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A Donor-Advised Fund of the Orange County Community Foundation

MEDICAL RESEARCH

2016 Request for Proposals

OVERVIEW

The Live for Others Foundation (LFOF) Donor Advised Fund makes grants for basic and clinical research aimed at finding a cure for Synovial Cell Sarcoma (SCS). This disease is very rare and research into finding effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure are nascent at best. The founder of LFOF lost his battle with this disease and created LFOF with the hopes of one day finding a cure for this disease. It is expected that award amounts will range between \$50,000 and \$100,000, however, requests for smaller or greater amounts may be considered.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

The intent of the Medical Research funding is not only to support innovative research proposals that are focused on synovial cell sarcoma that are based on strong science but also to establish collaborations between scientists and physicians passionate about finding a cure for this rare and underfunded disease. Advancements in this field have been slow and the LFOF would like to accelerate breakthroughs into the basic understanding of synovial cell sarcoma as well as new treatment strategies. Proposals are evaluated by the LFOF Board and priority is given to research projects that are specific to synovial cell sarcoma and have the highest potential impact.

SUBMISSION

Applications will be accepted by LFOF via email and/or mail. The email address is LFOF@OC-CF.ORG

The mailing address is:

Live for Others Foundation DAF
C/O Orange County Community Foundation
4041 MacArthur Blvd, Ste 510
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Applications should include the following:

1. Proposal Abstract – A short description of the technical study
2. Lay Summary – A short description of the study written for the general public



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3. Project Personnel – All key personnel (name, title, affiliation) involved in the study and their roles/responsibilities

DEADLINES

Submit proposals any time. Proposals will be considered at the calendar quarterly meeting of the Granting Committee.

DOCUMENTS

1. Proposal Narrative
 - a. Name(s) of Principal Investigator(s) (PI(s))
 - b. Research plan that outlines the significance of the research, specific aims, methodology and preliminary data. Please include timelines and expected milestones.
 - c. Significance of the project, including how the research will further the understanding of how the SCS works, treatments to halt its spread and how the data will contribute to curing the disease.
 - d. How you are currently collaborating with other scientists/physicians/researchers and if there are no current collaborations how you plan to collaborate in the future as part of this proposal.
 - e. How the project findings will be shared and disseminated
 - f. For Clinical Research how the patients will be recruited, research procedures that will be used, how the research will be analyzed
2. Bibliography
3. Budget – Please provide for one-year and total project timeline if exceeding one year
 - a. How grant funds will be used for salaries, supplies and other direct expenses of the project. Funding may support the PI(s) salary but the parent institution (if applicable) must confirm the availability of the PI(s) time.
 - b. Budget justification of all expense attributed to the research this grant is being requested to support. For salaries please provide the formula for deriving the budgeted amounts (i.e. hourly rate x # of hours dedicated to the project).
 - c. Other funding sources must be identified that the applicant is applying for or has obtained for funding this research. Please also identify and include an abstract and the specific aims of other projects that might be seen as potentially overlapping with this research.
4. Biographical Sketch
 - a. Required for all PI(s) and co-PI(s) associated with the research.
 - b. Please include the productivity of the PI in publishing of previous research.

Principal investigators must hold post-doctoral positions or beyond. PI's wishing to have a project performed by a post-doctoral associate (such as a post-doc candidate) must act as co-principal investigators.



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COMPLIANCE WITH GRANT TERMS

Grants are to be used only for the purposes outlined in the project proposal. PIs must contact LFOF if the nature of the activities described in the proposal, the grant period or the project budget are likely to change.

REPORTING

A final report consisting of the financial report and a programmatic narrative report from the PI are due to the LFOF one month after the end of the date of grant.

In addition, PIs will be required to submit a post-grant report one year after the final report to describe additional project funding, publications of research, and whether the preliminary data led to nationally funded research or any additionally funded research.

PAYMENT TERMS

1. Grant payments will be made annually or bi-annually, depending on the size of the grant. LFOF reserves the right to withhold payment at any time pending resolution of any discrepancies in the use of funds, and/or if the specific aims are not adequately addressed, all as set forth in the grant proposal, and any revisions required thereto by LFOF, prior to acceptance and approval.
2. Awards may not be contributed to a unified or pooled fund that will be used to award grants or support other projects.
3. Grants are awarded on the basis of the content of the proposal, as well as the qualifications of the named Principal Investigator (PI) and sponsoring institution. If the PI terminates his/her affiliation with the institution identified in the grant award, and wishes to continue the project at another qualified sponsoring institution, the PI must notify LFOF in writing. LFOF reserves the right to require resubmission of the grant with the appropriate changes in staff and/or venue, and LFOF reserves the right to reject such change.
4. If the PI wishes to discontinue the project prior to completion, he/she must notify LFOF in writing within sixty days of termination of work on the project. The original institution identified in the grant award shall have the opportunity to identify another PI within sixty days of notification. LFOF reserves the right to require resubmission of the grant with the appropriate changes in staff and LFOF reserves the right to reject such a change. If the original institution does not wish to continue the project, the remaining funds from the grant award as of the date of termination of work on the project must be returned to LFOF.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the proposal please contact Todd Hanson,
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