

A BREATH *of* HOPE

L U N G F O U N D A T I O N

2017 A Breath of Hope LDCT Screening Grants

Purpose

A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation (ABOHLF) will provide up to three \$10,000 screening grants to Minnesota clinics or hospitals that currently provide lung screening and treatment for lung cancer. The grants are designed to support low dose CT scans for the organization's underserved, uninsured or under-insured population, ages 55 to 80 who meet the criteria proposed by the USPSTF as a result of the National Lung Screening Trial concluded in 2011. Link to study: <http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter/qa/2002/nlstqaQA>.

By providing these grants, *ABOHLF* hopes to ensure that Minnesota institutions who serve a significant number of low income community members have the resources necessary to screen at-risk individuals who are unable to pay the out-of-pocket expense of an LDCT scan.

Furthermore, it is *A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation's* hope that upon completion of the one-year grant period, funded organizations will have an ongoing screening program in place for individuals who meet the USPSTF recommendations for preventative screening, as well as a scholarship program that provides screening for at risk community members whose family income is less than twice the federal poverty level.

Funding Available in 2017

The total award amount for each grant is \$10,000 payable in December 2017. The number of grants available in 2017 is three, with additional grants to be announced in future years as determined by *ABOHLF*.

Application deadline: November 27, 2017 or postmarked by November 26, 2017.

Request for Funding Proposal

A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation (ABOHLF), in collaboration with an outside panel of oncology and nonprofit professionals, will evaluate the merit of research proposals submitted in response to the request for proposals announcement (RFP). **The RFP is available at <http://abreathofhope.org/lung-screening-winners/>. Applications will be accepted at research@abreathofhope.org or by mail at: ABOHLF, PO Box 387, Wayzata, MN 55391.**

Eligibility: Specifically, hospitals/clinics that meet two or more of the following criteria will be reviewed:

- The institution diagnoses and is actively involved in the ongoing treatment of at least 50 lung cancer cases per year.
- 25% or more of the total patients seen in 2015 or 2016 (the most recent year with metrics available) must qualify as poverty level (family income is less than twice the 2013 federal poverty guidelines: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/13poverty.cfm#thresholds>)
- The institution is working toward and can speak to an eventual lung screening program on site with scholarships for the uninsured.
- The institution can identify the team involved with community outreach, lung cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment
- One or more of the project leads must be an M.D. whose profession is tied to lung work at the institution.

Maximum period of performance is one year.

I. TIMELINE FOR SUBMISSION AND REVIEW

- **Application Submission Deadline: November 27, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. CST**
- Professional Peer Review: November - December 2017
- Funding notification will be e-mailed and announced at www.abreathofhope.org week by December 29, 2017.
- Funds will be disbursed by the end of 2017 and a required *check presentation ceremony* at recipient's office will take place in January/February 2018.

II. SUBMISSION PROCESS

Project Information: (500-word maximum) includes the following information about the proposed project:

- Project title
- Abstract – a brief description of the project must be entered

Personal Statement Questions: Please answer in 100 words or less.

- How will you identify individuals who are at high risk of lung cancer?
- Who will send a prepared report with metrics to ABOHLF upon completion of project (no patient info as per HIPAA laws)
- Who will market this opportunity to the community? How will community members be invited to participate?
- What community specific barriers (cultural, financial, etc.) do you expect to encounter and how does the proposed project propose to address this challenge?
- What is the proposed follow-up for normal and abnormal CT scans?
- What resources are available for current smokers who wish to quit smoking?

Applicant's Resume or Biosketch:

- Applicants may use their current CV, resume, or NIH Biosketch

Institutional Letter of Support. A letter from the Department Chair, manager or other leadership at the sponsoring institution where the applicant's project will be conducted must be provided. This letter must include a statement of institutional support that will enable the applicant to perform the proposed project.

Prior Publications (optional) – Publications relevant to your project, institution or proposal may be included.

Project Timeline. Enter major milestones for your project, the expected completion date, and if there is an associated deliverable. A deliverable is something that can be included in a progress report, such as a publication or press release. You are not required to have deliverables. However, the timeline should make it clear what outcomes will be achieved during the grant award period.

Budget and Justification. The award funds will be directed to the sponsoring institution and should be used towards programming and scholarship support for patients who are unable to pay for the LDCT scan. Institutions will use their own methods to determine who qualifies for the scan.

III. INFORMATION FOR APPLICATION REVIEW

Review Criteria

Peer Review: All applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria, which are of equal importance.

1. **Communication with ABOHLF**
 - a. Identifies a process for reporting progress on a semi-annual basis.
2. **Principal Investigator**
 - a. How well the applicant/project lead demonstrates an understanding of the disease and clearly articulates the potential for changing lung cancer outcomes through screening
 - b. Potential favorable impact on the lung cancer field nationally

- c. Appropriateness of the levels of effort by the PI and other key personnel to ensure the success of this research effort
3. **Impact:**
 - a. Demonstrates that institution serves a large uninsured or under-insured population that would not otherwise be able to participate in the program
 - b. Identifies potential impact that program will have in served population
4. **Long-term outcomes:**
 - a. How the institution will establish and identify by name a program that will continue once ABOHLF's funding period is complete
5. **Budget**
 - a. How the budget is appropriate for the proposed project
 - b. How many people can realistically be identified and screened in a one-year period
 - c. Scientifically sound proposals that best fulfill the above criteria and most effectively address the unique focus and goals of the program will be identified. All applications are carefully considered to ensure that the funds available are allocated to those proposals that best fulfill the goals and objectives of A Breath of Hope Lung Foundations three program focus areas: **Research; Community Awareness** *that leads to early detection* and **Patient Support**.

III. CONTACT INFORMATION

- A. **Program Announcement/Funding Opportunity, application format, or required documentation:** To view current funding opportunities offered by A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation, please visit website: www.abreathofhope.org/research.
- B. **Receipt system/questions (application due by November 27, 2017; 11:59pm CST):**
Phone: 952-807-6111
Website (RFP): www.abreathofhope.org/screening
E-Mail: research@abreathofhope.org
Mail: A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation – Screening Grant Panel, PO Box 387, Wayzata, MN 55391