



Greater Value Portfolio 2020

Overview of Grant Program & Application Process Recorded Webinar

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Webinar Agenda

Donaghue Foundation Overview

Greater Value Portfolio Grant Program Overview

2020 Call for Proposals

- ☐ Eligibility and standards for selection
- ☐ What elements make a for a competitive application to the GVP
- ☐ Review process and principles

Answers to FAQs

This webinar was prerecorded. All GVP materials can be accessed on the [Donaghue website](#).

All questions about the GVP program should be sent via email to Stacy Cloud cloud@donaghue.org



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Who is Donaghue?

The Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation

- ❑ Founded by Ethel Donaghue
- ❑ Private foundation
- ❑ Current assets \$75M
- ❑ \$99M in grants since 1991

“...to provide **financial assistance for** research in the fields of cancer, health disease and/or other **medical research to promote** medical **knowledge** which will be of **practical benefit** to the preservation, maintenance, and **improvement of human life**”



Donaghue Foundation Overview

Donaghue funds studies of innovations and approaches to improve health and health care

- ☐ Clinical care delivery
- ☐ Delivery systems organization, payment and leadership
- ☐ Community and public health interventions
- ☐ Broad range of populations, medical and health conditions



To learn more about what projects Donaghue has funded in all of its grant programs, go to our [Grant Directory](#)

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Our grant programs are structured to focus on its eventual use outside the research setting

Applicants must :

- ☐ Discuss approaches for knowledge transfer and implementation of findings into policy and practice
- ☐ Identify and engage stakeholders, partners and end-users in their projects

Donaghue provides support to its grantees to disseminate findings to practitioners and policy makers and others outside of academia

Donaghue offers its grantees the R3 (Making Research Relevant & Ready) funding opportunity; enabling them to engage experts who can assist with scaling and sustainability



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Research on advancing promising approaches to achieve a higher value healthcare system

Addressing the symptoms of a low value healthcare system:

- ☐ High and rising healthcare costs
- ☐ Unwarranted variation in prices
- ☐ Unaffordable cost of care burden on patients and families
- ☐ Unacceptable variation in quality
- ☐ Lack of transparency in both price and outcomes

Since GVP's launch in 2015:

- ☐ 19 total awards
- ☐ \$9.1M in total funding
- ☐ Researchers affiliated with 17 institutions from across the US



Greater Value Portfolio Program Overview

Research on advancing promising approaches to achieve a higher value healthcare system

Topic categories of funded projects

- ☐ Test model of care, coverage or system change that seek to improve value
- ☐ Reduce low value routine treatments, tests, and screenings
- ☐ Provide tools to help consumers make value based healthcare decisions
- ☐ Promote conversations between patients and clinicians and care teams about alternative treatment options or cost burdens
- ☐ Test interventions geared to reducing racial and ethnic disparities



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For a complete list of eligibility criteria and selection standards review the GVP program and application materials at donaghue.org

Eligibility

- ☐ Investigators based at tax-exempt research institutions in the United States may apply
- ☐ Applicant must partner with an organization that delivers healthcare services or be a researcher based in a research unit embedded in a healthcare organization
- ☐ Applicant must have an MD, PhD or equivalent and strong research credentials
- ☐ Topic must be aligned with health system improvement goal

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Applications need to include

- ☐ How their proposed research will assess value
- ☐ Their proposed research question and methods
- ☐ How this study aligns with current improvement initiatives and strategic goals of the healthcare organization that is partnering with the principal investigator on this study
- ☐ Evidence of the principal investigator's and the partnering organization's ability and commitment to work together to implement new knowledge into practice and communicate new findings to audiences beyond scholarly publications.
- ☐ Assurance that the data systems used don't exacerbate health inequities. [Click here](#)

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Standards for Selection

- ☐ Relevance of the research topic to achieving greater value
- ☐ Importance of the research question and appropriateness of the proposed methods
- ☐ Demonstration of a strong collaborative working relationship amongst the researchers and the clinical or operational personnel on the project team
- ☐ Alignment of the research goals with the current initiatives and strategic goals of the partnering health organization
- ☐ A reasonable knowledge uptake plan

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What elements will make a for a competitive proposal to the GVP program

- ☐ Researcher has a strong CV and assembles a team with the expertise needed to undertake the proposed project
- ☐ A strong partnership exists between the researcher and the health systems organization
- ☐ Health systems personnel on the project have senior level operations or quality management roles
- ☐ Clear statement that shows how the project will address value and how this will be measured



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What elements will make a for a competitive proposal to the GVP program continued...

- ☐ Project has potential to make a broader impact within or across health systems if successful
- ☐ Realistic goals are set for the project given the 2 year timeframe and \$400K budget cap
- ☐ Study uses pragmatic trial design and/or data routinely collected at the point of care
- ☐ Project builds upon earlier promising results from pilot or single site studies and seeks to demonstrate success in multiple sites or with larger populations



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Awareness & interest in the program has grown

Year	LOIs	Applications	Grants Awarded
2015	57	15	3
2016	111	19	4
2017	167	16	4
2018	198	20	4
2019	88	22	4

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Donaghue uses a two stage process to review proposals and select grantees

Stage One: Letters of Intent (LOIs)

- ☐ Interested researchers may submit one or more LOIs by May 11
- ☐ Letters must conform to eligibility requirements and follow submission instructions found on the Donaghue website
- ☐ Each letter is read by 3 external reviewers who help the Foundation determine which LOI submissions will be invited to submit an application
- ☐ Each letter is **blinded** - no information is provided to the external reviewers about the PI, research institution, or partnering health system
- ☐ LOI reviews focus on the proposed project idea and its fit with the purpose and aims of the GVP program
- ☐ Once reviewed, promising LOIs are selected and invited to submit a full application

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Stage Two: Full Application

- ❑ Based on LOI review, investigators are invited to submit a full application
- ❑ Unlike the LOI stage, reviewer committee members receive all information about the applicant, the research institution, and health system contained in the application
- ❑ Application instructions, forms, FAQs & due date information are available on the Donaghue website
- ❑ Application due date is August 3



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Stage Two: Full Application continued...

- ☐ Applications are assigned to 3 external reviewers one of which is a biostatistician
- ☐ Committee members write critiques and provide initial scores for their assigned applications according to standards
- ☐ Review committee meets with Foundation staff to discuss all the applications and then all committee members submit final scores
- ☐ Foundation Trustees make funding decisions based on review committee scores, available funding, and fit with mission
- ☐ Applicants are notified about funding decisions by November 2 and provided feedback on their application



Guiding Principles for Application Review

- ☐ Make the process equitable and transparent
- ☐ Convene a review panel of individuals with the right expertise
- ☐ Reviewers must agree to and adhere to Foundation policies regarding conflicts of interest, use of information, privacy
- ☐ Make the process efficient and straightforward for applicants and be accessible to answer applicant questions
- ☐ Foundation Trustees make funding decisions based on review panel scores, available funding and fit with mission

To see our Guiding Principles for grant review and learn more about our grant review process, [go here](#) on Donaghue's website

Key Dates

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| <input type="checkbox"/> May 11, 2020 | Letters of intent due |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 8, 2020 | Notice of LOI decision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> August 3, 2020 | Applications due |
| <input type="checkbox"/> November 2, 2020 | Funding decisions will be made |
| <input type="checkbox"/> January 1, 2021 | Grant term begins |

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FAQs

Please submit any questions you have about the GVP program to
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To see the
Frequently Asked
Questions sheet

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Thank You!



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