GRANT APPLICATION FAQ
2020-2021

What is the average grant size and how much should I request?

There is no steadfast rule as to how much an applicant should request. Historically, however, grants are generally in the range of $1,000 to $5,000. Larger grants are occasionally awarded to organizations with particularly compelling program needs. Applications should clearly state why the specific amount is requested and how the funds will be used.

Do I need to submit a Letter of Inquiry?

The Foundation does not accept Letters of Inquiry prior to submitting a proposal for consideration.

Once a proposal has been submitted, what does the internal decision-making process look like?

- All organizations will receive confirmation notification verifying their application has been received. The primary contact will be added to our database in order to receive additional notifications about Genesis Foundation events, programs, and opportunities.
- To ensure each application is given fair consideration, the review process generally takes at least three months from the submission date for the evaluation committee to then reach out with any questions about your proposal.
- After gathering this further information, if needed, the evaluation committee will continue the review process and funding decisions will occur.
- All organizations submitting proposals will receive the decision regarding their application via email. If provided a grant, a formal decision letter and agreement will be mailed to the mailing address provided on the application.

What can I do to make sure my proposal has the best opportunity to receive funding?

The Foundation’s grant-making goals are to provide funding to organizations serving children with genetic disorders, disabilities, and rare diseases in the New England area. Please note: at this time, we do not fund organizations primarily serving populations/areas outside of the United States. In your proposal, please make sure to clearly state how your organization serves all of the following: (1) children or young adults, (2) children with genetic disorders, rare diseases, or disabilities, (3) the location of your services, (4) clinical, educational, or therapeutic care.