An "ad hoc award" is a way to give an applicant an award without having submitted an application. Essentially, this is a way for approvers to bypass the standard application workflow. When saved, an ad hoc award is immediately approved. There are two reasons an approver might want to do this:

1. The applicant is unable to access UFunds. For example, if someone is traveling without good internet access, but is able to provide relevant details through some other means, the approver can create an ad hoc award to get them in the system.
2. The grant period is set up to be “ad hoc only.” This is typically for things like prizes where the selection process does not involve the recipient.