Access to Excellent Care for Sickle Cell Patients Pilot Program (ACCEL) - FAQs

- ## What is ACCEL?

  In September 2018, GBT sponsored an Access to Care Summit for healthcare providers and other SCD stakeholders to discuss programs that are successfully working to address these significant gaps in healthcare delivery for both adults and children living with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD). During the Summit, participants created draft roadmaps of these models to help disseminate best practices and to encourage the initiation of new SCD access-to-care programs.

  The ACCEL Pilot Program funding opportunity builds on the momentum of the Summit by providing funding for novel access-to-care pilot programs, with the goal of accelerating the development of promising programs that have the potential over time to deliver high quality healthcare for people living with SCD. U.S.-based nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organizations serving people living with SCD and their families are eligible to apply. Grant awards may be up to fifty thousand ($50,000) during a 12-month period. Suggested access-to-care pilots may include, but are not limited to:
  1. Building a community outreach model from an existing SCD program to extend the reach of care
  2. Expanding available capacity by partnering with non-SCD stakeholders
  3. Improving transition between pediatric to adult care
  4. Innovative Nurse Practitioner outreach care models
  5. Innovative training programs

- ## What are the eligibility requirements?

  - Be a U.S.-based nonprofit organization dedicated to SCD and are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Proof of tax-exempt status will be required.
  - Have the organizational capacity needed to manage the proposed project's timeline and deliverables.
  - Collaborations between two or more entities are permitted but not required.
  - Only one grant proposal application per organization will be considered.

- ## When are proposals due?

  - Applications are due 5:00pm Pacific Time on May 1, 2019. Applications received after the deadline will not be evaluated.

- ## How much money can be requested?

  - Grant requests up to but not exceeding fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) will be considered.

- ## How long is the funding term?

  - The funding period is 12 months from the date of award.

- ## How many awards will be given?

  - Up to three proposals will be funded.

- ## What are the funding restrictions?

  The following are outside the purview of this funding opportunity:
  - Capital campaigns, building construction, employee benefits, or fundraising (does not preclude seeking funds from other sponsors)
  - Projects or activities aimed solely at transportation to/from health care services
  - Medical and scientific research (e.g., Investigator Sponsored Trials)
  - Entertainment expenses
  - Activities hosted at lavish facilities such as a spa or resort
  - Funding market research or analysis to build a business plan
  - While salaries exclusive of benefits for Community Health Outreach Workers or Patient Navigators is permitted, direct physician or other health care provider salaries/compensation is outside the purview of this program.

- ## Can proposals support existing programs?

  - Yes, proposals should expand upon existing programs or services.

- ## Which topic areas or categories will be considered for funding?

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- ## How many proposals can my organization submit?

  - Only one grant proposal application per organization will be considered.

- ## How are proposals submitted?

  - Completed proposals and required documentation should be emailed in PDF format to patientadvocacy@gbt.com.

- ## What's included in the submission packet?

  Applications must be in English with currency in USD. To submit a proposal, complete the ACCEL grant proposal application form and submit along with the required documentation listed below. Please visit gbt.com/patients/accel-grant-program/ to obtain an application form.

  1. Cover letter written on your organization's letter head with the following information:
     a. Formal request for funds
     b. Description of the project for which you seek funding

  2. Detailed scope of work including quarterly milestones
  3. Biographical sketch of project lead and detailed narrative of key personnel including title, qualifications, role, and % FTE
  4. Detailed line item budget that includes the following:
     a. Minimal but essential permanent equipment directly relevant to the GBT grant
     b. Supplies (broken down by subcategory, e.g., postage, print or training materials)
     c. Indirect costs
     d. Other expenses relevant to the conduct of the grant's goals/intended outcomes
  5. W-9 form (signed/dated not more than 1 year ago)

6. IRS tax determination letter of 501(c)(3) status

- ## Is there a required budget template?
  - You are welcome to use your own template; however, budgets must be detailed (see question above with information regarding what should be included in your budget).

- ## Can supplemental information or materials be included in an application?
  - While not required, supplemental information may be included in a proposal submission (e.g., letter/s of support). All supplemental materials must be submitted as appendices and be in PDF format.

- ## Who is on the review committee?
  - Proposals will be reviewed by a panel comprised of GBT personnel and external stakeholders with expertise in the issues affecting people with SCD.

- ## Who do I contact if I have questions?
  - Inquiries concerning this funding opportunity are encouraged. Please contact patientadvocacy@gbt.com or call 1-800-741-9102 to request additional information or ask questions.