

**Craig H. Neilsen Foundation Announces
2017 Funding Opportunity for
Nonprofit Organizations that Improve Quality of Life for Individuals
Living with Spinal Cord Injury**



10/31/2016 - The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation is pleased to announce the re-naming of the Quality of Life portfolio to **Creating Opportunity and Independence**. This change comes as a means to better reflect the intent of the Neilsen Foundation's programmatic efforts. The funding priorities for this portfolio will not change. The Neilsen Foundation will continue to support innovative projects to improve independence for individuals with spinal cord injury. The six areas of emphasis will remain: assistive technology, education, employment, independent living, rehabilitation, and arts, sports and recreation.

Information regarding the 2017 Creating Opportunity and Independence Project Grants follows. This funding opportunity ranges from \$25,000 - \$100,000 grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations that strive to improve the quality of life for individuals with spinal cord injury (SCI). Project Grants are one-year grants targeting innovative approaches that empower individuals with SCI to live independently and enjoy improved emotional and physical well-being.

Creating Opportunity and Independence grants support a variety of projects that include, but are not limited to: adaptive driving, adaptive sports, artist's residencies, home modifications, housing initiatives, patient navigator/assistance programs, rehabilitation services and equipment, and SCI-related mentoring.

The one-year Project Grant application process begins with submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI). The 2017 Project Grant LOI application process will open on proposalCENTRAL (<https://proposalcentral.altum.com>) on Monday, November 21, 2016. The 2017 Application Guide and deadline information will also be available on our website (www.chnfoundation.org) by November 21. Contact Jane Otto, Program Officer, at jane@chnfoundation.org for further information.

ABOUT THE CRAIG H. NEILSEN FOUNDATION

The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation was established as a private foundation in 2002. The Neilsen Foundation received its full endowment in 2011 and since then has significantly expanded its staff and grantmaking activities in accordance with its strategic plan. In light of this expansion, the Neilsen Foundation has evolved into the largest private funder of spinal cord injury research, rehabilitation and clinical training in the United States. The Neilsen Foundation funds scientific research (preclinical, translational, clinical and psychosocial research); opportunity and independence programs; scholarships for students with SCI; postdoctoral and SCI medicine fellowships; and other projects to support the SCI community throughout the United States and Canada.

For more information, please visit: www.chnfoundation.org.