dedicated to autism support.
- This collaboration is expected to lead to a more integrated approach to addressing the needs of individuals with autism in the community.

5. **Advocacy and Policy Change:**

- Our advocacy efforts will focus on influencing local policies to better support individuals with autism.
- We aim to see increased awareness of autism issues among local policymakers and a commitment to enacting policies that benefit those in our communities.

Measurement and Evaluation

To effectively measure the impact of our Program, we will implement a comprehensive evaluation framework that includes both qualitative and quantitative methods:

1. Surveys and Pre/Post Assessments:

- Participants in workshops and training sessions will complete surveys before and after to assess changes in knowledge and attitudes about autism.
- Support group participants will provide feedback on their experiences, the effectiveness of the group, and any changes in their coping strategies.

2. Attendance and Participation Metrics:

- We will track attendance at workshops, support groups, and outreach events to gauge community engagement and interest.
- Metrics will include the number of participants, demographics, and retention rates in support groups.

3. Resource Utilization Monitoring:

- We will assess the distribution and impact of resource kits by collecting data on how families use the information provided and any resulting changes in their access to services.
- Online resource hub analytics will track user engagement, including page views and downloads of materials.

4. Community Feedback:

- Regular feedback will be requested from community partners, participants, and stakeholders to evaluate the effectiveness of our programs and identify areas for improvement.

5. Advocacy Outcomes:

- We will monitor engagement with local policymakers and track any changes in policies or practices related to autism support as a result of our advocacy efforts.

Reporting Commitment

ALLOFUS TOGETHER FOUNDATION is committed to transparent reporting and accountability. We will provide:

- **Regular Impact Reports:** Biannual reports will be shared with stakeholders, detailing program activities, participant outcomes, and community impact.
- **Community Meetings:** We will hold community forums to present findings, gather feedback, and discuss future initiatives.
- **Annual Review:** An annual impact report will summarize key achievements, challenges, and lessons learned, ensuring that our programs are continuously improved and aligned with community needs.

PAYMENT TERMS:

Budget by deliverables and units of service.

Deliverables

Deliverable 1: Due March 31, 2025- **\$19,989.00**

1. Surveys, Pre/Post Assessments, Media and Marketing:

- Collect Surveys and interest surveys; identify areas of need
- Recruit participants (Enrollment Forms, Flyers, Social Media, Marketing)

Deliverable 2: Due September 30, 2025- **\$20,000**

1. Workshops and Program Completion

- Post evaluation surveys
- End of Year Report

Units of Service

	Number of Sessions	Unit of Service	Total
Workshops	9	\$1,344.00	\$12,096
Group Sessions	9	\$1,344.00	\$12,096
Events	6	\$2,000.00	\$12,000
			\$36,192