



# Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation

Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc.

DATE: March 15, 2026 Reminder Letter

TO: Chapter Presidents, Chapter Chairmen, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries

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

SUBJECT: March 31, 2026 POSTMARK Deadline for Anne and Frank Nigro Charitable Grant Program Grant Application

Brother Knights,

**This is a reminder that the post mark deadline of MARCH 31** for submission of a grant application to the Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation Supporting People With Intellectual Disabilities, Inc. is getting close. Get the completed signed application, IRS 501c(3) letter, and required information and send them by USPS mail to Grant Awards Chairman, 257 Santa Ana Ave., Apt. 105, Clovis, CA 93612. **This has the possibility of receiving a bonus of up to \$10,000** to assist your selected organization to assist people with intellectual disabilities. I strongly recommend sending the information by certified mail. This provides you with a return receipt showing it was received and mailed by the deadline.

This is up to a **\$10,000 BONUS PROGRAM** for councils who are already having fundraising drives to support their selected 501c(3) (or equivalent) organization or project for assisting people with intellectual disabilities. Councils use store drives, church drives, pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, etc., as fundraisers. Fundraising events can be held year around and must be reported on Form FNCF201 to be eligible to participate in the grant award program. A donation from your council's discretionary funds also counts as a fundraiser. **The Form FNCF201 report and check must be submitted by APRIL 26, 2026** to the Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc.

Typically, the grant requests are for special projects, events, equipment, computers, software, etc. that are beyond the regular fundraising capabilities of the council. Examples include facility capital improvements/repairs, equipment, training/learning programs, camper scholarships, therapeutic riding programs, sports programs, community integration programs, major computer equipment, vocational training programs, mobility equipment, etc. This can be up to a \$10,000 bonus to supplement existing fundraising projects that your council is now doing.

I would like to urge all councils to participate in the Grant Award Program for people with intellectual disabilities. We would like to award grants to all applicants. However, budgets only allow a limited number of grants.

If you have previously submitted an application and have not won, try again. Each year is a new year for competing and consideration. This year could be the winning year for your organization when you submit again.

If you have won previously, that does not eliminate you from future consideration. So, submit a new application this year for consideration of your sponsoring organization's project.

If your council has never participated in the Grant Award program, check with your parish or local civic officials to see if there is an IRS 501c(3) organization assisting people with intellectual disabilities in your area that your council is not aware of and could help. Contact them and work with the organization's personnel to submit a grant application. Also continue to assist them with your council's financial and volunteer resources.

This is the thirteenth year the Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc. is continuing to award up to \$10,000 grants to be announced at the California State Convention in May 2026. Previously you should have received an e-mail concerning the 2026 GRANT PROGRAM, Form FNCF302 Application, and Instructions Form FNCF301. **The grant application forms, and information submissions must be postmarked by MARCH 31, 2026.** I would like to ask the DDs to check if their councils received this information. If not, provide copies to the council or call me to do so.

Don't delay. Get your grant application information submitted today. Simply include the completed signed Application Form FNCF302 and attachments and a copy of the IRS letter of 501c(3) determination and submit them by certified mail. I strongly urge that the submission be mailed using certified mail.

You may also send me an e-mail copy of your submission as a duplicate backup submission. However, a USPS submission is also required for postmark date verification per the grant guidelines.

Copies of the Form FNCF301 Instructions and FNCF302 Grant Application are available on the website at <http://columbian-foundation.org>. Click on "FORMS" on the bottom of page and go to the form you need to print out and complete.

Thank you for your assistance in supporting people with intellectual disabilities. If you have any questions, contact me, Grant Committee Chairman Joseph Hill at (559) 355-1897, e-mail address [sirknightjhill@gmail.com](mailto:sirknightjhill@gmail.com), or USPS at 257 Santa Ana Ave., Apt. 105, Clovis, CA 93612.

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*Joseph Hill*

Attachment: Application Form/Instruction

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## Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc.

### **GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Applicant organization must be recommended by a California K of C Council
- K of C Council proposing a grantee must have participated in the ID drive during the current Columbian Year and submit fundraising report FNCF 201 and check by April 26, 2026
- Grants up to \$10,000 will be awarded (only one per organization per year)
- Grants will be presented only to IRS Section 501(c)(3) or 170(c)(1) organizations serving people with intellectual disabilities
- Awards will be based on need and submitted information
- Completed Grant Request Form and required submissions must be **POSTMARKED-by March 31, 2026 (recommend sending by certified mail)**
- Grant Checks will be payable to the IRS 501(c)(3) or 170(c)(1) organizations
- Grant Check(s) will be "announced" at the Knights of Columbus State Council Annual Meeting in May

#### **NARRATIVE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

##### **ORGANIZATION/AGENCY INFORMATION**

- Copy of IRS letter of determination of eligible applicant's charitable status under IRS Section 501(c)(3) or 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Brief summary of the organization including mission and goals, population served, geographic area served, operating budget and financial information

##### **GRANT REQUEST INFORMATION**

- Brief summary of the proposed project/program
- Amount of money requested, why it is needed and a proposed budget.
- Who and how many will be served

##### **GRANT SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Grant Application Form Submission must be **POSTMARKED by March 31, 2026 (recommend sending by certified mail)**
- Required signatures on Grant Application Form
- Narrative Information required as listed above
- Timely response to any additional information requested by Grant Committee
- Submit application to: **Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation  
Grant Applications Committee  
Mr. Joseph Hill, Chairman  
257 Santa Ana Ave., Apt. 105  
Clovis, CA 93612-4465**

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**K of C Council Proposing Grantee: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Grand Knight \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_**

## ORGANIZATION/AGENCY INFORMATION

Name		
Address		
City	State	Postal Zip Code
Telephone	FAX	e-mail
Mailing Address (If different from above) City	State	Postal Zip Code
501(c)(3) Tax ID Number (Attach copy of IRS determination letter)		
President/Executive Director		Contact Person
Title	Title	
Phone	Phone	
Fax	Fax	
e-mail	e-mail	

## GRANT INFORMATION AND REQUIRED SIGNATURES

PROGRAM/PROJECT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE OF GRANT - (Attach more details/Information) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Board President/Chairman/CEO/Director \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name Organization Treasurer or CFO: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit to Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc., Grant Applications Committee, Mr. Joseph Hill, Chairman, 257 Santa Ana Ave., Apt. 105, Clovis, CA 93612-4465 (559-355-1897)**