Please forward the announcement below to your colleagues and ALS organizations.
Due date for submissions is Friday, November 13, 2026

Greetings:

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 three grants will be issued, each up to $100,000/year for two years. The grants are the sixth 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.

While new applicants, previous applicants, and previous awardees are all encouraged to apply, the review committee is seeking new programs with additional consideration given to those not previously awarded.

To learn more about the previous 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 with your colleagues and organizations.

Warmly,
Denis Rizzuto, Peter Foss, & Merit Cudkowicz, MD, MSC

ALS Finding a Cure-WE-CARE Call for Proposals

ALSFAC is pleased to issue the 2026 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:

- A need for a coordinated effort to link loan closets so individuals with ALS can have what they need regardless of 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 due: Friday, November 13, 2026, 5pm ET
Results Notified: February 2027 (please wait until mid-February to follow up)
Submit to: info@alsfac.org

Grants are for the support of 2-year proposals of up to $200,000 USD total (inclusive of a maximum of 10% 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 Applicant's 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(s) 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.
- Must be an organization based within the United States

Application Process
Please combine all required application materials listed below into a single PDF and submit the completed package to info@alsfac.org.

1. Please provide a cover letter addressed to ALS Finding a Cure-WE-CARE including:
   - Proposal Title
   - Name and email address of individual(s) to be notified of grant application decision
   - Total costs ($200,000 maximum over two years including 10% overhead cap)
   - Number of milestones and related costs (to equal amount above)
   - List of all investigators, foundations, and institutions
   - Name and contact information for person(s) responsible for contracts
   - 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, reasonable font/spacing). Please address following questions:
     - What is your proposed care proposal for ALS patients?
     - In what way will your project improve the lives 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?
     - Within which regions will you help people with ALS 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 biosketches

4. Please note our terms. We ask that only organizations who can agree to these terms apply:

Term and conditions of award:

a) The Founder/CEO shall oversee this grant and ensure the terms and conditions are followed as outlined in the written proposal submitted to *ALSFAC We Care*.
b) *ALSFAC We Care* will not provide for indirect and/or incidental costs and expenses related to the study (e.g., rent, utilities, IT support) that exceed more than 15% of the total grant amount.
c) *ALSFAC We Care* expects this project to be completed on the timeline agreed upon as terms of this grant. If a delay is expected, an extension request should be submitted as soon as possible.
d) The Founder/CEO assures *ALSFAC We Care* that he/she is not receiving duplicate or overlapping funding from other private or public sources. In the event that duplicate or overlapping funding is awarded during the term of this grant the *Founder/CEO* will promptly notify *ALSFAC We Care* of this in writing.
e) The Founder/CEO will submit progress reports to *ALSFAC We Care* prior to the request of another payment. An additional final report is to be submitted at the conclusion of the funding. Disbursement of future funds are released only if progress reports are received by the deadlines outlined in the grant letter.
f)The Founder/CEO will submit a final financial statement of all grant expenditures to *ALSFAC We Care* within 60 days of the expiration date of the grant.

g) The Founder/CEO will acknowledge *ALSFAC We Care* as the funding source (or one of the funding sources) in all publications and /or media opportunities, in addition to academic, industry, and peer attended meetings, during which data deriving from this grant are presented or discussed.
h) The Founder/CEO shall act in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
i) *ALSFAC We Care* reserves the right to terminate by written notice its funding of the grant if the *Founder/CEO* fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this award or upon thirty days prior written notice if it determines that continued funding is no longer consistent with its research program and goals.
j) The *ALSFAC We Care* foundation is limited to funding U.S.- based organizations.

Please submit questions to info@alsfac.org

To learn more about ALS Finding a Cure click here.

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