**Follow Instructions:** It may sound simple, but one of the easiest ways to write a successful grant is to double check that you've answered all parts of the question being asked, and adhere to word counts. [This free tool makes it easy!](#)

**Be Clear:** Grant reviewers are likely learning about your program for the first time. Keep your answers clear and concise. Don't feel obligated to write more if you haven't hit the word count.

**Include Data:** When possible cite research and statistics that support why your program is needed, and why your solution will be successful. If you've collected your own data, be sure to include that too.

**Write with Passion:** Set your grant apart with honest story telling. Include real examples of impact, or inspiration for how your project was conceived. These tangible stories bring life to your application, and allow the reader to visualize outcomes.

**Connect:** Foundations are often willing to have discussions prior to your submission. Take advantage of this time to learn how to make your grant stand out. NEXT for AUTISM will be offering open office hours weekly through submission period.