GCDD Announces New NoFA/RFP for Virtual Advocacy Days Event Planner

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>> Good morning, we are about to begin the applicants conference. I just want to welcome everyone here. First, we would like to tell you my name is Lisa Eaves. I'm the operations and contracts director for the Georgia council on developmental disabilities. I'm going to walk you through the process and tell you about GCDD and tell you how to participate in the grant if you qualify.

Also cohosting is Alyssa Lee who is our public policy and development director at the council.

She will take part in the conference.

I'll begin by sharing my screen.

We will soon get started. Oops. Can everybody see the cover slide?

>> Yes.

>> I'm getting the thumbs up.

I'm going to close this out of my way.

So next we'll review our agenda for today.

Again, I just gave you a brief welcome but I'm going to do a little more of an overview from 11:to 11:15.

We have our overview of DD suit and technical portion. We also have our advocacy days event planner and program requirements that will be done by Alyssa. We will also have a question and answer

period. Just in case you don't have a long memory, you are invited to share your questions in the chat box they still won't be answered until the end of the presentation. The entire presentation we ask that you remain on mute until we open for questions and answers. We will first we view the questions in the chat box and open it if anyone would like to verbally ask a question. This is our agenda for today. I hope it won't take this long but I allowed enough time, hopefully to keep us on track from 11:00 to 12:13. When we will in person we go until 2:00 because everyone stays around and talk to me for an extra 30 minutes. I don't think that should probably happen today. We might be ahead of schedule. Okay, let's get started.

I'm not sure if you are new to GCDD or well‑acquainted. I'll go over the information.

The mission of the Georgia council on developmental disabilities is to bring social and policy changes that promote for families and persons with disabilities to live, work, play, and worship in Georgia communities. So, we do this through a three-pronged approach. We are acting to change the community again for persons with developmental disabilities. We do that through public policies analysis and research we do that through project implementation and funding. We have funding available for people to help us obtain our mission and then we do it through public information and advocacy. That's kind of who we are.

I wanted to go over how we are structured.

Because it's not too many organizes structured as we are. We are a part of the federal government by vert you of the developmental disabilities act.

They provide all our funding. Well, most of our funding and governance comes from the federal government, the administration on community living and developmental disabilities, so, we have to follow the rules and guidelines in our structure.

Again, it's set by the federal government. There are 55 other councils. One for each state and territory. We sever as it Georgia council.

Our members are appointed by the governor, so, that's going to our relationship with the state of Georgia. Both of these entities have some responsibility over it.

Our members are appointed by the governor of Georgia. They are 60 % persons with developmental disabilities or their families.

The other 40 % are made up of policymakers and representatives of various organizes that sever people with developmental disabilities.

We have two entities the federal and state government who we are responsible to.

Primary, we are responsible to the department of behavioral health and attached to behavioral health and developmental disabilities known as DBHDD for all of our administration needs. We have two entities we work under the federal government and the state of Georgia. GCDD has a council.

We have a staff of 12 members. All of our projects and work are through our five year plan which we develop and strategically plan every five years and implement projects according to the plan.

If you would like more information about GCDD and it's plan head to GCDD. Org. We also have those who help to implement our goals. After you receive funding you report to us. The federal government work to change the trajectory for persons with developmental disabilities in the state of Georgia. That's our job and our role. Again, we will move on with a bit more. We have who we are and what we do and how we work. DD suit is a program designed to help collect, monitor. Outcome data.

It's a web‑based program that's found at DDsuit. Org. It lives in the cloud I assume.

That's technical language I don't know anything about it. I know you can get to any anywhere.

I have been in the car and got on DD suit.

It can be done electronic lessor paperless.

We don't receive any paper applications at all.

Everything must be done through DD suit.

It's internal and external and improves teamwork to look at reports at the same time and ask questions and we don't have to depend on the mail to get them to us.

It offers fiscal reporting and linkage . We are able to take our fiscal reports into our accounting system pretty seamlessly. I'll ask Gabby if she would share her screen showing DD suit.

>> Here we go okay, when you go to DD suit. Org you will notice the home page. You will have grant seekers and grant makers. You are a grant seeker. I'm a grant maker. As a grant seeker you are going to, you might have been here already but just in case. I wanted you to be aware of how to get to the grant.

I wanted to show you how to do that.

The councils throughout the United States who are offering grant opportunities are lifted on the left‑hand side.

You will see the Georgia council first.

Then you will see the Massachusetts council, Nebraska, and Ohio.

Obviously, we are the Georgia council so you will click on the Georgia council.

If you would do that, yes.

You will see what we have available.

We have available the virtual events planner.

If you would like to view details and apply you hit that button.

Let's view details, Gabby.

So, on this very first sheet you will see all of the important information you need to know.

Stay right there.

You have the number of the grant 21 PFS 10.

You have the title of the grant, virtual advocacy day event planner.

You have the date the grant opportunity was posted.

October 5, 2020.

The application are due October 23, 2020.

The start date of the grant when work will begin is December 1, 2020.

The ending date of the grant, the last day you will do work and good eat paid for is April 30th, 2021. The amount of the grant is $35,000 from the council.

The match for the grant is $8,757.

Poverty match is zero.

The regular match is 8750.

I'll talk more about that later.

The main things you need to know is on the top banner.

A few more details, I'm reading from the schedule of events.

Scroll up just a bit.

Thank you.

So what we have here is again, it was posted on October 5th, today is October 13th and we are having our zoom meeting applicants conference.

On October 16th, that's the deadline for written questions.

Three days from now you can ask any question you have about the grant.

I will go into more detail about that in a little bit on how you ask questions.

Also, October 16th, which is fry.

You have to request any request for accommodations.

Again, it has to be in writing.

I'll talk more about that as well.

On October 20th, all answers to written questions will be posted on the GCDD website which is GCDD. Org.

Basically, we don't answer the questions individually to you.

We publicly answer all questions, so everyone benefits from the answers at one time.

All questions are compiled and all questions are answered and all questions and answers are posted to our website. We do little if any direct talking we only respond through e‑mail or website.

This one we have the applications are due on the 23.

It's by 11:59:00 p. m.

DD suit date stamps everything.

If it's 11:59.

It will say 10/23/20 at 10:53 p. m.

If you hit it on October 24.

It will tell us.

That means you are late.

You missed the cutoff.

That's just a little friendly tip.

Whatever the computer says or DD suit said when the application was received is when the application was received.

All right, we have an application review by myself.

The applications and contracts director on October 26th through the 28th.

I'll make sure they have all of the information asked for and you actually qualified for the grant and anyone that's not qualified will not go onto it next steps in the process. We'll talk more about what makes you qualified a bit later.

During the week of November 9th they will interview finalist. We will likely interview you on zoom. It's also called oral presentations. That will take place the week of November 9th through the 13th. We will post the notice of intent on our website.

We will post the grant recipient they have a few more things to do.

That will take place do we know the 17th and 20th.

We will have our contract negotiations make changes to the grant as needed.

The work plan and the timeline in the performance measures and then, from the 23 through the 25th we will sign the contract and on December 11th the work will begin.

That's basically our timeline we are working with.

If you scroll up a little more.

So, we have section 1. 3.

So, I spoke about written questions a little earlier and all questions about this must be submitted in the following format.

The organize and individual names.

If it were me asking the question I'd say Lisa Eaves at the top.

Question number one, I would say I have a question about section 2. 0.

Then state your question so I can go to the section and best answer your question, so I know what you are referring to. You can have one question or two questions or three questions.

I will say most of the questions should be answered during this conference or if you read the entire notebook for yourself. If you actually read it most of your questions should be answered if you happen to have another one you are welcome to ask it in this format.

All questions must be directed to [Lisa. eaves@GCDD. com](mailto:Lisa.eaves@GCDD.com). If it’s bouncing back it's Eaves and not Evans.

Pay attention to the EA and not the EV.

I promise I get all of my e‑mails.

So, they can only be sent to me.

You are not allowed to contact or call the staff or even call me for any questions about the grant process whatsoever.

Only written questions through e‑mail will be excepted.

Approximate of okay, so, that's basically all ‑‑ I'll point out a few.

If we can go to the top in the top left, it's probably not doing it on ours because we all ray did ‑‑ I wanted to point out the help tab to you.

Can you put your cursor on the help tab, Gabby.

This is an important tab if you get stuck on how to apply or any technical issues it will answer most of your questions.

It can be admitted.

Gabby, have you stopped sharing.

Can you all see the DD suit screen?

Where it says DDsuit. Org?

>> Yes.

>> We just finished that page.

I'll go over a few more things.

As stated, everything must be done by going to this website.

If you are--if you have if you have this before.

If not.

You must create an account before you can apply to the grant.

Let me explain this just a little bit. You will join your organize you are affiliated with or individual you are a user within Georgia advocacy office or whatever your organize that might exist. What I don't want you to do is to join GCDD. When it says join an organize that doesn't mean join my organize. I already have 11 lovely staff people that have joined my organize. So, do not join DCDD when you ask to join GCDD I’ll reply decline. Don't take it personal but you can't be apart of our organize. You have to creator join your own organize. I'm emphasizing that because that's the place where most people get tripped upright from the beginning. They start to apply and go to join CGDD and they get confused from there. It you will hit the help tab and join your own organize.

Once you created your username.

The first step is listing the graphic data of your organize starting with the project director, the financial director and organize director.

Basically, those three entities have to be filled in even if you are all three of them.

If you are a part of a larger organize.

Please you might be the project director.

Your ‑‑ your financial officer might be your authority.

In the case of just an individual sole Proprietor or LLC you might be all three.

In most nonprofit government, schools, provider, you have three different entities that you will need to complete.

I give a description here, I think I verbally said all of that.

I'll skip to the next slide.

Next is to project outline.

The project outline has four sections.

Executive summery, qualifications, detailed narrative, and accomplishments.

So, each of them has a character limit.

Everybody has the same character limit.

We don't receive novels.

The character limit is actually that.

It's not a word limit but character liniment every letter and punctuation is a character.

You might want to create your summery in word.

Do a word count that's a word future.

You can go into word and see how many words you have by doing a word count.

When you have it all like you want and 2,500 characters or less.

Then you can copy and paste that into DD suit.

That's a recommendation.

If you type more than 2,500 characters it will not show.

It'd will cutoff at 2,500 characters.

If you had a great sentence summarizing how wonderful you are we missed it if it's over 2,500 characters.

Be mindful of the character limit.

You will notice on the detailed narrative it's 10,000 characters.

Believe me, that's more than enough to explain.

The executive summery is just what it said.

It describes your ability to implement the project.

Tell us how you are the best organize or individual to complete the project.

The detailed narrative goes into much more specifics.

Accomplishments.

What are the major accomplishments of the project and how will it impact people with developmental disabilities.

I'll skip there.

The next section is the project work plan.

In the plan you have a goal.

You have a federal area of emphasis.

You have any collaborators you are working with.

You have to grant type abdomen kind to of activity.

As a note, this entire presentation will be uploaded on our website.

So, you will have access to review it if I'm explaining it too fast.

I just wanted you to know what you will actually be seeing once you go into the DD suit. We will have deadlines for each activity.

Once you get into it you will see it more.

We expect a pretty wholesome objective.

This is your objective.

This is the activity that will accomplish that obelisk injective.

This is the staff and when we'll get it done.

All of this is called the work plan.

Your budget and work plan need to talk to each other. So, your budget, basically, it's assigning numbers to what you said you would do in your work plan.

When we had in person advocacy days you would travel to the capital and other places more frequently. The categories of the budget remain the same. Supplies and publications, space occupancy other direct costs and indirect costs. I need to give a note about indirect costs. All indirect costs should be matching funds for the project. Indebt costs are basically expenses occurred by the organize of project ‑‑ that doesn't say anything what it's suppose to say. I'll edit that. I think we skipped align somewhere. Indirect activity are overhead. Overhead, things not directly for this project but for your organizes overhead. And in rare cases with the university we have a negotiated. We ask that you use your overhead cost. I'll give you a few application tips. The application can be completed in stages. You can start in DD suit. The only tip is to hit save every time you go to exit DD sedimented you will end upstarting over each time. Budget, budget amounts should be entered by line item in the funding. There will be a funding column. That's the $35,000 received from GCDD. You will have another column called the match column. That's your cash or contributions to the project.

We spoke about some of the contributions with your organize overhead. If you contribute crash to the project. If you contribute volunteers to the project but you would like to calculate the volunteers hours and put that as your match you are welcome to do that also. I'm just reminding you there are two columns. A $35,000 column which is labeled funding. It's only labeled funding. That means, funding you will receive from GCDD. The other column is labeled match. That's the 8750 you put in each category and total the 8750. The. It could be less than that. It can't be over that. We prefer it's those numbers we have given you. No one wants less money, do that. Try the total to 8,508,750 in match.

We spoke about this use the help tap‑in the top right in DD suit. When you finally are ready to submit your application. You will save it, save it, save it you finally have it ready to go you will be asked to validate and submit your application. If you don't hilt submit no matter what is in there, I wouldn't see it. The submit sends it to my desktop. If you don't hit submit, no matter what you filled out, it won't be seen.

I hope those tips are helpful to everyone. Okay, we'll talk about more detail. I'll make this fast. I explained the operations and contracts director will screen the applications first. We are only determining if the application is eligible for council funds. We are only looking at if the budget is within the funding off‑limits and includes the required match. We will look to see that all the forms on the attached checklist are submitted with the application. I'll talk more about that in the future.

Okay, for those who are wondering can you tell me if my application was received in kindly, no. DD suit will issue a receipt, a reply, acknowledging receipt of your application. Once you hit submit it will tell you your application has been received. I will not respond that your application has been received. However, if you fall auto of the process because you are ineligible, you turned in something late, did be the turn in something we needed or not eligible as an organize or nonprofit or something like that, then, I'll send you a notification stating that you were ineligible.

After I review, if you are not going, not eligible for the process I'll let you know. I wouldn't acknowledge receipt of your application. DD suit acknowledging receipt. I only seasoned notification if you are ineligible to compete.

Next, as I stated the council chairperson will appoint a selection committee. They will meet twice within the 30 day period. We spoke about when they would be meet. Those days are outlined in the schedule. We have a criteria with a maximum of 1,000 points. There is a scoring sheet. If the response is exceptional you will receive the full points. If it's not an acceptable response you will receive no points for that response be. There will be about 10 things we are looking at. Each one is evaluated with the maximum points you can get. Half the maximum points or zero points based on an exceptional outstanding response, acceptable response, or a poor response. I just use not acceptable. We spoke about oral presentations. GCDD reserves the right to invite applicants to present their solution. You are requested to present it among the finalist and that will take place on November 9th through the 13th. If invited you will get an actual zoom link with your day and time. Know it will be sometime within that week.

The famous checklist, this is just a copy but it is attached when you go into DD suit you will see attachments to the grant. This is the first attachment to the grant. I suggest you go in, click on the grant, go to attachments and print this sheet off. Print it off. Put it on your bulletin board and work from here. I'll go over a few things. The first thing to do is complete all sections on the online application in DD suit including the outline, work plan, and budget. Again, everything must be in in DD suit or online. You must complete a project data sheet. It's an attach it to the grant. It's a one sheeter giving me information about the organize including your federal identification number. Next is the certification. It's saying everything you said is true and you are who you say you are. Okay, next is the is small or minor toy business form. If it's not applicable to you there is a space that says applicable. Please sign it regardless. We need you to fill out the form. If you don't understand it, it's very easy. Ask questions. Don't not submit it because you say I'm not a small business or no nonprofit. Say that on the form and submit it. I hope I'm being really clear. It must be submitted. Okay, now we have the sales and used tax registration. Another state form we have to fill out. It's a one pager. You need to complete it or attach it and submit it. Now, as part of the grant which we'll talk about in detail. We are asking for three things. A resume, especially if it's an individual. Two samples of prior work and two references from previous customers or associates.

The next four documents that are attached to the grant we want bed you to see what they were ahead of time. Review them and say I wouldn't agree to all of that whatever it might be. I want you to be aware of what the contract looks like, what the federal forms look like. Know that you will have to submit a financial statement before you receive the grant and complete a W‑9. I don't need any of this right now. In big letters it says don't complete or submit. Do not complete or submit. Do not ‑‑ I think we got it. On the top, it says submit or complete and commit as an attachment. I hope that I made that more than clear.

This is my last slide before I turn it over to Alyssa. Your did line for submitting the application is 10/23. You will have the first level review by the selection committee. The interviews by the selection committee. We will post who we intend to award. Those are just reminders. You will have access to a copy of this presentation through our website. We won't send it out individually be I e‑mail. Give us a few days or by tomorrow on our website.

So now, without farther adieu, we don't have questions yet. We will turn it over to Alyssa to talk about the specific program requirements and what she is looking for in a virtual advocacy day event planner. They have to smile as much as Charlie. They have to be friendly and happy. So re, go ahead.

>> No, you were doing great, Lisa. Thank you, Lisa for all of that information I hope that is helpful for the participants of the call. I know we all have enough zoom meetings in our schedules recently.

We did have one question I saw in the chat but we will get to that and we know we saw you and will respond. I get to chat about the work that we are wanting to do and the fun stuff.

Again, I'm Alyssa, I'm the director of public policy research. I am technically the project manager. I have here Charlie Miller who is our legislature advocacy director. We both, as it staff that makeup the public policy team will be really hands on in the process. Technically my name is on the position we will talk to both of us during the session as we work to make sure these days are a success. I wanted to chat about what we spoke about before. Some of you are familiar with the work we do. For those who don't the legislature session here in Georgia is really one of our top priorities at the Georgia council and development disabilities. It's one of our busiest times of the year and we do a lot of events and activities and focus on the state session. We have had five advocacy days each session. They have been in person, they are well attended. They are some of the most popular events we do. I can't take credit for that because Charlie and I were new last year I'm not just saying that. They were popular when we came on staff. Last year, we had many of our advocacy days sellout. We usually do our in person advocacy days at the church across from the capital. Those who might be familiar with the layout. It's been a really great location for us. One of the drawbacks is capacity wise we had to cap at a certain number. All of that said, we had a really great turnout. These have been very influential in the work we do. In the work the advocates do during the session. We made a really great ground with legislatures during that time. We are excited about this. We are very proud of this and looking forward to working with one of you. This year to make it a success. Because of Covid‑19, this is where we are right now. We have had to make modifications that lead us to doing this call for proposals. It will be different than definitely any of us experienced here at GCDD in the past.

Because of where we are right now in the global pandemic we don't feel we will be in a position to be able to pack the house in person starting in January during the legislature session. To go ahead and be able to continue planing ‑‑ planning and moving forward we will do all vert advocacy days. This is a result of Covid‑19 but we think it's an awesome way to potentially have more of an impact during legislature days. We have had Feedback for years that they start so early and prevents people from being able to come. I mentioned that we have some capacity issues in terms of how many people could be there in person. We are hoping we can take this opportunity and really Expand upon the reach we have across the statement we believe this is a great opportunity to see those numbers in terms of participants skyrocket. So, we are really looking forward to being able to be creative during the process. This is something we have never done before. We will be on our events manager in terms of the behind the scenes technical components of how one would run an advocacy day.

Instead of doing five we decided we will focus our efforts on three advocacy days. Typically, they are a few hours in person. We decided to have each day be a conference day. We will have more opportunities for people come in and participate to fill their schedule. We hope to have more legislature involvement given the times will be longer. We hope to have good speakers to command talk to those topics. The staff, specifically the public policy team and other folks on staff will be responsible for content. Whoever becomes the virtual advocacy event manager you don't have to worry about the content of the day. We will make sure we have our topics. We have the agenda set of who we would like to come in and how we want it to work. We will lean on you all to make sure we can take that content and put it into realty and make sure it's successful.

Like I said, we'll have three of those longer virtual advocacy days. We have a plan for it being 9:00 co3:00. We can talk more once the contract gets started. Know it won't be our in person advocacy day from 8:00 to 10:00 or 11:00ish. It will be longer than that. The other thing we would like to do this year in combination of our advocacy days is do a virtual award ceremony. That's a few hours one evening after the session has ended. It's important to celebrate all of the hard work that takes place during the really tight window of 40 days for the legislature session. We are really excited to be able to have an opportunity where we can highlight folks and organizes and legislatures at a have done a lot of great work. A few things to keep in mind abwhat we will be looking for as far as events manager. We are to the core and here to make sure people with disabilities can actively take part in all of the things we provide to the community. So, accessibility of information and platform is something that we will always be forefront for us. Accessibility of participation for participants. You might have not advertised we have ASL and CART with us on zoom. This is something we would require of any event we have virtually. That's something to keep in mind.

For the events manager make sure they understand the components of what might be required of them. We have envisioned not just the zoom where you log‑in and on here if are 5 hours and no sort oven engagement and people are talking at you. We want to make sure this is something that has a lot oven engagement. We are talking about breakout rooms. Polls during the zoom day. If someone has a better idea we can talk about that. Those are things to keep in mind if you feel like this is a good fit for you or your organize to help us out with. I'll just scroll down. One thing that's so important for the person that we work with is flexibility. In terms of recognizing there are a lot of unknowns about what might happen. If you have involvement who nose what might happen. Covid‑19 changed everything. We talk a pause in march because of Covid‑19. We didn't start back‑up until the summer. That effected our advocacy days. We rearrange things and the dates didn't stay as intended we do flexible dates. We have the understanding that those dates might change. We recognize we would neat to work with you all. They will work within your schedule as well. It will cause anything to change and there are times when med significance a calendar might come out and realize it's not during a legislature day. We had to rearrange our calendars and make sure the advocacy date took place when intended. Those are things to think about in terms of definitely flexibility and patients with us and knowing there are a lot of uncertainties and we will try our best to make sure we are set up for success. There are things outside our control.

One thing we would like to make sure you might have seen in the grant application we are looking for an innovative day long advocacy day. Something that has a lot oven engagement and keeps people interested. We are no tech experts I think this is our capacity and understanding to run a webinar is what we have here today. We recognize that there is a lot behind the scenes things that take place. Two we won't have the time to do it. We will be more engaged of the content of the day instead of how it's running. We wouldn't expect to have any engagement in the zoom functions of the day. That includes registration, reminders for register straightens. Log‑in information for register straightens. Making sure CART and ASL is set up. Make sure anyone who might be speaking have in advance and understanding anything they might need to know to make sure their presentation runs smoothly. In breakout rooms making sure that runs smoothly. The Q and A and polls. All of that stuff we might expect to incorporate into an advocacy day. We as it staff have no expectations of being involved in the actual day of.

Again, troubleshooting, we will want to make sure folks with the -- are the ones that are the expects and responsible for troubleshooting. Like mentioned assisting presenters making sure we have a good understanding of the available futures that might be available to us again, I mentioned handling our registration needs. This includes any pre or post communications. Tracking attend tee metrics so we know how many folks were in attendance. We realized the recordings doesn't record how many participants were in the event. It's one thing knowing how many were registered and another to know how many attended. Also, any sort of surveys we might require to know how folks how they felt about the day. If they felt like it was successful. If they learned what they were supposed to learn. We would expect the grantee would take care of getting those completed and submitted as well. I think, did you have anything. I know I just talked at you for a long time.

>> No, I think you hit some good things. I think I would like to come in with the advocacy ‑‑ I have been a long time Georgian all my life. When I think of advocacy I think of GCDD's advocacy days. Whether it's at the legislation in the past or what we do now.

I know Covid‑19 made everything crazy right now. I believe we have the opportunity we might not be in person but the advocacy will continue. I'm so excited to be apart of this. Okay, I think that's a great point.

>> I know, Covid‑19 up ended and put everything up. Now we can't do in person days. We honestly think we could smash any previous advocacy days out‑of‑the ballpark. We want to make sure we have great engagement across the statement we expect numbers to skyrocket because we are all virtual. Owe understanding of the information that's been presented to everyone. We believe this is a blessing in disguise. We hope who we work with can see that vision as well. With that, we'll probably turn it back over to to Lisa. I know there were questions in the chat. We'll answer ‑‑ we will both answer questions in the chat.

>> Okay.

>> I just want to say, what I hear, you know, Alyssa and Charlie saying is that we are looking for someone to be creative. Not just to preform a task and keep advocacy days going but to make it something wonderful and great that GCDD would be proud of and bring the vision to light. Think creativity, the first one is does the virtual platform cost need to come out‑of‑the grant budget funding?

We'll answer that one first. So, the virtual platform cost is ‑‑ do you understand that as zoom?

>> Yeah, I think it would depend. If the virtual platform is zoom. I don't want to speak out of turn if this is not accurate information. From my understanding we have zoom capabilities at GCDD if there is a different platform or some sort of capacity I believe that will be included in the budget proposal.

>> Right, if it's zoom it can be included on the GCDD account. If it's another platform, we would have to negotiate that during contract negotiations and what you had in mind or presenting.

The next question is, if your question is not satisfied you can feel free to type a follow up question about the here the chat. Do ASL interrupters cost come out‑of‑the funding or budget?

Um, Alyssa, did you want to take that?

>> Sure. I believe yes, it would come out‑of‑the budget. I'm saying that with a caveat. I know in the background there has been discussion about GCDDs capacity for increasing our contracts with ASL and CART. That's something we could negotiate. It should come out‑of‑the budget.

>> Typically, yes, it comes out‑of‑the grantee budget. GCDD is making an effort to make sure that everything we do has ASL and CART. With that as a backdrop, it will be done regardless. What we are hoping to do is not to have to schedule it. Not to have to, even if we have to pay for it. We don't want to be responsible for reserving it, scheduling it. Making sure they show up. Admitting them during the session. The payment, again, could be covered during contract negotiations.

Next, if you are an individual or small business would an audited financial statement be required.

>> If you are an individual or small business and balance sheet, even as an LLC you could present some type of statement. It doesn't have to be an audited final statement. This is definitely a you question Alyssa. What is GCDD for a measurable increase.

>> Sure, we, I believe what this question is asking we track how many folks attend our advocacy days. In the past, we have had up to 200 people advocacy days. We would expect that number to be much higher given that we are on a virtual platform which should provide the option for folks to get their virtually when not able to get there in person. Like I mentioned we have had sold out advocacy days. People who wanted to attend that weren't able to attend. We would expect more people command go I would say it's been able 200 per day and we expect it to be much higher.

>> Is GCDD open to a different schedule for advocacy days. I have been conducting with other groups and putting it into one day can be restrictive. Are they open to a range of days within a week.

>> I think she spoke about the restrictions but I'll let you answer.

>> Sure, so we are definitely open to others experience in terms of what they have realized worked and haven't worked. For example. That answers the question. Yes, we are certainly open to hearing from the experts on what works best in terms of the virtual events.

>> Okay, this one is about the awards ceremony, a fund‑raising event for GCDD?

>> Nope, we don't fundraise.

>> Generally.

>> Can part of the ceremony be previously recorded. I have found some parts needed to be prerecorded.

>> Yes. Is that's fine.

>> Again, you are the event planner. If you have a great plan, we will likely take it.

>> Does this need to be 508 compliance. I believe you are refiring to the ADA. Yes, everything we do should be compliant for the ADA. This is with other compliances would be applicable.

>> Okay, the last written question I see is during the proposal process can we propose a different event process. I have a lot of ideas. I think that was answered.

>> I'll just add, maybe this might help other questions. They have been specific to the structure of the day and event. What we bring is content. We might have the theme or legislature ask might be. We boost the content and information. We are viewing ourselves as content experts the structure. We are content experts. We are viewing you all as it structure experts so, if there are ideas you might have or ways you have ran thing bees. This is the first time we have done any sort of big virtual event like this. As it structure experts if there are ways to envision this we would be happy to recognize those ideas.

>> Thank you for the clarification on 50 8 compliance. We knew it meant technology. I was thinking the global sense. Our media team, we have a dynamic media team I'm not a part of. I'm the organize person. They would the short answer is yes. We seek to do that if you have expertise make sure it meets compliance. Our media team or media contract person could help us with that. That's why I didn't know much about it. I'm not sure if you wanted to add anything extra.

>> No, I think you covered it. We will be addressing this with the media team and making sure everything is, I guess up to code as it should be.

>> Are there any verbal questions. I prefer them in the chat. If there are any verbal questions you can unmute your MIC. All right, 12:15, 12:16. We are pretty good. This was a lot of talking and I went off‑camera to finish a bottle of water as stated. The process is pretty straightforward. We will review the applications from there. I suggest you get started. Any questions you might have can be presented through e‑mail. I hope we answered all of the big questions today. This will be posted to our website. Do we have a question?

>> It rooks like can you download the application to work offline?

>> Gabby, do you know the answer to that question?

>> No, what you can do is download it into some kind of word document and fill it out there. In order to fill out ‑‑ if you want to fill it out and paste everything into DD suit. That's an online system. As far as I know I don't believe you yo can download it to work offline.

>> Right, they are basically in the presentation you will see each of the configurations you will be asked. So, if you don't want to go into the ‑‑ you will know the questions and type your answer to the questions and then put it into DD suit. I didn't think so, actually download the application. You can see the questions, work on them, work on the response and paste them into DD suit. You can go from section to section once you are in DD suit looking at the questions. You can take a picture of the questions. There are ways but to literally download it, you won't be able to automatically upload it into DD suit. It has to be filled out on an online platform. I hope that answered your question. So, I think, if there is nothing else I enjoyed my first virtual applicants conference. I hope I didn't bore you so much. The sun is shining and it's a great day. Sit‑in the park and work on your applications. We look forward to receiving great ideas and cap indications on October 23. Have a great evening.

>> We'll be signing off.

>> Bye.