

CCD Witness Fund Policy

Thanks to the generosity of the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, CCD has several thousand dollars in an interest-bearing account. These funds were presented to CCD to assist CCD to bring the voices of people with disabilities to the federal government.

Co-chairs of any CCD task force may make a written request to the CCD Chair for up to \$1,000 to finance activities that are designed to promote the empowerment of children and adults with disabilities and their families. In general, requests can be for expenses up to \$1,000 per individual per event. However, the Board may approve requests that exceed \$1,000 on a case by case basis. Funds may be used to:

1. Offset travel related expenses for people with disabilities and their families who are invited to congressional or administrative briefings, forums, or hearings to present positions supported by the requesting task force.
2. Offset some or all travel related expenses for CCD members to travel outside of Washington, DC for congressional or administrative briefings, forums, or hearings to present positions supported by the requesting task force.

To be eligible to use the CCD Witness Fund, the requesting Task Force must

1. Confirm that the witness in his/her written and oral testimony will promote the task force's public policies goals
2. Confirm that the task force co-chairs unanimously support the policy goals conveyed by this witness;
3. Confirm that without CCD's support, the witness would not be able to accept the invitation to speak.

The CCD Board will act on the request within 3 business days. Requests require a two-thirds vote majority of the full board for approval.

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