



## **2018 ISPNO CURE FUND SNAP GRANT APPLICATION & INFORMATION**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Cure Starts Now Foundation (CSN) is an IRS 501C non-profit charity dedicated to educating, aiding and funding the search for a cure for pediatric brain cancer in the hopes of curing all cancers.

The Foundation seeks to fund research investigating cures for pediatric brain cancers with a focus on homerun research strategies. Our focus is to support translational and clinical research projects in those areas.

### **THE CURE FUND SNAP GRANT**

The Cure Starts Now Foundation offers a \$50,000 (U.S. dollars) start-up grant awarded to an innovative grant related to pediatric brain cancer research. Such approved grant is expected to be implemented within 6-months of acceptance and no grant shall be contingent on other external funding unless explicitly approved in writing by the Chairman of the Medical Advisory Council of CSN. Considerations will be made for multiple grant solicitations that represent separate expense line items or an expansion of an existing research project with the prior approval of the Chairman of the Medical Advisory Council of The Cure Starts Now.

Funding is for direct costs related to the research project. Examples of direct costs include personnel, salary, supplies, equipment and patient care expenses. Support for salary must not exceed percentage of effort related to the research. Institutional costs may be considered, but it is recommended that justification be provided in the budget of the grant. A total of 10% or less of institutional and indirect costs is recommended. Travel costs are excluded from funding in this grant application, but investigators may request additional support from The Cure Starts Now to travel to meetings to present research funded by the Foundation. These requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

### **SNAP GRANT PROCESS**

Preliminary grant applications will be accepted up until May 18, 2018, 23:00 EST. Email submissions with all attachments by May 18, 2018 will be deemed in compliance. An official Cure Starts Now online submission portal may be offered and will be deemed in acceptance. Emails must be sent to [keith@thecurestartsnow.org](mailto:keith@thecurestartsnow.org). Incomplete applications will not be considered. Grants may be granted to organizations outside of the United States of America and current members of the CSN Medical Advisory Council

may also apply, though will be required to recuse themselves during the entire voting process.

Applications will be reviewed by the Chairman of the Medical Advisory Council, and any special panel he or she convenes, at which point up to 5 finalists will be determined for consideration at the 2018 ISPNO meeting (Denver, CO, USA June/July 2018) in an abbreviated 4-minute presentation by the researcher. Please see official schedule for dates and times of Cure Fund Snap Grant presentations. Finalists will be notified by June 4, 2018. No appeals will be considered. Finalists unable to present personally at the 2018 ISPNO meeting will be removed from consideration. From the finalists one winner will be determined by the represented members of the Medical Advisory Council and special delegates selected by the Medical Advisory Council Chairman and grant proceeds will be paid by the end of the meeting.

If internal review has not yet been performed or the study cannot begin within 6-months of grant approval, funds will be withheld until such time that The Cure Starts Now Foundation is notified that the program has been formally approved and will be implemented. If program approval is not received within 6 months and the program is not implemented, it shall be the sole discretion of the Medical Advisory Council Chairman to either deny, modify or delay grant funding to the institution.

**A progress report must be submitted by the investigator(s) on annual intervals and at the end of the funding period.** Failure to submit a progress report will exclude the investigator from any future funding from the foundation. Additionally, upon approval of funding by The Cure Starts Now, the institution receiving funding must supply a letter acknowledging the grant and amount as well as a link to their website containing further information about the study for the education and coordination of affected individuals and families. A link to this website as well as the answers submitted in Section 1 and Section 2 submitted by the investigator will be posted on The Cure Starts Now website.

Funding by The Cure Starts Now must be specifically acknowledged in all presentations and publications that involve research funded by the foundation(s). Grantees shall notify, in writing, The Cure Starts Now of all publishing papers or presentations of study results before release to the general public or research community and shall make available full copies of such work. Our goal is to share research and information, so it is mandatory that any and all study results will be shared promptly with the scientific community and not be kept strictly for proprietary purposes. Failure to promptly and fully share any and all study results with the broader scientific community may result in a revocation, pause and/or complete discontinuation of any funding yet to be disbursed under such research funded by the foundation. Consideration for a limited delay, not to exceed 30 days, in reporting of results will be given to unpublished data that is the subject of a patent application. For clarity, any and all data that is included in a filed patent application must be made available immediately following the filing of such a

patent application. Updates and notifications of publishings may be made to keith@thecurestartsnow.org.

Submissions to The Cure Starts Now Foundation for grant approval should not be construed to be confidential information and the submitting organization agrees to release The Cure Starts Now Foundation from any and all liability from the discussion, Internet posting or consideration of all documents submitted. If requested in writing by the applicant, posting of application answers to section 1 and 2 will only be posted for public view at [www.thecurestartsnow.org](http://www.thecurestartsnow.org), [www.dipg.org](http://www.dipg.org) and associated sites. All other responses and submissions will still be shared with members of the Medical Advisory Council and partnering foundations.

## **GRANT ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA**

Applicant Eligibility:

- Must be an MD, DO, PhD, DrPH or equivalent
- Must be a member of a non-profit organization or a valid medical/scientific organization.
- Must be up to date with any previous funding through The Cure Starts Now, which includes progress report submissions.

Grant applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Innovation (a primary consideration of the Snap Grant process and may be weighted accordingly)
  - Does the research study propose a novel approach or represent advancement in current treatment of pediatric brain cancer?
- Scientific merit
  - What is the hypothesis and does the study adequately answer and address the hypothesis? Does the study use valid research and statistical methods?
- Disease impact
  - Does the study propose an intervention or clinical tool that will reduce the morbidity or mortality from or potentially find a cure for pediatric brain cancer?
- Feasibility
  - Is the study likely to meet its goals during the funding period? Can the research findings be translated into clinic practice? Are the research findings likely to result in a direct change in morbidity or mortality of pediatric brain cancer in the near future?
- Expertise of investigator(s)
  - Do the investigators have the expertise to meet their research goals?

## THE APPLICATION

Applications should be single spaced and 12 point font. All grants must be translated into English. Page size is 8.5 x 11 inches. These guidelines are to ensure readability for our reviewers. Grants may be emailed with all necessary attachments to Keith Desserich, Chairman Board of Directors, The Cure Starts Now Foundation at [keith@thecurestartsnow.org](mailto:keith@thecurestartsnow.org). There is no need to mail physical copies of the grant for eligibility. It is the responsibility of the applicant to confirm receipt of the grant via email. Questions concerning the grant process may also be directed to the above email address but should be initiated at least 5 days in advance to ensure a timely response.

## APPLICATION OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS

1. Section 1: Contact Information
  - a. Primary Investigator
    - i. Name and title
    - ii. Address
    - iii. Phone number (s)
    - iv. Email address
    - v. Individual with institutional authority to sign on behalf of the institution. This includes signing financial reports and receiving checks from The Cure Starts Now Foundation.
    - vi. Address (for correspondence and for sending checks)
    - vii. Conflicts of Interest
      1. P.I. must include a statement in this section that discloses any potential conflicts of interest regarding the research project or its funding by The Cure Starts Now. The P.I. must sign this conflict of interest statement (no stamps accepted). A potential conflict of interest is a situation in which a reviewer or individual involved in a funding decision, a family member, a friend, or other associate is in a position to gain or lose personally or professionally by the foundation's funding of the program.
2. Section 2: Executive Summary
  - a. This is a summary of the hypothesis, goals, background, clinical significance, design and methods of the proposed study. The summary is not to exceed one page. This summary will aid our reviewers in determining if the study generally meets our five criteria for funding outlined in the General Grant Information section. These criteria include:
    - i. Innovation
    - ii. Scientific Merit
    - iii. Disease Impact
    - iv. Feasibility
    - v. Expertise

3. Section 3: Copy of This Grant Application
  - a. This is a copy of the entire 5 page application (plus a W-9 if a U.S.A. based research application), with the Primary Investigator initial at the bottom of each page and the final acceptance signature at the end of the document, indicating compliance with the terms of the CSN grant process and regulations.
  - b. An institutional W-9
4. Section 4: Description of Research Proposal
  - a. This is a detailed description of the research project. Preferably this section should not exceed 3 pages in length. Suggested details that might be included in this section are:
    - i. Hypothesis proposed and anticipated results
    - ii. Specific aims
    - iii. Background and rationale for the proposed research project
    - iv. Research design
    - v. Use of human or animal subjects
    - vi. Disease Impact and Innovation
5. Section 5: Budget
  - a. This section should be no more than one page in length and should include budget information and justification. The following categories must be included:
    - i. Personnel costs
    - ii. Salaries and wages
    - iii. Fringe benefits
    - iv. Supplies
    - v. Equipment
    - vi. Patient care costs
    - vii. Total amount

**I have read and in consideration of any grant awarded for the research applied, agree to comply with the terms and requirements as stated above.**

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Signature

Date

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Printed Name

Title