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AANP Announces State Association Advocacy Grant Recipients

In support of the AANP's number one advocacy priority of licensure of Naturopathic Doctors in all 50 states by 2025, the AANP is pleased to award grants to advance advocacy efforts to the following state associations:

- \$3,000, Michigan Association of Naturopathic Physicians
- \$3,000, North Carolina Association of Naturopathic Physicians
- \$3,000, New Mexico Association of Naturopathic Physicians
- \$1,750, New York Association of Naturopathic Physicians
- \$1,750, Virginia Association of Naturopathic Physicians

The AANP Board of Directors started setting aside funds for state advocacy grants in 2015. Since then, the AANP has awarded a total of \$75,000 in direct funding for state licensure efforts.

Grant applications were evaluated based on an extensive list of criteria approved by the AANP State and Federal Affairs Committee, including whether funds were to support initial licensure or expansion efforts; experience and credentials of the state advocacy team; history of legislative attempts, including degree of traction and progress made; readiness of advocacy materials; whether the organization has a grassroots system in place; strength of the organization's fundraising strategy; strength of the organization's relationship building and outreach efforts; quality and thoroughness of the advocacy plan, including proposed use of funds; whether the association received other grant funds recently; and the likelihood of achieving licensure in the current or next legislative session.

In reviewing applications and crafting recommendations, the AANP prioritized funding for states that are closest to achieving licensure, as well as those that have made significant progress and have utilized processes that might serve as models for other state associations.

For details on the AANP grant program or if you have a question about state licensing, contact Traci Hobson, traci.hobson@naturopathic.org.