# Submitting a Grant Proposal to PHASE ONE



# **Grant Review Process**

Grant proposals will be accepted by the PHASE ONE Granting Committee on a quarterly basis. Note that we are interested in funding Phase I and Phase II clinical trials for all types of cancer. See detailed schedule and deadlines below. The proposals will be reviewed during the two weeks following each deadline and the Principal Investigator will be notified with the status of their application.

Prospective grantees will go through a 3-step process if they are selected for further consideration after each step:

- 1) Initial proposal submission (guidelines listed below),
- 2) An **initial presentation** to the two chairs of the Granting Committee, PHASE ONE's Executive Director, and a member of PHASE ONE's Medical Advisory Board. During the initial presentation, the chairs will ask specific questions regarding the study, budget, timeline, etc.
- 3) A **second presentation** with the entire PHASE ONE Granting Committee. We find that prospective grantees learn much from the initial presentation and typically give an even stronger second presentation to the committee.

We ask that all presentations include slides, and the prospective grantee should plan to present for 20 minutes maximum.

Final award approval is made by the PHASE ONE Board of Directors.

# **Proposal Guidelines**

PHASE ONE Foundation provides medical grants for Phase I and Phase II studies. At this time, we do not provide grants for lab studies or correlative studies.

Proposals are limited to one page, front and back. You may also submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI). Proposals and LOIs should address the following:

- The need and urgency for new treatments in the type of cancer the study aims to treat.
- Brief explanation of background or supporting studies leading to the trial.
- Overview of the proposed trial, including logistics of number of patients, phase, and timeline. Please note if you have IRB approval and an estimated time on when the trial can begin.
- Potential impact and/or translatability.
- Overall budget request. A detailed budget will be required if your proposal moves to the initial presentation phase.

Proposals should be emailed to PHASE ONE's Executive Director, Megan Stubbs, at <a href="megan@phaseonefoundation.org">megan@phaseonefoundation.org</a>. Date of receipt will determine in which quarter the proposal will be reviewed.

# **Important Notes**

- We cap indirect costs at 10%.
- The proposed research must take place within the United States.
- It is highly unlikely that we will fund researchers' salaries in their entirety although we may fund a small percentage of their total annual amounts.
- Institutional commitment to the project is important, both from a field impact perspective and a financial investment lens. The commitment of additional external funds is considered a positive for our funding consideration, though not necessary.
- We recognize that the field of pharmaceuticals can be unpredictable. We request that you confirm a solid commitment from the manufacturers, and we also request that you provide us with your contingency plan, should manufacturing of the specific drug be paused or halted.
- Our typical grants range from \$200,000 \$400,000 with a maximum grant amount of \$500,000. Our annual grantmaking is highly competitive and we tend to fund innovative projects and types of cancers or projects that we have not funded in the recent past.

# **Grant Proposal Submission Schedule 2024**

### QUARTER 1 SUBMISSIONS

Submission Deadline: Monday, January 15

Review Period: Tuesday, January 16 - Tuesday, January 30

- During this time, the proposal will be reviewed by the Granting Committee Chairs, Executive Director, and Medical Advisory Board.
- We may reach out to applicants with questions during this time if further information is needed.

Next Steps: February 1 - March 31

- Applicants will be notified if they are moving on to the next phase.
- Final decisions made by April 17 (dependent on date of committee presentation).

## **QUARTER 2 SUBMISSIONS**

Submission Deadline: Monday, April 15

Review Period: Tuesday, April 16 – Tuesday, April 30

- During this time, the proposal will be reviewed by the Granting Committee Chairs, Executive Director, and Medical Advisory Board.
- We may reach out to applicants with questions during this time if further information is needed.

Next Steps: May 1 - June 30

- Applicants will be notified if they are moving on to the next phase.
- Final decisions made by July 15 (dependent on date of committee presentation).

### **QUARTER 3 SUBMISSIONS**

Submission Deadline: Monday, July 15

Review Period: Tuesday, July 16 - Tuesday, July 30

- During this time, the proposal will be reviewed by the Granting Committee Chairs, Executive Director, and Medical Advisory Board.
- We may reach out to applicants with questions during this time if further information is needed.

Next Steps: August 1 – September 30

- Applicants will be notified if they are moving on to the next phase.
- Final decisions made by October 14 (dependent on date of committee presentation).

### **QUARTER 4 SUBMISSIONS**

Submission Deadline: Monday, October 14

Review Period: Tuesday, October 16 – Tuesday, October 30

- During this time, the proposal will be reviewed by the Granting Committee Chairs, Executive Director, and Medical Advisory Board.
- We may reach out to applicants with questions during this time if further information is needed.

Next Steps: November 1 – December 15

- Applicants will be notified if they are moving on to the next phase.
- Final decisions made by December 20 (dependent on date of committee presentation).



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