Limited Submission Funding Opportunity

CDC: Analyze and Evaluate Potential Risk Factors for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=271457

Please note that the timeline for this funding opportunity is very short.

**FOA#:** RFA-TS-15-001

The purpose of this FOA is to allow for investigator-initiated research that will further the understanding of potential risk factors for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), while supporting the goals of the National ALS Registry. The Registry’s goals are to estimate the number of new cases of ALS each year, estimate the number of people who have ALS at a specific point in time, better understand who gets ALS and what factors affect the disease, and improve care for people with ALS. This FOA is seeking research proposals that will provide a greater understanding of ALS etiology that may lead to prevention or a possible cure.

The following items represent possible study objectives. Applicants are not expected to address all of the objectives but are encouraged to propose research that addresses or complements at least one of the following objectives.

- Provide greater understanding about the geographical distribution of ALS in the US.
- Identify potential risk factors for ALS. Areas of particular interest include, but are not limited to:
  - Environmental and occupational risks
  - Infectious agents and viruses
  - Nutritional intake
  - Physical and sports activities
  - Pharmaceutical use (e.g., statins)
  - Trauma experience
- Prospective cohort studies are preferred. However, retrospective case-control studies or ecological studies may also be considered. Analyses of existing datasets, such as from large observational studies, may also be proposed.
- The applicant should consider submitting research topic areas not currently being studied/funded by the National ALS Registry. Examples of previous ALS research funded by ATSDR can be found at https://wwwn.cdc.gov/als/ALSExternalResearchfundedbyRegistry.aspx.

**LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION**

One application per institution is allowed.
KEY DATES
If you are interested in this funding opportunity, please send a one-page summary of the proposed research and your biosketch to Eric Boberg (e-boberg@northwestern.edu) by January 23, 2015.

The sponsor application due date is March 23, 2015.

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Director of ORD, for more information.

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