



Frank Nigro
Columbian Foundation
Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc.

DATE: January 20, 2026

TO: DDs, State Officers, GKs, FSs, Chapter Presidents and Grant Committee

FROM: Joseph Hill, Committee Chairman \$10,000 Grant Award Program

SUBJECT: March 31, 2026 POSTMARK Deadline for \$10,000 GRANT APPLICATION

Brother Knights,

For the 13th year, the Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation Supporting People With Intellectual Disabilities, Inc. (FNCF) is continuing to award grants up to \$10,000. At the January 9, 2026 Board of Directors meeting, the board authorized up to \$40,000 in grants to be announced at the California State Convention in May 2026. The grant application forms and information submissions must be **postmarked by March 31, 2026**.

This is a **BONUS PROGRAM FOR UP TO \$10,000** available to councils who are already having fundraising drives to support their selected organization or special project for assisting people with intellectual disabilities. Any fundraising events can be held year around and must be reported on Form FNCF 201 to be eligible to participate in the **\$10,000** grant award program. A donation from your council funds can also be counted as a fundraiser. The Form FNCF 201 report and check must be submitted by **APRIL 26, 2026** to the FNCF for your charity to be eligible for a grant.

Typically, the grant requests are for special projects, events, equipment, computers, software, etc. that are beyond the regular fundraising capabilities of the council. This can be up to a \$10,000 bonus to existing Council fundraising. Councils are urged to work with their local beneficiary in preparing the application form and accompanying material.

The Grant Applications committee has made the requirements very simple as explained in the Instructions. Simply submit the completed and signed Application Form FNCF 302 and attachments, including the organization's IRS 501c3 determination letter, to the grant committee at the address below.

I strongly urge that the completed application and support materials be submitted using USPS certified mail to have proof of meeting the **March 31, 2026** deadline, with a returned receipt of delivery. You may also send a copy by email as backup. Attached are copies of the Grant Instructions Form FNCF 301 and the Grant Application Form FNCF 302 for your use. These are also available on the www.columbian-foundation.org website.

Thank you for your assistance in supporting people with intellectual disabilities. If you have any questions, contact me at **559-355-1897**, sirknightjhill@gmail.com or **257 Santa Ana Ave., Apt. 105, Clovis, CA 93612**

Fraternally,

Joseph Hill

Chairman

Attachments: Application Form FNCF 302/Instructions FNCF 301