



STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVITY (GRANT DECISIONS)

The Quality of Life (QOL) Grants Program is a cornerstone initiative of the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation's National Paralysis Resource Center (NPRC), originating from the vision of the late Dana Reeve. These grants empower and impact the lives of those with paralysis, their families, and caregivers. Our goal is to fund innovative projects that increase independence, offer social and educational opportunities, and improve access to essential services for individuals with paralysis, their families, and support networks.

With a focus on priority areas like outreach to underserved communities, improving accessibility, providing assistive technology, creative transportation options, and integrated or specialized recreation, the QOL Grants program addresses the unique needs of individuals with paralysis nationwide. Fostering inclusion, community engagement, and promoting health and wellness, the QOL Grants Program is a vital force in all fifty (50) states and U.S. territories.

Funded through our Foundation's Cooperative Agreement with the Administration for Community Living (ACL), United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), QOL employs a two-tiered grant application and decision process that includes a rigorous external and internal review. QOL and its reviewers follow the Uniform Guidance principles which guarantee a fair and objective evaluation process and provide equal opportunities to all applicants.

To further ensure fairness, organizations that are awarded a grant during the July 1, 2021- June 30, 2026 period will not be eligible for a second or subsequent award in the same category of grants until after June 30, 2026. Grantees awarded during this period may apply for funding under a different tier or different category of grants within the same tier. All awarded applicants can re-apply for funding after one year of the close of your grant and notification of grant closure by the Reeve Foundation.

Lastly, we receive **a high volume of applications during each competitive QOL grant cycle**. While each grant application is thoroughly considered for potential funding support, **many may not be selected for final approval**. However, we encourage all grant seekers to apply to ensure a robust, diverse, and innovative pool of programs, projects, and assistive technology opportunities.