

Quality of Care Innovations for Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Grant Letter of Intent

The American Kidney Fund (AKF) seeks proposals for implementation-focused projects that accelerate early identification of chronic kidney disease (CKD), advance understanding and diagnosis of CKD of unknown cause and support additional evaluation for rare kidney disease (RKD) when clinically appropriate criteria are met. For the inaugural year of the program, AKF will award one grant of up to \$100,000 to support a selected project. This grant was made possible by initiatives and foundational work accomplished by the Unknown Causes of Kidney Disease (UCKD) Project and its supporters.

This mandatory Letter of Intent (LOI) serves as Part I of the application process for applicants.

Applicants will be notified within 28 business days after each submission whether they are invited to proceed to Part II of the application process.

Submission instructions:

Please provide brief responses to the questions below. A completed LOI should be submitted via email to: ProfessionalEducation@kidneyfund.org. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Project Title

Lead Applicant(s):

Name(s), Credentials & Email Address(es)

Institution(s) or Organization(s):

Project Overview

Briefly describe the proposed project, including the specific gap or barrier being addressed, the proposed approach, and the target setting or population.

Note: This program funds implementation, scaling, and capacity-building, not basic, translational, or clinical research.

Impact on CKD Care

Describe how this project advances early CKD identification, diagnosis of CKD of unknown or rare cause, or capacity for rare kidney disease care.

Proposed timeline

Provide the anticipated start and end dates and briefly outline the main activities and milestones.

Measuring success

Describe the expected results and how you will measure progress and success. Include the key measures you plan to track and when you will assess them.

Describe what distinguishes this project from existing approaches. What problem does it solve that has not been adequately addressed?

Briefly describe the primary categories of expenditure (e.g., personnel, technology, training, infrastructure).

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Scalability

Describe proposed project's potential to be scaled or adapted by other healthcare systems or organizations.

Project Team

List additional core project team members, their institution(s), email address(es), areas of expertise and roles within the project. Identify any clinical, community or health system partners already engaged in or committed to this project.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submit this form via email to: ProfessionalEducation@kidneyfund.org

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