

LUNG HEALTH RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM THE RESPIRATORY ALLIANCE

Background: The American Respiratory Alliance of Western Pennsylvania (ARA) is a non-profit lung health education organization created in 1904 to care for those suffering from Tuberculosis.

By the 1950s, ARA's focus had expanded to helping those who suffer from all forms of lung diseases through education, programs and services, advocacy, and research. Today, ARA is Western Pennsylvania's premier lung health organization.

In memory of two recently deceased Board members, ARA has created two research grants and is now asking for proposals.

Purpose: To solicit from western Pennsylvania based researchers, applications for projects, or direct or indirect interventional or educational measures to reduce morbidity and/or to improve disease related symptoms, functional capacity, quality of life, school or work attendance.

I. The Stephen C. Hansen Respiratory Alliance Lung Health Improvement Grant
One two-year grant totaling \$120,000

Funding priorities

- projects that directly and, either within the life of the grant or shortly thereafter, positively impact the lives and health of patients
- projects that can show measurable improvement
- projects that show sustainability beyond the life of the grant
- projects that focus on the western Pennsylvania region

Excluded costs

- overhead
- capital expenditures or purchase of equipment not directly related to the project
- travel, except local (unless otherwise approved in writing by ARA)

II. The Warfield Garson Respiratory Alliance Lung Disease Research Developmental Grant
Up to \$30,000 is available to young researchers in seed grants of up to \$10,000 each

Funding priorities

- any research idea that will allow for the development of data and/or support for a hypothesis that will lead to improvement in the care or the outcome of lung diseases
- projects that focus on the western Pennsylvania region

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Application Process: Please submit an application no longer than five pages, a one page proposed budget, and a copy of the applicant's resume.

The application should address the following:

- Background of problem to be studied
- Detailed proposed research activities
- Qualifications of applicant to conduct such study
- Expected results, including plans for evaluation and sustainability (if appropriate)

Proposals will be reviewed by the Respiratory Alliance's Medical Advisory Committee. A short list of two or three applicants will be invited to present their proposal to the Committee.

Dates: Proposals must be received by end of business on Friday, September 19, 2008, either by mail to American Respiratory Alliance of Western Pennsylvania, 201 Smith Drive, Suite E, Cranberry Township, PA 16066, or by e-mail to Christine Weaver, Executive Director, at cweaver@healthylungs.org.

Short listed applicants will be notified by October 10, 2008, and invited to present by October 24, 2008. Successful applicants will be notified by October 31, 2008.

Award checks will be mailed by November 11, 2008.

If you have questions about any of the above, please contact Christine Weaver at 724-772-1750.

The American Respiratory Alliance looks forward to working with the distinguished medical and research community of western Pennsylvania to improve the care and quality of life of western Pennsylvanians suffering from lung diseases.