

INNOVATION GRANT

The Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) is inviting Letters of Intent (LOI) for one-time health innovation grants. These grants will fund projects that encourage, facilitate, recognize and reward innovative and creative approaches to the field of medicine.

PAMED is looking for **innovative projects** with any or all of the following goals:

- Reduction of health care costs.
- Improvement in access to health care.
- Improvement of quality of care.

The project scope should include its potential to be replicated and applied across the state.

Process

PAMED will accept LOIs from June 10, 2024, through July 11, 2024. All LOIs will be reviewed by a physician-led committee and those with projects that are consistent with the intent of the grant will be invited to submit a full proposal. Proposals will be accepted from August 5, 2024, through September 5, 2024. For proposals that are selected for funding, the grant cycle will be December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2025.

Eligibility/Selection Criteria

- Public, non-profit, and private organizations are eligible to apply, but the applicant **must** be a member of PAMED in order to submit an LOI, throughout the review and proposal process, and for the duration of the grant period if one is awarded.
- Physicians, regardless of practice setting may apply; the physician **must** be a member of PAMED in order to submit an LOI, throughout the review and proposal process, and for the duration of the grant period if one is awarded.
- Residents may apply with the support of their sponsor; the resident **must** be a member of PAMED in order to submit an LOI, throughout the review and proposal process, and for the duration of the grant period if one is awarded.
- Medical students may apply with the support of a sponsor; the student **must** be a member of PAMED in order to submit an LOI, throughout the review and proposal process, and for the duration of the grant period if one is awarded.
- County Medical Societies are eligible to apply, provided that the project focus is innovation in physician practice settings rather than expansion of county operations. The project director **must** be a physician, resident, or medical student member of PAMED in order to submit an LOI, throughout the review and proposal process, and for the duration of the grant period if one is awarded.

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- Practice Administrators may apply; however, the project director **must** be a physician or resident of the practice where the practice administrator is employed. The practice administrator and the physician or resident serving as the project director must be members of PAMED in order to submit an LOI, throughout the review and proposal process, and for the duration of the grant period if one is awarded.
- In addition to the applicant, **all physicians** who will be participating in a project (including consulting, directing, assisting, managing operations, planning to use the project for scholarship or research, etc.) **must** be PAMED members in order to submit an LOI, throughout the review and proposal process, and for the duration of the grant period if one is awarded.
- Physicians, residents, and medical students are only permitted to be involved with one PAMED funded Innovation Grant at any given time.
- Members of PAMED's Innovation Committee are not eligible to apply, nor are they eligible to participate in a project.
- Members of PAMED's Board of Trustees are not eligible to apply, nor are they eligible to participate in a project.
- Employees of PAMED or subsidiaries of PAMED and their families are not eligible to apply, nor are they eligible to participate in a project.

Award Information

PAMED will be awarding up to a total of \$500,000 for innovation projects. Individual grant amounts will not exceed \$100,000.

The award period will begin December 1, 2024, and end November 30, 2025.

Letter of Intent Review/Invitation to Submit Proposal

All LOIs will be reviewed by a physician-led committee. Those determined to be proposing a project that is innovative and consistent with the intent of the grant will be invited to submit a proposal. Projects described in the LOI will be assessed based on the degree to which they:

- Apply solutions that meet new requirements, unarticulated needs, or existing market needs.
- Execute an idea which addresses a specific challenge and achieves value for both the organization and the patients it serves.
- Develop new or improved health policies, systems, products and technologies, as well as services and delivery methods that improve patient outcomes and health.
- Respond to unmet needs by employing new ways of thinking and working, especially the needs of vulnerable populations.

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- Add value in the form of improved efficiency, effectiveness, quality, safety and/or affordability.
- Create lasting change that is sustainable.
- Are scalable and able to be replicated throughout the commonwealth.
- Include diverse and equitable participation and/or access.
- Support the mission of PAMED.

Letter of Intent Guidelines

**All interested applicants must submit a LOI online, not to exceed 500 words.
All LOIs must be received by 4:00 pm EST on July 11, 2024.**

The LOI should concisely address the following points:

- Clearly and explicitly convey the project's innovation and the potential impact on the medical community.
- Pertinent information to support the review process as described above.

DO NOT include any information in your LOI that identifies the organization or individuals who will be involved in the project or that can be used to easily identify the organization or individuals who will be involved in the project. Only provide identifying information as requested during the submission process.

This grant promotes original and unexplored ideas; therefore, preliminary data is not required as a part of the LOI. A strong justification must be included. Previous projects may be cited as proof of competency to take on the proposed project. Existing and unanalyzed data may be cited in the proposal as supporting documentation.

LOIs must be submitted using PAMED's online application process.



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