

North Carolina Grant Fund

Policy Statement:

The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Stroke Association has committed funds to benefit the broader outreach in North Carolina in keeping with the mission of the NCSA to be present in all 100 counties with stroke identification and prevention.

Purpose:

To provide financial resources through grants administered by the NCSA Grant committee which result in the improvement of stroke identification and prevention-especially in high risk, underserved areas of the state.

Guidelines:

1. Fund Allocation

The amount of the NCSA grant shall be determined annually during the budgeting process by the Board of Directors and shall be administered by the NCSA Grant Committee.

2. Grant Eligibility/Application

To be considered for funding, proposal projects shall be tested against established criteria. A prescribed application format shall be submitted for consideration by the NCSA Grant Committee. Success of the application may be determined by the financial resources available within the fund, the level of funding requested, the desire to diversify support of the program, and the level of current or previous funding.

3. Fund Distribution Criteria

Grants for programs shall be considered based on the following criteria:

- a. Corresponds with the mission, values, and strategic objectives of the North Carolina Stroke Association
- b. Demonstrates a match of funds from the requesting agency
- c. Conveys how the program(s) fits in the overall mission of the agency in accomplishing its objectives and goals
- d. Improves stroke identification & prevention strategies
- e. Schedules advance consultation to meet with North Carolina Stroke Association
- f. Serves a demonstrated need in the underserved and/or high risk population
- g. Establishes a new program
- h. Supports an existing program
- i. Includes an educational focus
- j. Supports not-for-profit, tax exempt organizations/programs/services
- k. Grant requests from individuals will not be accepted
- l. An organization may submit a single grant request per year

4. Evaluation and Assessment

- a. Grant requests will be monitored by the Executive Director to eliminate duplication of requests from same organization in a single year

- b. The NCSA Grant Committee distributions will be reviewed annually to assure that the grant awards are achieving the NCSA's commitment to improving stroke identification and prevention
- c. Recipients of the funds shall provide a report of the use of funds within a year following receipt
- d. An annual report including outcome measurement will be submitted to the Board of Directors