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NKF-CNSW Research Grant Program

PURPOSE

In keeping with the overall goals of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) and its Council of Nephrology Social Workers (CNSW), the purpose of the NKF-CNSW Research Grant Program is to further knowledge of psychosocial factors in chronic kidney disease and to enhance clinical social work intervention with pre-dialysis, dialysis, and transplant patients/families.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Research on psychosocial factors impacting kidney disease
- Clinical practice research projects concentrating on outcome-focused social work assessment and treatment strategies with patient/families or staff
- Educational programs to enhance patient/family understanding of kidney disease treatment and its psychosocial implications
- Pilot or demonstration projects which have broad applicability to nephrology social work services and/or nephrology social workers
- Psychosocial projects focusing on early diagnosis and prevention of kidney disease

ELIGIBILITY

Grant applications must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Regular national membership in CNSW
- Minimum of two years nephrology social work experience (CMS Guidelines)
- Approval of the department head or facility director within which the research is to be conducted
- Residence in the United States or its territories
- Applicant must meet the definition of a "qualified social worker" as stated in ESRD Federal Regulations

Preference may be given to applicants who are licensed by their state or are affiliated with a medical institution or university program. The Review Committee reserves the right to award grants or to decline funding without stating its reasons.

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

Each grant recipient is responsible for:

- Conducting the project as set forth in the proposal and consistent with accepted, systematic research methods
- Obtaining appropriate human studies clearance within the dialysis/transplant facility and maintaining data in a confidential manner
- Completing the project within the specified time frame
- Providing financial reports as required by the National Kidney Foundation
- Acknowledging NKF-CNSW grant assistance on all publications arising out of the work done during the duration of the grant
- Submitting interim progress reports and preparing a final report of the work accomplished within 60 days of the end of the grant year
- Presenting a paper at the 2017 NKF Spring Clinical Meetings describing the research, results and implications for practice
- Submitting a manuscript based on the results to *The Journal of Nephrology Social Work* (and with the committee's approval, another related journal)

FUNDING

- One or more grants will be awarded. Applicants submitting to more than one granting agency will be awarded the difference between the amount awarded by the other agency and the amount applied for from CNSW.
- CNSW grants assist in defraying the cost of research and projects. They are not intended to cover the entire cost of the research (i.e., office space, basic supplies, services, overhead, administration fees).
- Funds may not be used for the purchase of equipment.
- Budgets must allocate \$750.00 for airfare and one night's accommodation to enable grantees to present their research at the NKF Spring Clinical Meetings. This amount will be withheld until *The Journal of Nephrology Social Work* Editor receives the first draft for publication three weeks prior to the NKF Spring Clinical Meetings.
- Funding for CNSW research grants runs from January 1 through December 31 of the year following approval (approval is announced by November).

HOW TO APPLY – 2016 CYCLE

If you are interested in preparing a proposal, **please submit a letter of intent by July 15, 2015 to ageiman@umich.edu**. Your letter of intent is not part of your actual application, but rather a device to assist you and the grants coordinator to identify your research objectives and goal. The letter of intent must include the following:

1. Name of the person and organization submitting the proposal
2. Mailing address, telephone number and email address
3. Name of the principal investigator and his/her membership number
4. Short title of the project
5. Approximate cost
6. Brief abstract under 250 words which includes:
 - a. a description of the project goal
 - b. how it relates to the purpose of CNSW research

Following receipt and acceptance of the letter of intent, applicants will be directed to complete a more comprehensive online research grant proposal.

KEY DATES

July 15, 2015	Letter of intent due
Sept 1, 2015	Grant Proposal due
Sept-Oct 2015	Council Research Grants Committee Review
Nov 2015	Awards Announced
Jan 1, 2016	Approved projects begin operation and continue until Dec 31, 2016

The Council of Nephrology Social Workers (CNSW) is a professional organization established by Nephrology social workers in 1973. CNSW is one of three professional councils of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF). The functional structure of CNSW includes an executive committee with regional representation, standing and ad hoc committees, and local chapters.

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