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ALSFAC WE CARE

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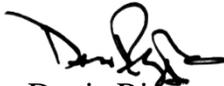
We are happy to share a new call for a grant opportunity for nonprofits based in the United States providing compassionate and accessible ALS care. Up to six grants will be issued, each up to \$100,000/year for 2 years. The grants are the **second group** of care-focused grants from ALS Finding A Cure – WE CARE (ALSFAC-WE CARE), a foundation with a strong history of supporting collaborative, cutting edge research (<http://www.alsfindingacure.org/>).

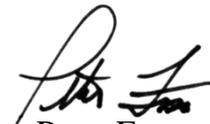
Participating organizations will receive grants to improve access to compassionate care for people with ALS and their families. We encourage applicants to address key unmet care needs, to propose approaches that expand existing successful care programs and to creatively promote resource sharing between organizations for the benefit of people with ALS. Awardees will work collaboratively, share knowledge and resources and help identify gaps where the compassionate care branch of ALSFAC-WE-CARE can make an impact. Previous applicants and awardees are encouraged to re-apply.

To learn more about the 2021 grant awardees and their impact please visit <https://www.alsfindingacure.org/alsfac-we-care/>. We strongly encourage groups working together to make a difference for people with ALS and their families.

Please share this email and opportunity broadly to your colleagues and organizations.

Warmly,


Denis Rizzuto


Peter Foss


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ALS Finding a Cure-WE-CARE Call for Proposals

ALSFAC is pleased to issue the 2022 call for proposals designed to provide compassionate and accessible ALS care.

About ALSFAC-WE-CARE

ALSFAC-WE-CARE is led by Denis Rizzuto, whose wife Christie had ALS. Christie, a wife, mother and friend to many, inspired all who knew her with her warmth, her internal and external beauty and her deep devotion to caring for others. All members of the executive committee of ALSFAC are committed to supporting research to find the cures and to helping those living with ALS today. Over the past years, we met with several remarkable organizations who provide compassionate care to patients with ALS and their families. We spoke to many patients and families and learned how much need there is for more care and for more coordination between the institutions that help those with ALS. ALSFAC-WE-CARE continues to strive that everyone with ALS receives the care they need.

Some Examples:

- Several loan closets and a need for a coordinated effort to link these so individuals with ALS can have what they need, no matter where they live.
- Amazing programs to help the children of individuals with ALS, and to bring care and resources to the home.
- Shortage of wheelchair vans and other equipment to allow mobility and options for people with ALS

These programs are spectacular, but often are restricted to limited geographies. There is no shortage of need nor of great groups trying to provide help. We want to make a difference to expand the programs that are working, create new programs to fill an unmet need, and to support efforts for coordinated delivery of key care help and resources.

Therefore, applications from nonprofit organizations are requested for projects that will help patients with ALS and their families and that will also help make these services available more broadly. We will bring the funded organizations together and over time will expand the team and care initiatives so that no person with ALS goes without the care resources they need. ALSFAC believes strongly in collaboration, creativity, open sharing of information and elimination of duplication in efforts. As noted by the founder of ALSFAC, Mr. Leandro Rizzuto, we are only limited by our imagination.

Application Process:

Applications open: September 12, 2022

Applications due: October 25, 2022

Recipients notified: December 2022

Submit to: <https://app.box.com/f/0537c35341164eb6bda403035ed0f8d8>

Grants are for the support of 2-year proposals of up to \$200,000 USD total (inclusive of a maximum of 15% in indirect costs). Support will not exceed 2 years and applicants should submit proposals that are compatible with a 2-year time frame. The continuation of funding within this period will be subject to the submission of satisfactory progress reports, which will be required at six-month intervals. The terms of the award agreement are found on the ALSFAC website: <https://www.alsfindingacure.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/We-Care-Terms-and-Conditions.pdf> ; please read before applying to ensure that your foundation or institution can meet these.

Selection criteria

- Impact of Applicants project to increase and improve care for people with ALS
- Clear success goals and metrics
- Project will address clear gaps in compassionate care
- Collaboration with other organization to improve compassionate care and willingness to think boldly about gaps in care and how to address
- For prior awardees who re-apply; demonstrated success on prior goals and metrics and new ideas on how to reach more people living with ALS.

Application Process

1. Please provide a cover letter addressed to ALS Finding a Cure-WE-CARE including:
 - a. Proposal Title
 - b. Total costs (\$200,000 maximum over two years including 15% overhead cap)
 - c. Number of milestones and related costs (to equal amount above)
 - d. List of all investigators, foundations and institutions
 - e. Name and contact information for person(s) responsible for contracts
 - f. Address for mailing of payments
2. Provide a proposal including:
 - A brief abstract suitable for media release to the lay public if the application is successful
 - Project Plan, Background, and Timeline (max. 7 pages). Please address following questions:
 - What is your proposed care proposal for ALS patients?
 - In what way will your project improve the life of individuals with ALS and their families?
 - What does success look like for your project?
 - How is your proposed care project different from or an expansion of what your organization already provides? How will these funds make an impact?
 - How will you collaborate and share knowledge and resources with other organizations to ensure synergies and increased access to compassionate care?
 - Why is ALS important to you and your foundation?
 - What regions will you help people with ALS in and how will you augment what is available in that area for people with ALS
 - Detailed itemized budget and budget justification
 - Description of study milestones, including the costs associated and timeline of specific deliverables
 - Any funding from other funding sources that relates to the proposed work
 - Please include information on your annual funding and what percentage goes to patient care and what percentage covers administrative expenses. Please note this grant does not support the awardee sending the funds to other foundations.
3. Signed and dated investigator CVs or biosketches