



The Allstate Foundation Education and Job Training Direct Assistance Fund

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are children of domestic violence survivors eligible to receive a grant from the Education and Job Training Direct Assistance Fund?

A: Funding for this grant program is designated for adult domestic violence survivors only. Unfortunately, children of domestic violence survivors are not eligible to receive funding from this grant program. Please note that domestic violence survivors who need assistance with temporary child care to attend school, to look for employment, or to attend work are eligible to apply for assistance from this grant program.

Q: Can an eligible organization submit more than one application on behalf of survivors throughout the year?

A: Yes, eligible organizations can submit no more than 15 applications from 15 different domestic violence survivors within one calendar year. Please note that if you submit more than one application on behalf of a survivor this will count against your 15 organization application limitation.

Q: Can eligible organizations submit multiple applications on behalf of one survivor in one year?

A: Eligible organizations can only submit two applications for the same domestic violence survivors within one calendar year.

Q: Are there any deadlines for submission?

A: Applications will only be accepted during specific funding cycles. Funding cycles for 2010 will start March 1st, June 1st, and October 1st. Applications will be accepted and reviewed by the National Network to End Domestic Violence, Inc. (NNEDV) Economic Justice team on a first come first serve basis. Once all available funding is distributed, the fund will be closed until the next cycle. Applications will not be placed on a waiting list between funding cycles.

Q: On the application form, whose contact information do we need to include within the application?

A: The specific contact information of the eligible organization is required to complete the application. Please do not include the domestic violence survivor's contact information.

Q: Does NNEDV want the audited financial statement of the applying organization or the survivor?

A: NNEDV would like the summary of the audited financial statement of the organization who is submitting the application. For example if the domestic violence shelter applies on behalf of the survivor, then their audited financial statement must be submitted. Please note that your audited financial statement may not be more than two years old.

Q: Is the audited financial statement required with every application?

A: Yes, an audited financial statement must accompany every application that is submitted, even if you are submitting multiple applications or have applied for the fund in the past. Any application received without an audited financial statement will be considered incomplete and will not be processed. Please note that your audited financial statement may not be more than two years old.

Q: How long does the review process take?

A: The NNEDV Economic Justice Team will work as quickly as possible to complete this process in a timely manner.

Q: What are the next steps in the application funding process once we have submitted an application?

A: A member of the NNEDV Economic Justice Team will contact the applicant organization to confirm the final funding decision. If the application has been granted, an award letter, check, and confirmation form will be mailed out to the applying organization. If the application is not funded, the organization will receive a non-award letter. It is important for applicant organizations to understand that submitting an application does not guarantee funding. All applications must be reviewed by the NNEDV Economic Justice Team to determine if all eligibility criteria have been met. Please be sure to communicate this to all domestic violence survivor applicants you are working with.

Q: What information will I need to gather in advance to complete the application process?

A: You will need to provide the following information: the name of program; your organization's EIN nonprofit number; name of a contact person and contact information; name of the program's executive director; the survivor's alias; amount requested for the survivor; detailed description of the survivor's situation and needs; detailed description of efforts your agency has made to secure funds from other resources; budget with cost estimates illustrating how this funding will be applied for the survivor's education or professional needs; description of your agency's mission and services you provide to victims of domestic violence; and a summary/copy of the organization's most recent audited financial statement.

Q: What are the review criteria?

A: Applications will be granted or denied based on:

- ✓ Need;
- ✓ Lack of resources to fulfill the request elsewhere; and
- ✓ Impact on the survivor's life should the request be granted.

FINDING ELLIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP SURVIVORS

Q: How can I find a domestic violence shelter/program in my community?

A: The National Domestic Violence Hotline can connect you with a domestic violence shelter/program in your community. The hotline is open 24 hours a day seven days a week. You can reach the hotline by calling **1-800-799-7233**. You can also reach a local domestic violence shelter/program in your community by contacting a domestic violence coalition in your state.

Q: How can I reach the domestic violence coalition in my state?

A: The contact information for domestic violence coalitions across the country is available on our website, www.nnedv.org. You can quickly find this information on the website by clicking on the "State Coalition" link.

Q: What is a domestic violence coalition?

A: A domestic violence coalition is a statewide nonprofit organization committed to ending domestic violence by promoting social change through public policy advocacy. The coalition provides domestic violence shelters with training and technical assistance that coordinates community responses to domestic violence and systems-based advocacy within the legal, healthcare, homeless and social services communities. It also provides information and referral services.

Q: How can I find a culturally specific domestic violence organization?

A: Please use the contact information below to identify culturally specific domestic violence organizations in your community. Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community (877)-643-8222; Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence (415)954-9988; Alianza: National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence (800)342-9908.