

## 2023 Health Equity in RARE Impact Grant Pre-Application Required Reading:

Please ensure you review the information carefully, as it is required for this grant opportunity and will increase the success of your application.

To ensure fairness and transparency, Global Genes has implemented this Conflict of Interest policy for grants given by the organization. Please review the Conflict of Interest Policy [here](#). If you have questions or concerns, please email us at [rare.grants@globalgenes.org](mailto:rare.grants@globalgenes.org)

### 1. Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants include registered charity or nonprofit organizations that focus on rare disease. Organizations must have a **valid tax ID number** and be a **member of the Global Advocacy Alliance**.

Both international and US-based organizations are eligible to apply.

### 2. How does my organization become a member of the Global Advocacy Alliance?

To register your organization, please click [HERE](#).

Once registration is submitted, you are considered a Global Advocacy Alliance member.

### 3. What should I do if I can't load or submit the application?

If you're having trouble loading the application, please clear your cookies/cache and try a new browser. For more on how to do this, [click here](#).

If your issue persists, please contact us at [rare.grants@globalgenes.org](mailto:rare.grants@globalgenes.org).

### 4. What is the definition of a rare disease for this grant?

The definition of rare diseases and disorders varies from country to country. In the United States, rare diseases and disorders are those which affect fewer than 200,000 individuals living in the United States.

For international consideration, please refer to the [Global Genes RARE list](#).

### 5. What projects will be accepted?

Proposed projects must meet the requirements of one of the below categories and address challenges that affect underserved and underrepresented populations in the rare disease community.

- [Education](#) - Select this category if your proposed project is focused on developing an educational tool or educational materials to address the unmet needs of your

underserved community based on the [social determinants of health](#). For example, education on the way your identified disease state uniquely affects your minoritized / underserved patient community, a toolkit/web content addressing a specific cultural barrier your patient population faces in seeking care and treatment, a resource guide or awareness campaign about rare disease, diagnostic testing and/or the importance of participating in clinical trials and research for your identified underrepresented patient community.

- **Outreach** - Select this category if your proposed project is focused on developing an outreach strategy to address the unmet needs of your underserved community based on the [social determinants of health](#). For example, a workshop or support group to discuss medical gaslighting or the experience of implicit bias in health care, adding a peer-to-peer support network, developing a relationship and working with community leaders to build trust within your identified underrepresented / underserved population.
- **Research** - Select this category if your proposed project is focused on developing / furthering research to address the unmet needs of your underserved community based on the [social determinants of health](#). For example, evaluation of internal organizational structure and practices as it pertains to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, hosting a roundtable discussion, interviews or small working groups with community members from underserved / underrepresented backgrounds to better understand their needs based on their intersectional identity.

*Note: There will be a limited number of translational grants awarded so we encourage you to think about other ways you can address the challenges faced by underserved / underrepresented populations in your patient community.*

## **6. When does my project need to be completed?**

All projects must be completed on or before **November 1, 2023**.

All evaluation reports are to be submitted to Global Genes by **November 1, 2023**.

## **7. What is the maximum amount of funding an organization can receive through this grant?**

Organizations are eligible to receive up to \$15,000 in funding through this grant opportunity.

Organizations with annual revenue of less than \$30,000 are eligible to receive up to 50% of their annual revenue in funding. For example, if your annual revenue is \$14,000, your organization is only eligible to receive up to \$7,000 in grant funding.

## **8. What are the review criteria?**

All applications will be reviewed by a team of internal Global Genes reviewers and external members of Global Genes' Health Equity Council.

### **Stage 1: Screening Stage**

During stage 1 of the review process, all applications will be reviewed on the project description, budget and agenda submitted using the criteria below. Note, only a portion of applications will move on to stage 2.

#### **Stage 1 Review Criteria:**

- ***Strength of the Project Description.*** How well does the project description convey the need for the project, the focus, target audience and proposed impact.
- ***Grant Category.*** How well does the proposed project fit into the identified grant category?
- ***Budget.*** Does the budget include all of the identified line items? Does the budget include where Global Genes funding will be used/allocated?

### **Stage 2: Full Review & Final Decision**

During stage 2 of the review process, all remaining applications will be reviewed in the entirety using the criteria below.

- ***Strength of the Project Description.*** How well does the project description convey the need for the project, the focus, target audience and proposed impact.
- ***Grant Category.*** How well does the proposed project fit into the identified grant category?
- ***Budget.*** Does the budget include all of the identified line items? Does the budget include where Global Genes funding will be used/allocated?
- ***SMART Goals.*** Does the application include three SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time bound) goals? How well do the goals adhere to the SMART criteria?
- ***Achievement of SMART Goals.*** How well does the goal summary describe how the proposed goals will be achieved?
- ***Inclusion, Equity and Access.*** How clear and strong are the applicant's plans to make their project as inclusive, equitable and accessible as possible to their target community?
- ***Impact.*** How well does the described impact align with the outlined project goals? How likely is it that the described project will drive significant, long-term impact on the target community?

#### **9. What is the anticipated timeline?**

- **March 6:** Grant opens (application live)
- **April 7:** Grant closes (application closed) at **12:00pm EST**
- **April 12 - April 28:** Review Period
- **Week of May 1:** Awardees notified
- **May 10:** Required Awardee Kickoff Call - **mark your calendar!**
- **June 7:** Last day to make changes to your proposed project. Note, all changes must be approved by Global Genes.
- **November 1:** All project materials and evaluation reports due

**Note:** this is a tentative schedule and timing is subject to change.

**10. 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.

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

A portion of the grant award will be paid to awardees within 30 days of attendance at the awardee kick-off call. The remaining portion of the grant award will be paid to awardees following an internal review of the final evaluation report. Please note, we reserve the right to withhold the final payment if the final evaluation report does not meet the standards.

All funds will be distributed in US dollars.

No funds can be transferred to a personal bank account. Funds must be transferred to an established bank account in the organization's name. Please note, in the US, to establish a bank account under an organization's name, you may need to apply for a Federal Identification Number.

Global Genes reserves the right to retract the initial payment if we learn the awardee did not fulfill the project requirements.

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