
	<h2>LiGHT Grant Application 2021</h2>	
	<p>2021 LiGHT Grant Cover Form and Guidelines</p>	

Name of individual, group or organization: Caylor-Nickel Foundation Family YMCA

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Name of the program as it would appear on the grant award: Inclusion Camp

Describe who the grant award will serve and approximate number affected: The grant award would serve youth with diverse abilities, as well as their siblings and peers and provide opportunities for an inclusive camp experience. The camp would provide opportunities for approximately 20 youth.

Dollar amount requested: \$2500.00

Would the program be offered if only a *partial* grant from LiGHT is made? Yes, a smaller camp would be offered.

Summary paragraph of the grant award requested:

➤ May be utilized for part of the presentation.

The YMCA would like to provide an inclusive camp for youth in the community. The YMCA's mission is to be for all and we believe we are stronger and better when we are together. By providing an inclusive camp, we are providing opportunities for youth with diverse abilities, as well as their siblings and peers. Inclusive camp provides opportunities for all to belong and achieve in a camp environment, filled with recreational and social experiences.

Complete all requested items below:

- 1) This Cover Form
- 2) Project Narrative, 1-5 pages typed, including:
 - What need in the Community will this program address? Give evidence to substantiate your request. (i.e. data, letters of recommendation, etc.)
 - What do you want to do?
 - What is your timeline?
 - What results do you expect?
 - If partnering with other organizations, please list.
 - Describe the program and tell how the funds from the grant will be used based on your budget
 - Signature page: To include endorsement of the project or program by the requesting agency's Board of Directors. This page must include a signature of the Board president.
- 3) Detailed budget

LiGHT Grant Application Narrative
8/18/2021

The YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne would like to provide an inclusive camp at the Caylor-Nickel Foundation Family YMCA for youth in the Wells County community. The YMCA's mission is to be for all and we believe we are stronger and better when we are together. By providing an inclusive camp, we are providing opportunities for youth with diverse abilities, as well as their siblings and peers. Inclusive camp provides opportunities for all to belong and achieve in a camp environment, filled with recreational and social experiences.

Registration for Inclusion camp would be available for YMCA members as well as for community members. During school breaks, parents and caregivers seek opportunities for their children to socialize and be involved in meaningful activities. Inclusion camp provides fun and focused learning for youth, as well as respite opportunities for caregivers.

What need in the Community will this program address?

The Wells County community has long supported programs for people with disabilities. Angie Sheets, a Wells County parent of a child with a disability, established the "Dream Team" program in 2001 to provide free sports and recreation opportunities for children with physical, developmental or intellectual disabilities who may not be able to participate in typical community activities. It was staffed by volunteers and immediately embraced by the community. When the Y opened a storefront operation in Wells County in 2009, we recognized that the program was a perfect fit with our mission and began serving as Dream Team's fiscal agent. In 2011, the Y worked with Ms. Sheets to take over leadership of the program but she has continued to be a strong advocate. The Dream Team program continues to thrive, serving 37 individuals in 2021. Wells County is also home to Whicker Park, an incredible inclusive playground.

The YMCA in Bluffton served 103 individuals with diverse abilities in 2020, as well as 2,175 youth in various programming in 2020.

The YMCA currently has a sensory bag and fanny packs filled with fidgets, which are used during adaptive programming for those with special needs. The YMCA also has a sensory room, featuring a bubble tube, tactile wall, fiber optic strands and more. The sensory products and room are well-received and available to the community.

Wells County has families and individuals who could directly benefit from increased inclusive programming, including an Inclusion Camp.

What do you want to do?

The YMCA would like to plan and offer an Inclusion Camp, specifically designed for those with and without diverse abilities to learn, play and grow together. Camp would include social and recreational opportunities, including crafts, gym games, swimming and more. Staff and volunteers will assist with activities and ensure that all individual needs are met.

What is your timeline?

The YMCA will begin planning the Inclusion Camp in the coming months, with the intent to offer it over winter break. Staff will finalize details and market the program 1-2 months prior to camp.

What results do you expect?

We expect families will participate in inclusive programming, as it truly benefits all. Parents/caregivers will enjoy times of respite and self-care, while participants will join with those with and without diverse abilities to enjoy age appropriate social and recreational opportunities for a healthy spirit, mind and body.

When you regularly interact with someone who is different from you, barriers are removed and you see them as a person, rather than defining them by their disability. Many staff members have shared stories of relationships, accomplishments and appreciation for their experiences serving people with disabilities. Volunteers also realize how programs often impact themselves just as much as the person they are helping.

Therefore, when participants engage with those of all abilities, everyone benefits! We anticipate campers will engage socially and make new friends. When those of all abilities play and come together, it strengthens our entire community!

If partnering with other organizations, please list.

NA

Describe the program and tell how the funds from the grant will be used based on your budget.

The YMCA would like to plan and implement an Inclusion Camp for the Wells County community. Inclusion Camps are wonderful opportunities for those with and without diverse abilities to participate in activities together. Funds from the grant would be utilized for equipment, staffing, food and program supplies directly related to the camp.



Signature YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne Board President

9-8-2021

Date

**Caylor-Nickel Foundation Family YMCA
Inclusion Camp Budget**

Item:	Cost:
Craft Supplies (ex: 20 participants X 10 crafts)	\$200
Snack Supplies (ex: 20 participants X \$5 snacks)	\$100
Adaptive Equipment	\$200
Special Activities (Ex: Guest instructor/speaker)	\$350
Program Supplies (ex: certificates, medals, sensory fidgets)	\$300
Staffing:	
Camp Director (\$12/hr X 25 hours)	300
Camp Assistants (\$10/hour X 7 staff X 15 hours)	1,050
Total	\$2,500

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