1. **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?**

Support groups and nonprofit organizations that focus on rare disease and are based in the United States are eligible to apply. Foundations must be a member of the Global Genes RARE Foundation Alliance to be eligible.

Unfortunately, Global Genes will not be accepting internationally based foundation applications at this time; the goal is for this grant program to be opened up to international organizations in future funding rounds. The non-profit must be accredited in the United States, but the intended audience can be international.

If the project or program that is submitted for funding affects local and international individuals, at least half of the funding must benefit rare patients and caregivers from the United States.

2. **WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF A RARE DISEASE FOR THE 2021 HEALTH EQUITY RARE IMPACT GRANT?**

Global Genes uses the National Institutes of Health definition of a rare disease, which is one that affects fewer than 200,000 people in the U.S.

3. **HOW DO WE REGISTER OUR FOUNDATION TO BE A RARE FOUNDATION ALLIANCE PARTNER?**

To register your foundation, please go to:

https://globalgenes.org/foundation-alliance/.

Once registration is submitted, you are considered a RARE Foundation Alliance partner. Please note, there may be a slight lag between registration submission and your foundation’s name appearing on our Foundation Alliance Page.

4. **WHAT PROJECTS ARE ACCEPTABLE AND WHEN MUST THEY BE COMPLETED?**

Accepted projects must focus on rare disease patients, families and/or caregivers, must be completed by October 2021.

**Timeline**

February 28 Call for grant proposals open
### Frequently Asked Questions

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**5. What level of liability insurance is required? And is it required for all projects?**

Commercial general liability insurance indemnifying Global Genes is required for all proposed projects. The required liability insurance level, type and additional insured language will be discussed and verified upon award announcement. You must provide appropriate verification to receive funding.

**6. Can staff salaries be included in the project budget?**

Staff salaries for those that will be supporting a proposed project/program can be included in the project budget, but should not be the majority of the budgetary line items. Administrative costs cannot exceed **50%** of total project/program budget. Budgets submitted with the application will be reviewed to determine appropriateness.

**7. What is a closing report?**

The closing report is a qualitative and quantitative report and is a reporting requirement for any proposals that are awarded. These reporting
requirements can be used by both Global Genes and the awardee to share successes of 2021 Health Equity RARE Impact Grant

8. **How will awards be disseminated?**

Grant awards will be paid 14 business days post award announcement.

No funds can be transferred to a personal bank account. Funds must be transferred to an established bank account in the organization’s name. Support groups can use their endorsing institution as the fiscal agent. Please note, to establish a bank account under an organization’s name, you may need to apply for a Federal Identification Number.

For questions please contact: RareGrants@globalgenes.org