



Limited Submissions

Sponsor: Craig H. Neilsen Foundation
Program: Creating Opportunity & Independence (CO&I) Project Grants

Estimated Award Amount: \$100,000
JHU Nomination Limit: 1
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Deadlines:

Internal Application: December 1, 2020
Letter of Intent: January 11, 2021
Invited Full Application: April 23, 2021

Opportunity Summary:

In support of the Neilsen Foundation's mission, CO&I grants support innovative programs/projects that improve participation and independence for individuals living with spinal cord injuries (SCIs), and address critical areas of need in rehabilitation, transitional stages, and in the community. CO&I grant support includes, but is not limited to, access to assistive technology, rehabilitation programs and clinical equipment, transportation, vocational programs, initiatives in education, and patient assistance programs. The Neilsen Foundation is interested in projects that have broad impact, affect people across the lifespan, demonstrate community partnerships and empower individuals with SCI by providing options and opportunities to achieve greater independence. Areas of focus include: arts, sports and recreation, assistive technology, education, employment, independent living, and rehabilitation.

Eligibility & Requirements:

- The Neilsen Foundation prioritizes novelty of approach and programs/projects that are likely to exert a sustained, powerful influence on quality of life for individuals living with SCI.
- Applicants must clearly address the needs of people living with SCI and must include the projected numbers of individuals to be served. **The Neilsen Foundation's primary area of focus is on traumatic and chronic SCI.**
- Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate meaningful community partnerships so that duplication of services can be avoided. Demonstration of shared community resources is also encouraged.
- Applicants should address sustainability beyond Neilsen Foundation funding, including future staff salaries, equipment, maintenance and other necessary costs.
- Clear project evaluation measures (beyond simply citing how many persons are served) are required.
- Any request of \$50,000 or more must describe other funding sources that have been secured or are pending for the same program/project. Requests of \$75,000 or more should be highly innovative projects, serve a large SCI population and/or provide compelling justification based on unmet need.

Internal Nomination Process:

Interested applicants should complete their application at the following link:

<https://jhu.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1825881>. Requirements are listed below.

1. Proposal (maximum of two pages of text only, single spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins) Note: figures, tables, and other reference material may be included in addition to the 2 pg. text limit
2. Biosketch of investigator, including current external research support and publications

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