

# Make Traveling Family Friendly Again

## Grant Proposal Partner Request

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- We are seeking grant partnerships with Public and Private Airports, Airport Port Authorities, and Airport Management Operators to establish cost-effective Sensory Rooms and Sensory Inclusive Programs and Training. These solutions, designed with medical professionals, include quieter environments equipped with bean bags, visual light panels, activity panels, air walls, and ADA seating. Airports will also receive staff training to recognize and assist passengers with sensory needs, plus sensory bags containing noise-canceling headphones, fidget tools, verbal cue cards, and weighted lap pads—available to anyone feeling overwhelmed.

### ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

- KultureCity is the world's leading nonprofit dedicated to sensory accessibility and acceptance for individuals with invisible disabilities and sensory needs, such as autism, PTSD, dementia, and traumatic brain injuries. Founded in 2014 in Birmingham, Alabama, by Dr. Julian Maha and Dr. Michele Kong—both neurodivergent physicians and parents of neurodivergent children—KultureCity follows the mission "Making the Nevers Possible" to foster global awareness, acceptance, and inclusion. Over 11 years, the organization has certified over 6,000 venues across five continents, including airports, arenas, zoos, hospitals, and events, empowering millions in the neurodivergent community.

### FUNDING REQUEST

- Funding requests are based upon your desired program, please see the below programs offered below:
  - Offerings
    - KC Sensory Rooms - quiet, calming spaces in public venues (arenas, stadiums, convention centers, schools) designed for individuals with sensory needs (autism, anxiety, PTSD, etc.) to decompress from overwhelming environments, featuring adjustable lighting, comfortable seating, and sensory tools like weighted blankets, noise-canceling headphones, and fidget tools, making events inclusive for everyone



- KC Sensory Pods -designed to bring a mobile sensory experience to any space that lacks a physical space for a dedicated sensory room from classrooms to medical exam rooms, our pods ensures that all guests can feel comfortable
- KC Sensory Bags - complimentary sensory bags provided at sensory-inclusive venues (like zoos, stadiums, theme parks) containing noise-canceling headphones, fidget tools (marble, noodle, tangle), visual cue cards, and VIP lanyards to help guests, especially those with autism or sensory sensitivities, manage overwhelming environments and enjoy events more comfortably
- Sensory Inclusive® First Responder Certification - helps first responders serve all citizens regardless of their sensory needs, mental health challenges or invisible disabilities.
- Over 500 First Responder departments across the USA have worked with us to become Sensory Inclusive® Certified with our continuous training, sensory bags, sensory certified vehicle decals and app integration

## **EXPECTED OUTCOMES & IMPACT**

- Expanded access to sensory environments suited to support travelers with invisible disabilities
- Increased traveler engagement
- Stronger traveler experiences

## **EVALUATION & REPORTING**

To ensure program effectiveness, we will:

- 1.Track user participation and training events
- 2.Conduct pre- and post-program surveys
- 3.Host quarterly meetings to update stakeholders and donors
- 4.Publish an annual impact report detailing program milestones

## **CALL TO ACTION**

Partner with us today! Your support will make a profound difference in the lives of American travelers, and we are so excited to with you in bringing this amazing offering to travelers across the country and the globe.

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