Sidney R. Baer, Jr. Foundation Grant Guidelines

Overview
The Sidney R. Baer, Jr. Foundation is a catalyst for positive change in the lives of those living with schizophrenia. It is our mission to award grants to organizations and institutions doing work that will have a tangible impact on the field of mental health. Our vision is a better world, where those afflicted with schizophrenia might no longer feel the isolation so often associated with the disease.

Every grant the foundation awards starts with a single question: “Would this have benefited Sidney?” Our namesake was a member of the well-known family who founded the Stix Baer & Fuller department store chain. A brilliant businessman who was only limited by his illness, Sidney accumulated a great deal of wealth in his lifetime, but no amount of money was enough to soothe the overwhelming struggles associated with his Schizophrenia.

When Sidney and his lawyer, George B. Handran, established the Sidney R. Baer, Jr. foundation in 1999, George promised Sidney that the foundation would become Sidney’s enduring legacy. 17 years and $31 Million dollars later, this promise has become a reality. George, in conjunction with U.S. Bank, N.A., are the Co-Trustees of the foundation and George is still directly involved with the decision making process for grant recipients.

In honor of Sidney R. Baer, Jr. The foundation has identified five grant segments where we believe our funds will make the biggest difference for actual people suffering from schizophrenia. Education, criminal justice, reintegration, clinical research, and social support are all aspects of Sidney’s day-to-day where greater access to understanding and resources would have improved his quality of life.

Exclusions
No grants will be made for international activities or to foreign charitable institutions. The primary focus is to fund programs concentrating on schizophrenia and depression within the continental United States.

Current and Future Programs. While Mr. Baer realized that relief of the suffering of the mentally ill and research into its causes could be a long-term project, he also realized the immediate needs of those suffering mental illness were equally important. It is a purpose of the Foundation to remain faithful to Mr. Baer’s spirit of both expeditious action and quests for long term solutions. The Foundation’s goals include the alleviation of immediate and quantifiable needs and the accomplishments of long term projects. Requests for multi-year grants will be considered.

Scope of Grants. The Foundation is not an operating charitable foundation. Its purpose is to disburse funds to public charities that are presently recognized as qualified 501(c)(3) organizations for accomplishment of the Foundation’s charitable purposes.
Grants will only be awarded to organizations that agree to expend **no more than seven percent (7%)** of received funds on organization administrative expenses.

**Funding will not be provided for:**
- Grants made directly to individuals or to medical researchers.
- Grants made for current operating funds, annual fund-raising drives, or for the establishment of, or additions to, endowments.
- Charitable needs that are beyond the scope of the Foundation’s missions are mental retardation, physical disability, and drugs and alcohol addiction.
- Grants for international activities or to foreign charitable institutions.

**Process**

**Step 1:** Review BaerFoundation.com and the above grant guidelines to identify if your grant request would be a good fit for the mission of the foundation.

**Step 2:** Complete our Letter of Intent Form at [http://www.baerfoundation.com/apply](http://www.baerfoundation.com/apply). To be considered for the upcoming grant cycle, the form must be submitted no later than February 1st of each year.

*Note: Full Grant Applications are accepted by invitation only. You must complete the Letter of Intent form, which will be reviewed by the Grants’ Committee. In the event the Committee is interested in pursuing the request, the Grantee will be invited to submit a full completed grant application via online application.*

**Step 3:** The Grants’ Committee will review your Letter of Intent form. In the event the Committee is interested in pursuing your request, you will receive an invitation to apply for the upcoming grant cycle. The invitation will include detailed instructions about how and where to apply.

*Should you be chosen, your grant application must be completed no later than April 30th.*

**Step 4:** Decisions on grants are made by the Grants’ Committee of the Foundation. You will be notified whether or not you were awarded a grant from The Sidney R. Baer, Jr. Foundation and in what amount.

**Step 5:** If you are a grant recipient, you will be expected to submit a Progress Report detailing your financial accountings regarding accomplishment of purpose along with photos by February 1st of the following year. Interim reports and financial accountings will also be required for multi-year projects.