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NKF-CNNT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT/RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM & INSTRUCTIONS

PURPOSE

In keeping with the goals of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) and the Council of Nephrology Nurses & Technicians Workers (CNNT), the Council Quality Improvement Project/Research Grant Program is to further knowledge of nursing and technician issues in the management of kidney failure. The grant may cover basic or applied research on nursing and technical issues in the area of kidney failure, or early intervention and treatment of chronic kidney disease, or development and evaluation of education programs to enhance patient/family understanding of kidney failure treatment, or demonstration projects related to kidney failure and rehabilitation.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Translational research
- Quality improvement
- Educational resource development
- Clinical and technical approaches impacting the care provided and/or outcomes to patients with chronic kidney disease
- Outcome-focused treatment strategies for chronic kidney disease patients
- Educational programs to enhance patient/family understanding of kidney disease treatment and its clinical implications

ELIGIBILITY

Grant applications must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Nurse (RN or LPN/LVN) or dialysis technician member of NKF-CNNT
- Minimum of two years nephrology experience
- Approval from a recognized IRB of institution or medical director of the facility in which the research or project is to be conducted (if using human subjects)
 - Quality Improvement projects would be considered exempt as only aggregate data should be used
- Residence in the United States or its territories

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 required by the IRB or 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-CNNT 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 NKF Spring Clinical Meetings as requested by the CNNT executive committee describing the research, or project results and implications for practice
- Submitting a manuscript based on the results to the *American Journal of Kidney Disease* and/or *RenaLink* (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 CNNT.
- CNNT 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 CNNT *RenaLink* or the *American Journal of Kidney Disease* Editor receives the first draft for publication six weeks prior to the NKF Spring Clinical Meetings.
- Funding for CNNT research grants runs from January 1 through December 31 of the year following approval (approval is announced by December).

KEY DATES

Oct 15, 2020 Grant proposal due

Oct-Nov 2020 Council Research Grants Committee Review

Dec 1, 2020 Award Announced

Jan 1, 2021 Approved projects begin operation and continue until Dec 31, 2021

The Council of Nephrology Nurses & Technicians (CNNT) is one of four professional councils of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF). The functional structure of CNNT includes an executive committee, standing and ad hoc committees, and local chapters.

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