



PALM DESERT

UNITE PALM DESERT AUTISM CERTIFICATION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM (ACRP) GRANT GUIDELINES

BACKGROUND

The Autism Certification Reimbursement Program provides financial assistance to Palm Desert businesses to become a Certified Autism Center (CAC) through the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES). This aligns with the City's commitment to fostering inclusivity and supporting businesses that provide accommodating environments for individuals with autism.

REQUIREMENTS

- Business must operate within Palm Desert city limits and be in good standing with the City.
- Businesses must first successfully achieve CAC certification through IBCCES to qualify for reimbursement.
- 80% of the business's employees must complete the required training for certification.
- For businesses with more than 25 staff members, a CAC audit is mandatory (except for non-resort hotels).
- Eligible Businesses:
 - Priority I: Hospitality and Tourist Attractions
 - Priority II: Retail and Restaurants
 - Priority III: Small Enterprises

REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

- Businesses must submit an application to the City after completing CAC certification.
- The City must receive verification of successful certification from IBCCES.
- Upon confirmation, the business will receive a one-time reimbursement of \$2,500 towards the certification fee.

CERTIFICATION COSTS

Certified Autism Center - For Travel & Recreation (IBCCES Pricing)					
Partner pricing	30 min	4 Hr.	CAC	Audit*	Total (Estimated)
less than 5 staff	\$25	\$89	\$2,500		\$2,689
6 to 15	\$25	\$89	\$2,500		\$3,003
16 to 25	\$25	\$89	\$2,500		\$3,317
25 to 50	\$25	\$84	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$9,070
50 to 100	\$25	\$79	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,640
100+	custom	custom	\$2,500	\$5,000	

QUESTIONS/INFORMATION

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