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State Lobby Day - Chapter Advocacy 2016 Grant Program Criteria and Application

One of the most effective ways of letting elected officials know your chapter's views on state legislative issues is by communicating through a face-to-face meeting. When a group of people from an elected officials' district requests a meeting regarding a particular issue, the elected official wants to hear their point of view. Sponsoring a lobby day provides members of your state legislature with the information they need to make the best decisions for their constituents.

As a reflection of continuing support of the College for Chapter advocacy in their respective states, the "Lobby Day" grant program is moving forward for another year. Chapters may apply annually for the grant for up to \$5,000 in a given year, and must match one dollar for every two received. For example, a grant of \$5,000 would require a Chapter match of \$2,500, for a total \$7,500.

Guidelines (outlined in greater detail on the next page):

1. Applications (attached) must be received by COB **September 11th, 2015** to Justin Rosen, jrosen@facs.org.
2. Chapter leadership (Officers, councilors, and Governors) are expected to participate and play a role in planning.
3. States with multiple chapters should submit a joint application and split funds. A unified surgical voice is the only way to ensure legislative successes.
4. All coalition lobby days should feature a surgeon-specific meeting or event.
5. Utilize the State Affairs team for assistance and guidance.
6. Submit a lobby day report within 45 days of the event.
7. Questions? Please contact Justin Rosen – jrosen@facs.org or 202-672-1528.

Grant Application Criteria

1. Chapters seeking a grant are to complete the application with appropriate attachments and return it to the College by **September 11th, 2015** (jrosen@facs.org). Applications received by the deadline will be reviewed and grant recipients confirmed by the Health Policy and Advocacy Group (HPAG).
2. In those states where more than one ACS Chapter exists, all Chapters in the state interested in sponsoring a state lobby day must submit a joint application. Statewide advocacy requires a united surgical voice which is best developed when diverse chapters are working together. In those states where multiple chapters exist and individual applications are submitted, they will be returned to be re-submitted as a joint application.
3. When an application is submitted by multiple chapters and approved for a grant, the funds will be evenly distributed between the chapter applicants unless other arrangements are agreed to by the applicants.
4. Grant recipients will be assigned a member of the ACS State Affairs team to serve as a resource for planning and implementation of the event. Chapters are encouraged to advocate in their states for ACS state-level issues (<http://www.facs.org/ahp/statelegislation.html>), and should consider using these issues around which to plan their lobby day events. To help with planning, a “Day at the State Capitol” planning guide is available at <http://www.facs.org/ahp/lobbytoolkit.pdf>.
5. Following completion of the state lobby day, Chapters will have 45 days to provide a report to ACS State Affairs describing the event and its accomplishments, detailing ways in which the grant funds were spent, and assessing the overall completion of goals and objectives of the program.
6. If for some reason a lobby day needs to be cancelled, the Chapter will return to the ACS the unspent funds from the original grant unless other arrangements are made with the College. This refund should be accompanied with a letter explaining why the program was cancelled and what if anything could be done in future years to address the factors leading to cancellation of the event.
7. Chapters seeking additional grants will be evaluated on a number of factors including participation in the lobby day by Chapter leadership, and submission of the report required following completion of the lobby day. Chapters that fail to turn in a report on the lobby day will be ineligible to apply for another grant until the report is submitted. In addition, Chapter leadership needs to participate in the lobby day with a minimum of 75% of officers, councilors and governors in attendance.

American College of Surgeons Chapter Advocacy Grant Program

2016 “Day at the State Capitol” Grant Application

CHAPTER(S): Alaska Chapter
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AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$1,000
CHAPTER MATCH: \$500

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible.

Approximately when does the Chapter plan to hold a “Day at the State Capitol” event? Will it be part of the Chapter’s annual meeting, part of another larger state meeting, or an independent event?

This will be an independent event to be held in Juneau when the legislature is in session.

Will the Chapter be the only sponsor of the event, or will other Chapters and/or state surgical/medical societies be invited to be co-sponsors (coalition activity)?

The Chapter is currently the only sponsor of the event. There may be some ability to include Alaska Hospitals as well.

Define the target audience --who will be invited to participate in this event, i.e., Chapter leadership, Chapter members, Residents, all surgeons in the state, etc? Anticipated number of participants?

Currently plan to include the Chapter leadership – expecting 5-6 participants.

Has the Chapter sponsored a lobby day in the past? If so, please briefly describe the event; level of participation by surgeons; issue focus; etc.

This will be our first attempt at a lobby day.

Goals and Objectives: Why does the Chapter want to sponsor a “Day at the State Capitol?” What ACS state surgical issues will be the focus of the event? How does a “Day at the State Capitol” event fit with the Chapter’s efforts on state legislative advocacy? How is the event to be planned – special Chapter committee, Chapter Council, joint committee with other groups, etc.?
The issue is funding for Trauma team activation. We have only recently been successful at widespread hospital participation in becoming designated Trauma centers. That was in large part due to State funding for uncompensated Trauma care. That funding is now gone due to State Budget issues. Our goal is to get DHHS to fund trauma team activation. This correlates well with goals of the College in advocacy.

Provide a brief outline/schedule and budget for the event.

The outline would be a lobby day in Juneau. We would hope to have an issue briefing over breakfast with all participants. This would be followed by meetings with legislators (both constituent meetings and meetings with members on DHHS related committees). The plan would be a review with summary of issues needing follow up at the end of the day.

Not sure of actual budget, but would anticipate covering meals, a meeting room, and a small stipend to defray a portion of the travel cost. The capital is in Juneau (not road accessible) and all attendees would have to fly in for the event.

Application Due Date: September 11, 2015