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### Individual Family Grant Guidelines

The Panhandle Autism Society is powered by volunteers and relied upon by parents and professionals throughout the region! Panhandle Autism Society is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and relies on the generosity of corporate, family, and individual donors to fund our organization. The Board of Directors of Panhandle Autism Society has a responsibility to assure that the organization's resources are properly and efficiently used to further the mission of the organization and administers the Individual Family Grant Program in accordance with this responsibility. Grant Guidelines: The Panhandle Autism Society Grant Program is designed to support families of children and adults with autism or autism spectrum disorder by providing funding assistance for extraordinary expenses resulting from, or attributable to, autism. Financial needs associated with the safety and well-being of children with autism and proven effective treatments for autism spectrum disorder receive special emphasis in the grant program. PAS grants are intended to supplement, not replace, programs or funding from other sources, including government(s), school(s), and insurance. PAS grants are intended to be short term and specifically targeted to a family's immediate needs resulting from, or attributable to, autism. PAS grants range from \$1 to \$250. Two hundred and fifty dollars is the maximum any individual or family can receive in a calendar year. Grant applicants are required to cooperate with the Board of Directors and provide requested information during the application process. After receiving a grant from PAS, grant recipients are required to report, in writing, on the use of grant proceeds. The written report must be submitted to the Board of Directors or it's designate and provide requested information in order to assure that grant funds are used in accordance with the PAS guidelines and the original intent of the grant. The PAS grant program is operated solely at the discretion of the Board of Directors of Panhandle Autism Society or it's designate. Grant decisions, including availability of and uses of any grant funds, are solely at the discretion of the Board

of Directors or its designate and are not appealable in any forum or to any organization within or without Panhandle Autism Society. Priority consideration will be given FOR THE JUNE 2018 GRANT CYCLE TO NEW PAS GRANT APPLICANTS AND/OR APPLICANTS THAT HAVE NOT RECEIVED A GRANT DURING THE LAST 2 GRANT CYCLES/YEARS (2016 and 2017 grant years). If you received a grant in the last 2 years you may still apply, but top priority of applicants will be given to applicants that are new or have not received a grant within the last 2 grant cycles/years.

The grant committee will review the completed applications. The committee may try to find alternate ways to help the individuals who apply. For example, if the grant request is for swimming lessons, the committee may suggest a facility that would offer this service at no charge. If a grant is approved, in most cases the service provider or vendor will be paid directly. Any information received by PAS is kept strictly confidential, subject to any disclosures required by local, state, or federal law. These guidelines are intended for the benefit of grant applicants but are not contractual and may be changed by the Board of Directors of Panhandle Autism Society or its designate at any time, with or without notice. Applications for grants from PAS are considered individually and decisions on grant applications are not controlling on future decisions on other grant applications. By completing and submitting a grant application, the applicant warrants that he or she has read these guidelines and that he or she agrees to be bound by them, including the provisions relating to the sole discretion of the Board of Directors or its designate over operation of the PAS grant program. Application Procedures: Please complete and sign the grant application. Grant Applications with all relevant documentation must be submitted by mail to: Panhandle Autism Society Grant Program, P.O. Box 3950, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83816. Panhandle Autism Society at P. O. Box 3950, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816 and **postmarked no later than June 8th, 2018**. Please include all information you want the Board of Directors to consider. Use additional sheets of paper if necessary. Feel free to submit documents supporting the need for the grant and the intended uses of the grant funds. You will be contacted at the address, phone number, or email on your application. Please contact the Panhandle Autism Society if you have any questions at 208/664-4133 or via e-mail at: [info@panhandleautismsociety.org](mailto:info@panhandleautismsociety.org)