

**Q: Can I submit more than one LOI?**

A: Yes; however, if more than one LOI is approved, each PI will only be able to submit one application. We do not have a limit on the number of applications that we may request from an institution.

**Q: Is there a maximum grant amount? How many grants are you planning to award?**

A: We expect to make four or five grants and spend approximately \$750,000. The amount of grants awarded is contingent upon the results of our extensive review process, the proposed budgets of selected applications, and final decisions from our trustees. Applications with larger budgets are encouraged to make a compelling justification for the proposed budget.

**Q: Will the Donaghue Foundation fund the following types of projects?**

A:

- **Systematic reviews of existing research findings or meta-analysis of studies that result in new practice-relevant insights?** Yes.
- **Data analyses of existing primary data from medical records.** If the records are already in a database, yes. A proposal in which a large part of the budget is used to prepare the data for use in the analysis is not likely to be competitive because the intent of the program is to leverage previously collected primary data available for immediate use, or secondary data for analysis.
- **Data analyses of existing primary data from a completed research study.** Yes

**Q: Is it ok to use data from patients of one nursing home facility or should the effort be a multisite project?**

A: Either is acceptable but a research design from one facility may not be as strong as one from multiple sites.

**Q: Who do you consider “stakeholders”, and what role should they have in the research project?**

A: We consider a stakeholder as someone other than the researcher who is invested in the research question, such as a facility administrator, patient or family advocacy group, regulators, or policymakers. The role of the stakeholder may vary based on the project; however, the goal is to have the stakeholder provide input to the researcher so that the final research product is more likely to be adopted into use, and uptake is more feasible.

**Q: May I talk to someone at the foundation about my idea before the LOI deadline?**

A: Due to our blinded LOI review process, the Foundation cannot receive questions via phone calls, so please be sure to email Shamira Chappell at [chappell@donaghue.org](mailto:chappell@donaghue.org) with any inquiries. If a call is needed, we will schedule one with you. Correspondence regarding research proposal ideas is only utilized to help interested applicants ascertain if their project topics fit within the scope of the grant program. Communication at this stage does not provide applicants with feedback regarding other factors of their potential proposal.

**Q: Who can be the primary target of the research? Is the primary target of the research limited to only older adults or are staff and family members also eligible targets of the research? (e.g., Can projects that focus on family caregiving and/or workforce issues to improve the quality of care and quality of life of older adults in nursing homes be of interest?)**

A: The primary target can vary but must be directly related to the health of older adults in care facilities.

**Q: Does the grant award include an allotment for indirect costs?**

A: Yes. The Foundation will allow up to a maximum of 10% indirect on top of the grant award.

**Q: The program announcement says that researchers may “allocate some grant funds to the collection of new data if it will enhance the utility of the project outcomes for improving quality of care.” What percent of the budget would be too much to spend on new data collection?**

A: This is the third year that we have allowed the budget to be used for any new data collection, so we do not yet have the experience to establish an acceptable percentage of the budget that should be used for this. We expect that it will be a small percent of the total budget – certainly less than 50% since it is not intended to be used for the main analyses of the research question. It is important to keep in mind that the primary purpose of enabling new data collection is to add information that would provide context and deepen the understanding of how the project findings are relevant to the project stakeholders and others who may be interested in the research question. It is not required that budgets have any amount of new data collection. This is an option for applicants who think it will improve their dissemination efforts.

**We will be adding to this FAQ list as we receive additional questions. If you have a question, please email your question to [chappell@donaghue.org](mailto:chappell@donaghue.org).**