

Dear Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation,

April 11, 2018

We the Board of Aiming for Acceptance wish to thank you for the opportunity to not only apply for this Grant, but also for allowing us the time to tell you about us. Even if not awarded the Grant we hope you will come see us at The Learning Center, look us up on Facebook (Aiming For Acceptance), or on the web www.aimingforacceptance.com to learn more about our mission and watch us grow.

One thing we want you to know is if awarded the Grant we have a Thank you tree with everyone who contributed to The Learning Center on the tree, you would find a leaf with your name on it for all who enter our door to see.

I do apologize for sending the word document to you, and hope it is as close to what you like as possible. I thank you for your understanding.

Enclosed you will find the following documents...

- The Elmer G. Biddick Grant Application
- A Quote from Total Tech, A My PC LLC. Company
- The IRS Letter of Determination
- A Board of Director list

If you have any more questions or would like to talk further please feel free to reach out to me by either calling (608)330-0354, or emailing prcutting@tds.net.

Again thank you for everything you are doing for rural Southwest WI.

Sincerely,



Rose M. Cutting

Executive Director

Aiming for Acceptance

615 Roosevelt St Fennimore, WI 53809

P.S. Please come see us at 615 Roosevelt Street, Fennimore to see in person our mission at work.

Elmer G Biddick

Charitable Foundation

11623 State Road 80 Livingston, WI 53554

Phone(608)943-6363 Fax (608) 943-6365

www.biddickfoundation.com

GRANT APPLICATION

****Must be received in our office on or before the due dates below***

Due Dates April 15th and October 15th

Date: April 10th, 2018

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501 (c)(3) designation): Aiming For Acceptance, Inc.

Address: 655 4th Street

City, State, Zip: Fennimore, Wisconsin, 53809

Phone: (608) 330-0354

Person Responsible for the Grant: Rose M Cutting

Position in the Organization: Executive Director

Organization's Purpose: The overall lack of understanding about Autism Spectrum Disorder prompted the creation of the nonprofit organization, Aiming for Acceptance, Inc. This organization's purpose is to raise awareness, understanding, and support for autism in rural Southwest Wisconsin. Pediatricians and other health providers are typically the first to identify developmental delays in children and if Autism is suspected, a referral is made to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Waisman Center for cognitive, behavioral and related developmental assessment. Once a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder is confirmed, the family returns to Southwest Wisconsin to realize that few adequately trained professionals exist to provide the appropriate and needed behavioral interventions important for promoting socialization, learning, and life skills lessons essential for quality of life. Families wishing to have Autism Behavior Specialists work with their child must independently reach out as far as Madison or LaCrosse for providers. The lack of skilled providers in the region prompted Aiming for Acceptance, Inc. to take steps toward creating an Autism Learning Center in Fennimore, Wisconsin. This center is serving as a satellite center for autism therapy services that would normally be too expensive for businesses to offer in rural Southwest Wisconsin. This satellite center is providing premises and needed supplies for therapists to offer a variety of specialized treatments including: Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), Early Start Denver Model (ESDM), floor time and Sensory Processing Treatments, speech therapies (not provided during the summer months through schools, or Extended School Year (ESY) plans), art, music, and social group therapies.

This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & Public Schools).

Grant Request: \$2,447.32 for first ask of remote access cameras \$1,200 for second ask of therapy tablets

Describe the reason for this Grant Request in the space below: This funding request will enable the purchase of remote access cameras and Therapy Tablets so that Floor Time Sensory Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech, and behavioral therapies for Autistic children and their families can be offered in rural Southwest Wisconsin.

Attachments to this grant that we find useful in considering your grant request.

A. Supporting information

1. Specific use of Grant.

These cameras will enable the offering and supervising of services during therapy sessions from providers wanting to be part of The Learning Center but not always able to physically come to The Learning Center. Autistic children need intensive therapy treatment for 20-40 hours a week for the child to master skills needed for quality of life. The Learning Center is providing limited supplemental support to schools and families while providing individual therapy programs tailored to each child's needs but with the addition of remote access cameras, and therapy tablets we could bring in Sensory based OT & PT services, as well as speech and behavioral therapies. Having these services in Southwest Wisconsin will negate the need for families to travel nearly 2 hours for services.

2. Time Schedule.

If awarded the Elmer G. Biddick Grant we would be able to begin installment of cameras and purchase therapy tablets to use in 2018 Summer Therapy Sessions. Therefore, providing more services and quality of life therapies yet this summer.

3. Other Sources of funding.

Successful fundraising efforts will continue including "Aiming for Acceptance" bowl-a-thons, and mystery dinner theaters. Additional grant opportunities will be pursued as well as establishing an annual fund-raising campaign. The Autism Learning Center will receive income from the therapists who rent space to provide services. The Center will also serve as a clinical site for Southwest Wisconsin Technical College students enrolled in Autism certificate training, and the University of Lacrosse students enrolled in both Recreation Management and Therapeutic Recreation at the Bachelors and Masters Level. Aiming for Acceptance, Inc. is committed to ensuring that Autistic individuals in rural Southwest Wisconsin have access to the behavioral and sensory interventions essential for promoting socialization skills needed for living a quality life.

4. Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time.

This contribution will enable The Learning Center to begin providing multiple therapies immediately upon installation, as we have providers from Madison/Verona area waiting for the cameras so they can assure quality and more frequent observation and input on daily therapy sessions. Without this contribution, we will need to stagger the type of therapies offered to when the associated supplies and equipment can be purchased.

5. Describe who, when, how, and where will the effects of this Grant be felt.

The UW-Madison Waisman Center confirms that no Autism Learning Center exists in Western Wisconsin and no specialized therapies are currently available in Southwest Wisconsin. The Autism Society of South Central Wisconsin estimates that Autism services cost U.S. citizens \$236-262 billion annually. The cost of lifelong care can be reduced by 2/3 with early diagnosis and intervention. Providing needed therapies close to home increases the likelihood of participation. Aiming for Acceptance, Inc. was created by enthusiastic parents with a dream to see their autistic children become independent contributing members of society.

185 Autistic children are enrolled in Southwest Wisconsin schools. The Learning Center anticipates attracting children/families from Belmont, Boscobel, Fennimore, Iowa-Grant, Lancaster, Platteville, Prairie du Chien, River Ridge, and Richland schools. This project will directly serve autistic children and their families while providing informational programs to human services staff, school personnel, emergency response personnel, Emergency Room and local Hospitals and Clinics and the general public about autism. Local emergency response personnel received training to identify unusual behavior displayed by autistic persons during stressful situations and how to respond appropriately to de-stress the situation. This training will be expanded to the neighboring communities identified above.

B. Your Organization's history, activities, services, and composition. (Videos are of limited use.)

The journey started in January of 2012, when a lonely birthday party planted the seed of thought in a family friend. Seeing the struggles and successes of our son and a friend's gears were turning. One conversation led to another and another. People wanted to be a part of something inspiring and helpful to rural Southwest Wisconsin communities. And the Autism awareness non-profit Aiming for Acceptance (A4A) organization was born.

Aiming for Acceptance provides a variety of things from gas cards for appointment travel, to training for school, daycares, & law enforcement personnel. Police officers are equipped with picture cards for interactions with nonverbal people. Students on the spectrum are able to safely participate in school activities. Lancaster Police Chief Deb Reukauf helped establish the 911 safety sticker program in Grant County. Monies raised from A4A events continue to provide equipment and aid families.

In 2016, families with autistic loved ones were struggling as the limited life enhancing therapy services in southwest Wisconsin were dwindling leaving the only resource being the local school districts. The project's focus is to aid in providing these services locally therefore lifting a stress from those families so they don't have to choose between moving away from their jobs, communities, and support systems, or staying where they know the life enhancing therapy services for their child are limited at best.

The first phase of the plan offered an Autism Consultant service from Achieving Collaborative Treatment (ACT) of Verona, Wisconsin. ACT would work through the school district and offer a team of knowledgeable members to fill needs of those families. As ACT has established a client base, they and Children's Therapy Network (CTN) of Madison, Wisconsin are looking to work with A4A to lease space and provide therapies such as Sensory OT/PT, Floor time therapy, and other services to enhance those on the spectrum. Such therapies are not commonly offered in rural areas and this will be a huge step for those families.

Summer of 2018 Aiming for Acceptance renovated a building which provides a safe, sensory friendly space for companies to lease and provide these services to all special needs individuals. These services will enhance the lives of children, families, organizations, communities and schools. Contracts are being drafted for Autism therapy services, Sensory OT/PT. In the future state, we look to provide behavioral therapies including music, art and yoga.

Those benefiting from these services could be your family, friends, customers or neighbor and will strengthen the communities in rural Southwest Wisconsin. The Aiming for Acceptance Board is thankful for all those who have helped and those who will support us in the future. We strive to make communities in southwest Wisconsin strong, healthy and happy communities.

Applications are considered in June and December of each year. The corresponding deadlines are April 15th and October 15th. Concise grants that address the needed information are appreciated.

PLEASE SEND THIS APPLICATION TO ELMER G. BIDDICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:

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ADDRESS

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Fennimore, WI 53809

ESTIMATE 2335

DATE 02/28/2018

DATE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
02/28/2018	3MP 16X Zoom PTZ Camera With IR	2	532.94	1,065.88T
02/28/2018	8 Channel NVR with 8 Ports PoE w/ 4 TB Hard Drive	1	499.95	499.95T
02/28/2018	Audio Module w/ Power Supply	2	39.95	79.90T
02/28/2018	Cat5e Network Cable	200	0.25	50.00T
02/28/2018	18/2 Power Cable	400	0.25	100.00T
02/28/2018	Installation / Configuration / Training / Remote Testing	1	499.00	499.00T
02/28/2018	DYNDNS.ORG Dynamic Address (Annual)	1	25.00	25.00T


SUBTOTAL 2,319.73

TAX (5.5%) 127.59

TOTAL \$2,447.32

Accepted By

Accepted Date

 **IRS** DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
CINCINNATI OH 45999-0023

Date of this notice: 06-02-2016

Employer Identification Number:
81-2819644

Form: SS-4

Number of this notice: CP 575 E

AIMING FOR ACCEPTANCE INC
% ROSE M CUTTING
655 4TH ST
FENNIMORE, WI 53809

For assistance you may call us at:
1-800-829-4933

IF YOU WRITE, ATTACH THE
STUB AT THE END OF THIS NOTICE.

WE ASSIGNED YOU AN EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Thank you for applying for an Employer Identification Number (EIN). We assigned you EIN 81-2819644. This EIN will identify you, your business accounts, tax returns, and documents, even if you have no employees. Please keep this notice in your permanent records.

When filing tax documents, payments, and related correspondence, it is very important that you use your EIN and complete name and address exactly as shown above. Any variation may cause a delay in processing, result in incorrect information in your account, or even cause you to be assigned more than one EIN. If the information is not correct as shown above, please make the correction using the attached tear-off stub and return it to us.

When you submitted your application for an EIN, you checked the box indicating you are a non-profit organization. Assigning an EIN does not grant tax-exempt status to non-profit organizations. Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, has details on the application process, as well as information on returns you may need to file. To apply for recognition of tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), organizations must complete a Form 1023-series application for recognition. All other entities should file Form 1024 if they want to request recognition under Section 501(a).

Nearly all organizations claiming tax-exempt status must file a Form 990-series annual information return (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) or notice (Form 990-N) beginning with the year they legally form, even if they have not yet applied for or received recognition of tax-exempt status.

Unless a filing exception applies to you (search www.irs.gov for Annual Exempt Organization Return: Who Must File), you will lose your tax-exempt status if you fail to file a required return or notice for three consecutive years. We start calculating this three-year period from the tax year we assigned the EIN to you. If that first tax year isn't a full twelve months, you're still responsible for submitting a return for that year. If you didn't legally form in the same tax year in which you obtained your EIN, contact us at the phone number or address listed at the top of this letter.

For the most current information on your filing requirements and other important information, visit www.irs.gov/charities.

Aiming for Acceptance (A4A)

Board of Directors

These positions are all voluntary and are not compensated, making it possible for whatever is donated to go directly toward the effort of helping those on the Autism Spectrum. As A4A is one (1) year old, all Directors have been on the Board for one (1) year.

Chairperson, (Chief Executive Officer)

- Christa Pitzer
- Local Salon & Day Spa owner
 - o Wauzeka, WI

Vice Chairperson

- Christopher Abing
- Father of two, one of whom is on the Autism Spectrum, factory worker so that either he or his wife can be home at all times
 - o Lancaster, WI

President (Executive Director)

- Rose M. Cutting
- Farmer and stay-at-home mom
 - o Fennimore, WI

Secretary

- Roxanne Schute
- Director of Enrichment Activities at The Hodan Center
 - o Platteville, WI

Treasurer, (Chief Financial Officer)

- Hillary A. Zemke
- Relationship Banker at Associated Bank
 - o Fennimore, WI

Other Board Members...

- Deanna Needham
- Special Education Teacher at Fennimore Elementary School
 - o Fennimore, WI
- Brian Quick, P.A.-C.
- Family Medical in Lancaster, WI
 - o Mount Horeb, WI