**Autism Society of Northern Virginia (ASNV)**

**Intervention Assistance Fund (IA Fund)**

**Intervention Assistance Funds will be used exclusively towards mini-grants for lifespan services for individuals of any age with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Families may apply for a mini-grant to cover autism-related out-of-pocket costs.**

**Examples of covered services include:**

* Therapies (ABA, Music, Speech, OT, PT, AI, Behavioral, Hippo, Social Skills, etc.)
* Biomedical interventions (doctor fees, lab fees, prescriptions, or nutritional supplements)
* Sensory integration
* Assistive Technology
* Adaptive or Safety Equipment
* Initial diagnosis from a medical professional
* Summer camps
* Respite Care
* Training workshops/conference (Registration fees only)
* Psychological evaluations for VA State waiver applications

**The mini-grant application is a two-step process:**

* 1. First, the recipient must complete the online, needs-based screening application at bit.ly/Minigrant. Applications are open during May and November each year and are due June 1st and December 1st.
	2. After the screening application due date, recipients will be notified by ASNV whether they have been selected to move to the second round. At this time, applications that are selected to move on to the second round must provide documentation for the information they submitted in their screening application. For example, proof of diagnosis, proof of income, receipts, and invoices. Recipients who are selected to move on to the second round will have one month to submit the required documentation; documentation is due July 1st and January 1st.

**Families may request funding for recent past costs (reimbursement) *or* costs that they expect to incur in the next 6 months. If you are applying for reimbursement, see the chart below for cutoff dates.**

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| **REIMBURSEMENT CUTOFF DATES** |
| **For applications that are due:** | **You may request reimbursement for costs that you PAID:** |
| December 1  | Apr 1– Sep 30  |
| June 1 | Oct 1–Mar 31 |

**Application Deadlines:**

**December 1st and June 1st**

Applications are submitted online

Go to bit.ly/Minigrant to complete your application

**Requirements:**

1. The recipient of the mini-grant funding must be either 1) an individual diagnosed with an ASD 2) a parent or legal guardian of an individual who has been diagnosed with an ASD 3) an individual seeking an initial diagnosis or 4) a parent or legal guardian of an individual seeking an initial diagnosis.
2. The individual applicant (person using the autism services) must reside in ASNV’s service area, which includes **"the counties of Arlington, Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford and Warren, and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas and Manassas Park."**
3. The grant requested must not otherwise be covered by the family’s insurance, Medicaid, IFSP grant, or state waiver.
4. Individuals who progress to the 2nd round of the application process will be required to provide proof of payment/service or information required to make direct payment to 3rd party.
5. Individuals will be required to provide proof of diagnosis or information pertaining to upcoming diagnostic screening.

***All applications must be received online on or before 11:59pm on the deadline date to be reviewed for that cycle.*** Due to the number of applications typically received, they will not be reviewed until the week following the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The total amount of applications and the reserve in the IA Fund will determine the amount of the mini-grants awarded each cycle. ***There is a semi-annual maximum request of $1500. There is a $6000 annual award cap and a $20,000 lifetime award cap per family beginning in January 2011.***