



AAPD
American Association of People with Disabilities

2025 REV UP Small Grants

What is REV UP?

REV UP's mission is to build the power of the disability vote through increasing civic engagement in the disability community and improving the accessibility of elections. REV UP stands for "Register, Educate, Vote, Use your Power!"

What is a REV UP Small Grant?

REV UP Small Grants are amounts of money given to an organization or group to support a project that works to make our democracy more accessible. The grants are intended to support work on the state and local level. In 2025, AAPD will be giving out \$70,000 in REV UP Small Grants in amounts of up to \$10,000.

What is the application process?

Organizations applying for a grant should [complete this application](#). You can review the full list of questions below. If the application is not accessible to you and you need to submit your application in a different format, please reach out to Alexia Kemerling, akemerling@aapd.com.

Applications are due by midnight on April 18, 2025. Use this form to apply.

An information session will be held on Monday, March 31, 12-1 p.m. ET. [Register here for the March 31 webinar](#). An example application and guidance on strong answers will be provided in the webinar. Small grant office-hours can be reserved [using this link](#). These are opportunities for you to learn more about how to submit a strong application and to ask questions.

Notifications on grant awards will be made the first week of May. Awarded grantees will be required to attend a kick-off meeting on May 13, 12-2 p.m.

What can the grant be used for?

To apply for a 2025 REV UP Small Grant, you will be asked to propose a specific project that works to increase civic engagement in the disability community or improve election accessibility. Your project could be a voter registration event, a candidate forum on disability, providing accessible rides to the polls, doing advocacy around election accessibility, training and recruiting poll workers, or something else entirely! All grant activities must be nonpartisan.

Who can apply for a REV UP Small Grant?

The REV UP movement was founded by grassroots disabled activists. The REV UP Small Grants are designed to continue to support organizing and outreach at the local level.

Organizations and grassroots groups can apply for REV UP Small Grants. To be eligible to apply for a grant, applicants must:

- Have an annual budget of less than \$2.5 million
 - Note: If you are a grassroots group that is working with a nonprofit partner to hold your funds, you do not need to include the partner's annual budget. The budget requirement applies only to the entity that is applying for the grant and will be directly using the funds.
- Focus on reaching the disability community and historically excluded communities in their civic engagement work
- Be nonpartisan in their voter outreach, engagement, and advocacy work

Priority will be given to organizations and coalitions that are led by disabled people and/or staffed by a majority of disabled people, and particularly by Black, Latinx/Hispanic, Indigenous, Asian American Pacific Islander, or LGBTQIA+ disabled people. Leadership is defined by decision-making authority within the organization or group's strategic plans and programming.

Grassroots organizations who do not have their own 501(c)(3) status are encouraged to apply. You can work with a "fiduciary partner" to hold the funds for you.

Reporting and Engagement Requirements

- Grantees will join one kick-off call on May 13, 12-2 p.m. ET
- Grantees will schedule one mid-term check-in between July-August.
- By the end of December 2025, the Grantee will share final products, photos, and outcomes in a brief report.

Grant Application Questions

Section 1: Organization Budget

Organization/Applicant Name

What is the annual operating budget of the organization applying for a grant?
(multiple choice, if \$2.5 mil or above, the application ends)

Section 2: Point of contact

The first person listed is the individual who will be on the listserv to receive updates about the grant requirements. The best person to list here is the person who will be managing the grant activities.

First Name

Last Name

Email

(option to add additional contacts)

Section 3 (If Applicable): Fiduciary Partner Name

Fiduciary Partner Point of Contact

First Name

Last Name

Email

Check here to confirm you have a working relationship with this organization and they have agreed to sponsor your grant, should you be awarded.

Section 4: Organization Information

We are particularly interested in supporting organizations and groups that are led by disabled people and/or staffed by a majority of disabled people, and particularly by Black, Latinx/Hispanic, Indigenous, Asian American Pacific Islander, or LGBTQIA+ disabled people. Leadership is defined by decision-making authority within the organization or group's strategic plans and programming.

Please share a brief description about your organization or group. What is your mission? What communities do you reach in your work?

Is your organization or group led by people with disabilities and people with marginalized identities (as described above)?

Yes

No

Is your organization staffed by a majority of people with disabilities, members of marginalized communities, and people that reflect the communities you seek to serve?

Yes

No

Is there any additional information you wish to share about your leadership and staff structure? (optional)

Section 5: Small Grant Project Proposal

In a few sentences, please describe your project idea.

Who is your target audience for this project? Please be specific; note: “disabled voters” is too broad. You can describe more than one audience.

Please share the SMARTIE goal for your project. SMARTIE stands for Strategic, Measurable, Ambitious, Realistic, Time-bound, Inclusive, and Equitable. Use [this resource](#) to work through writing your goal. A google document and word document are available at the link. Or use this [plain language resource on SMART goals](#) from Autistic Self Advocacy Network.

Specific: What will your project accomplish? (around 50 words)

Measurable: How will you know if your project was successful? Hint: You can include more than one way of measuring success! (around 50 words)

Ambitious: How is this project adding something new to your community? Why do you need a grant to do this work? (around 50 words)

Realistic/Relevant: Do you have the expertise and reach you need to achieve this project? Is this project the right way to meet your goal and reach your target audience? (around 50 words)

Timebound: Please describe your project timeline. If your project involves hosting a specific event, what is the target date for your event? If your project has multiple phases, when will those phases take place? (around 50 words)

Inclusive: How does your project include people with disabilities and multiply marginalized people in the decision-making process? (around 50 words)

Equitable: What supports will you provide to ensure your project reaches people who may have accessibility needs or experience barriers? (around 50 words)

What challenges or barriers are there to completing your project?

What grant amount are you applying for? Up to \$10,000.

Please describe how you will use the full amount of funding.

If you are awarded this grant, what additional support would you like to receive from AAPD?

#END OF APPLICATION