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## AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION - INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOUNDATION, INC. NOW ACCEPTING INITIAL DESCRIPTIONS OF GRANT PROPOSALS FOR FALL 2017 FUNDING CYCLE AND SPECIAL INITIATIVE

**NEW YORK, NEW YORK, September 7, 2017** – The AAA-ICDR Foundation® is now inviting and accepting Initial Description of Grant Requests for its Fall 2017 Funding Cycle.

**Special initiative** - In addition to continuing support of its broader mission in response to recent divisive events throughout the country, the AAA-ICDR Foundation has announced a special initiative to offer funding to a limited number of organizations with successful experience in providing opportunities for dialogue in situations involving racial, ethnic and religious conflict. We encourage interested organizations or individuals to submit a 1-2 page Initial Description of Grant Requests in line with the Foundation's special initiative.

**The 1-2 page Initial Description of Grant Request for all grants must be submitted no later than October 13, 2017.** Go to [www.AAAICDRFoundation.org](http://www.AAAICDRFoundation.org) for process information and forms including the pre-recorded [Informational Webinar Initial Grant Descriptions](#).

The Foundation will be hosting a brief Q&A call on September 26th from 3:00 – 3:30pm ET regarding the initial description process for all Grant Requests to answer any questions from potential grantees. Call-in details are listed below.

Call-In Number: 1-888-537-7715

Code: 15083676 #

The American Arbitration Association® (AAA®) and its international division, the International Centre for Dispute Resolution® (ICDR®), announced the establishment of the AAA-ICDR Foundation in May 2015. Since that time, the Foundation Board: James R. Jenkins, India Johnson, John J. Kerr, Jr., Carolyn Lamm, Francis McGovern, Bruce Meyerson, and Board Chair Edna Sussman along with AAA-ICDR support staff have been hard at work in both the areas of grant making and fundraising.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, and is able to solicit donations and provide grants to fund a range of worthy causes that promote the Foundation's wide-reaching mission, which is to support the use and improvement of dispute resolution processes in the USA and internationally, including:

- Fostering measures that reduce potential escalation, manage, and resolve conflicts.
- Expanding the use of dispute resolution processes tailored to the conflict.
- Supporting research, education and initiatives promoting high quality, efficient and fair dispute resolution.
- Increasing access to justice in and through alternative dispute resolution.
- Encouraging collaborative processes to resolve public conflicts.
- Sharing expertise across diverse groups and cultures.
- Partnering with others dedicated to advancing the Foundation's mission.

For more information on the AAA-ICDR Foundation, please visit [www.AAAICDRFoundation.org](http://www.AAAICDRFoundation.org).