Request for Proposals: Death with Dignity Fund for State Technical Support

March 1, 2017

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Death with Dignity Fund for State Technical Support seeks to support nonprofit organizations around the United States conducting organizing and campaigning efforts for Death with Dignity policy reform at the state level.

This request for proposals aims to establish a mini-grant process to fund infrastructure and capacity building for new or nascent organizations attempting to enact assisted dying statutes in their states.

ABOUT THE FUND

In the early days of the assisted dying movement, the Death with Dignity National Center launched and ran one state campaign at a time. As our movement has matured, a momentum has built to sustain multiple campaigns at once. To be successful, the energy for these campaigns must come from the individual states.

The purpose of the Death with Dignity Fund for State Technical Support, a new program of the Death with Dignity National Center, is to spur the development of independent, statewide advocacy groups working to promote Death with Dignity policy reform at the state level.

In 2017, the Fund will support up to 8 organizations with individual infrastructure project grants ranging from $500 to $2,000.

CRITERIA FOR PROPOSALS

The Fund will review submissions based on the following criteria:
• Does the proposal address strategic issues related to political action and end-of-life policy reform, including Death with Dignity?
• Does the project focus on the applicant's need for infrastructure or capacity development or a new program related to Death with Dignity? (Examples include but are not limited to: building a website, printing organizational materials, developing a program to grow the number of organizational constituents, hiring a fundraising consultant to develop a fundraising plan, and board development activities.)
• Does the proposal include a proposed or approved organizational budget?
• Does the proposal include a project budget and an explanation of how the project will be funded if the grant award is less than 100% of costs?

ELIGIBILITY

Nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation or groups of individuals who are supported by such nonprofit organizations as fiscal sponsors are eligible to apply. At least one representative of such an organization or group must have attended or viewed all four webinars produced and broadcast as part of the National Center's Technical Assistance Program webinars by the time of proposal submission.

FORMAT

• No more than 1,000 typed words to include
  • an organizational description (including history, principal staff, and strategic goals), and
  • project overview (including goals and objectives, action steps, timeline, budget, staffing, and evaluation criteria)
• PDF file
• Documents to include:
  • copy of IRS determination letter (or that of the fiscal sponsor organization's)
  • letter of support from organization's board of directors (or that of the fiscal sponsor organization's)

TIMELINE

Proposals are due on Monday, April 10, 2017 and may be submitted by

• email to psandeen@deathwithdignity.org; or
• ground mail postmarked no later than April 10, 2017, to

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  Death with Dignity National Center
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  Portland, OR 97204

Awards will be announced on Friday, April 28, 2017.

REPORT

All grant recipients will be required to submit a written report within 30 days of the project completion.