



2025 Grant Programs

Overview of the Foundation, Grant Program Offerings, and
Application Process
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2025 Grant Offerings

Agenda

All materials can be accessed at the [Donaghue website](#).

All questions about grant programs should be sent via email to Shamira Chappell at chappell@donaghue.org

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... ABOUT US

The Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation

- ❖ Private foundation
- ❖ Current assets \$96.5M
- ❖ Over \$107M in grants since 1991
- ❖ Strong focus on how research evidence can be used

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Our Mission, Vision, and Guiding Principles

Mission: The Donaghue Foundation supports rigorous health research that leads to realized health benefits and thereby gives the vision of Ethel Donaghue its best expression.

Vision: We envision continual improvement in people's health as a result of research being converted into practical benefit.



Practical
Benefit



Engagement



Inclusivity



Integrity



Innovation

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ANOTHER LOOK GRANT PROGRAM



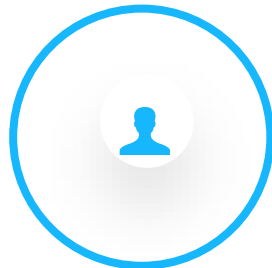
Improving Health of Older Adults in Care Facilities

Purpose

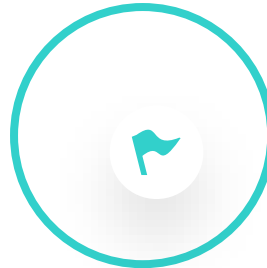
Research to improve health, quality, and equity for older adults in care facilities

Program Attributes

- ❖ Use already existing datasets for the research being conducted
- ❖ Include stakeholders from clinical, programmatic, or policy arenas



\$ 1.3 million investment for 2025



Grant term :
2 years

Topics

- ❖ Palliative, end of life and hospice care
- ❖ Innovations in workforce roles and expertise
- ❖ Role of family members and informal caregivers
- ❖ Effects of isolation & loneliness on health & well-being
- ❖ Racial, ethnic, gender, or income disparities
- ❖ Specialized needs for those with disabilities, serious mental illness, or addiction

Category	Details
What is the Another Look grant program?	A research grant supporting projects that use existing datasets to improve health, well-being, and equity of care for adults 65+ in long-term care settings.
Key Focus Areas	Improving palliative and end-of-life care, evaluating workforce innovations, addressing disparities, assessing family and caregiver roles, and reducing isolation and loneliness.
Who Should Apply?	PhD (or equivalent) investigators at tax-exempt research institutions in the U.S. who incorporate stakeholders from clinical, programmatic, or policy arenas.
What is NOT Funded?	New data collection as the primary focus, projects without stakeholder involvement, basic science research, or studies lacking clear healthcare applications.
How to Strengthen Your Application	Demonstrate strong use of existing data, meaningful stakeholder collaboration, and a direct impact on long-term care quality and equity.

GREATER VALUE PORTFOLIO GRANT PROGRAM



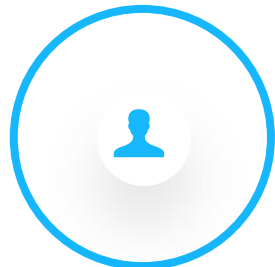
Advancing Promising Approaches to Achieve a Higher Value Healthcare System

Purpose

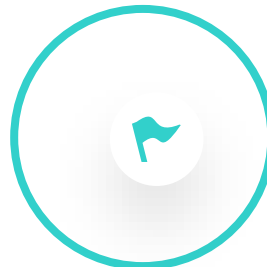
Research on approaches and tools that organizations can readily use to improve the value of the healthcare they provide to patients and communities

Program Attributes

- ❖ Linked to ongoing work to improve health
- ❖ Must partner with or be embedded with a healthcare service organization



\$500,000 (plus 10% indirect)



Grant term :
2 years

Topics

- ❖ Models of care, coverage or system change
- ❖ Treatments, tests, and screenings with harms that outweigh benefits
- ❖ Consumer tools that assist with cost, other factors
- ❖ Conversations between patients and care teams on cost or alternative treatments
- ❖ Interventions that increase equity

Category	Details
What is the GVP grant program?	A research grant supporting practical, real-world healthcare improvements that can be implemented by healthcare organizations.
Key Focus Areas	Reducing healthcare costs, improving efficiency and equity, eliminating waste, increasing transparency, and supporting informed decision-making.
Who Should Apply?	Researchers partnering with healthcare delivery organizations or embedded in a research unit within a healthcare organization.
What is NOT Funded?	Basic science research, drug efficacy trials, policy/economic studies without actionable solutions, projects without healthcare partnerships, and studies lacking measurable impact.
How to Strengthen Your Application	Demonstrate real-world applicability, strong partnerships with healthcare organizations, clear pathways to implementation, and measurable impact on cost, quality, and equity.

Phase 1

Letter of Intent

- ☐ Must be a blinded
- ☐ Describe the role of stakeholder or partner
- ☐ Provide overview of the research project
- ☐ Form, instructions, and access to the application portal are on the website

● ● ● APPLICATION PROCESS AND KEY DATES

How to apply:

Two phases

- ❖ Letter of intent
- ❖ Invited application

Key Dates

	Another Look	Greater Value Portfolio
Letter of Intent	April 8, 2025	April 29, 2025
Application Due	July 1, 2025	August 6, 2025
Grant Term Begins	January 1, 2026	

Phase 2

Invited Application

- ☐ Only invited applications may be submitted

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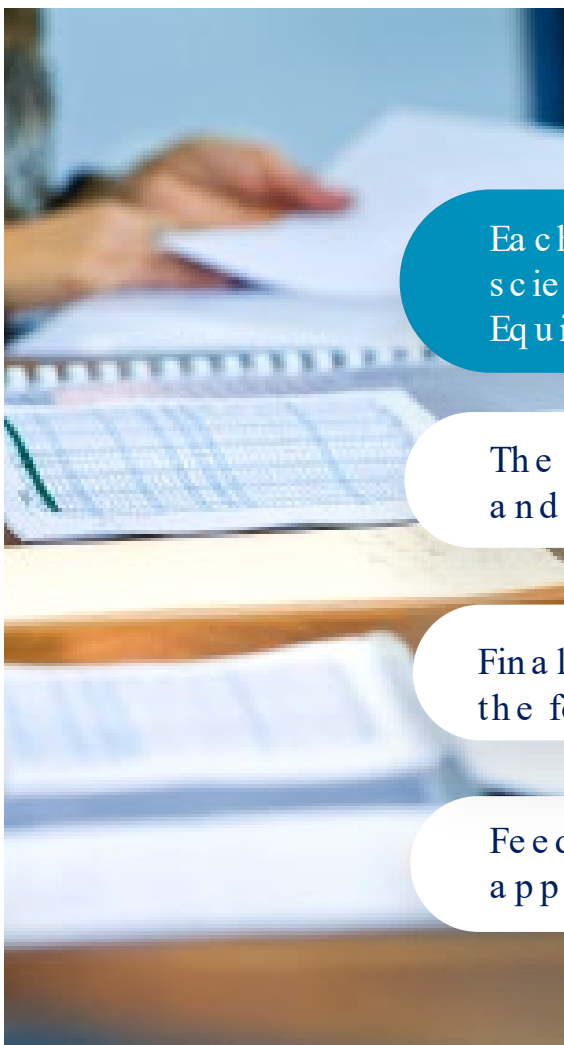


How we review and rate applications

● ● ● REVIEW PROCESS

Our goal is to have a review that...

- ☐ Is equitable and transparent
- ☐ Uses high standards (re: COI, privacy)
- ☐ Is efficient and straightforward for applicants



Each application is assigned to be reviewed by 3 scientific reviewers, 1 biostatistician, and 1 Health Equity Reviewer (GVP only)

The review committee meets to discuss applications and score proposals

Final decisions regarding grant awards are made by the foundation's trustees

Feedback is provided to applicant regarding application and award decision

Advisory committee members are on our website

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Other grant offerings

Purpose: To support unique prospects aligned with the Foundation's mission that do not fit within existing funding programs.



1 Opportunity Awards are typically initiated by the Foundation

2 Awards vary in amount based on project scope

3 Dissemination account available for grantees

FAQs

- ❖ What do you see as the most important measure of the impact of the projects you support?
- ❖ What about a researcher already embedded in a healthcare organization? Does she need a partner in a non-clinical organization... or no partner?
- ❖ Are projects having to do with mental health equity and youth of interest?
- ❖ What mistakes or weaknesses do you see in proposals that applicants should avoid? What are hallmarks of strong proposals?
- ❖ How do I appropriately blind my LOI?



Please check the FAQ page for :

Another Look – Improving Health of Older Adults in Care Facilities and Greater Value Portfolio grant programs

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Thank You

We hope you consider us for
upcoming grant opportunities!

