

## **Another Look: Research to Improve Health for Older Adults in Long Term Care Facilities**

### **Can I submit more than one LOI?**

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

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

We expect to make four or five grants and spend approximately \$750,000. However, if we receive applications with smaller budgets we can make more grants and if the applications require larger grants we can only make fewer awards. Therefore, applications with larger budgets would need to be very compelling.

### **Will the Donaghue Foundation fund the following types of projects?**

- **Systematic reviews of existing research findings or meta-analysis of studies which 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 research data already collected.
- **Data analyses of existing primary data from a completed research study.** Yes

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

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

### **Who do you consider “stakeholders”? And, what role should they have in the research project?**

The stakeholder is someone other than the researcher who is invested in the research question, such as a facility administrator, patient or family advocacy group, regulators, or policy makers. 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.

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

Because the letters of intent phase will be blinded, the Foundation cannot receive questions via phone calls, so please be sure to email Stacy Cloud at [cloud@donaghue.org](mailto:cloud@donaghue.org) if you have any questions.

**Who can be the primary target of the research (only older adults or also staff and family members)? For instance, are projects that focus on family caregiving and/or work force issues in order to improve quality of care and quality of life of older adults in nursing homes be of interest?**

The primary target can vary, but has to be directly related to health of older adults in care facilities.

**Does the grant award include an indirect?**

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

**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?**

This is the second year that we have allowed the budget to be used for any new data collection, so we don't have the experience yet to establish a specific percent of the budget that should be used for this. However, we expect that it will be a small percent of the total budget – certainly less than 50% since it's 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. Also, 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 [cloud@donaghue.org](mailto:cloud@donaghue.org).**