



NF MIDWEST CARE IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

NF Midwest Care Impact Grants provide up to \$3,000 to individuals, clinics, or organizations for a program or project that directly impacts and improves the care of adults and children with neurofibromatosis and/or schwannomatosis in NF Midwest's region of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Wisconsin, or Missouri.

The Care Impact Grant program reflects NF Midwest's commitment to not only cure neurofibromatosis and schwannomatosis, but to help people with NF live full and productive lives.

The NF Midwest Care Impact Grant program seeks to fund projects that will make a tangible difference in the lives of people with NF. Grant applications must meet program requirements and will be selected through a review process. This program is supported by the proceeds of our Walk4NF events and generous individual donors.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for funding, the program or project should meet the following requirements:

1. Contribute to the mission of NF Midwest which is to improve the lives of adults and children with neurofibromatosis through C.A.R.E.S. (**C**linics, **A**wareness, **R**esearch, **E**ducation, and **S**upport) and specifically to improving care or access to care.
2. Benefit individuals in the NF Midwest region or an underserved segment of our NF Midwest community and demonstrate real and identifiable change.
3. Be achievable within a year of granting.
4. Improve care or include active and ongoing involvement of people with NF or family members who will benefit from the program or project.
5. Be an original idea, or an ongoing program/project that has a measurable impact on the NF community or individual patients.
6. Have a clear description and general understanding of the processes and resources needed to implement and disseminate the program or project, including:
 - Clearly stated and focused aim or aims
 - Specific milestones and measures of success
 - A completed application, a summary covering the requirements above, detailed budget, budget justification, and other funding sources.
7. May not be dedicated to clinical or basic research, be used solely to purchase equipment, or be used for lobbying and fundraising activities.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants may be NF care institutions, individuals, or from a nonprofit organization. For-profit companies are not eligible to apply.

REPORTING

At the one-year mark or once the project is complete (whichever is first), we require a summary of the project with information on impact, either in writing or via an interview. This report is meant to be simple and collaborative. The format and level of detail will be determined in collaboration with NF Midwest.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS

As a reminder, these grants look to improve care for individuals or the community as a whole. Examples of projects that may be funded by a Care Impact Grant include:

- Providing travel funds or other assistance to patients to increase access to care
- Creating a support group, OT/PT group, kids' group, parents' group
- Improving NF knowledge of a physician or clinical staff

EXPECTATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (OR GRANT PARTNER EXPECTATIONS OR RECOGNITION AND PARTNERSHIP)

Recipients of an NF Midwest Care Impact Grant agree to acknowledge NF Midwest as a funding partner when grant funds make a program, service, or activity possible.

This may include, as appropriate:

- Acknowledging NF Midwest in materials related to the funded activity (e.g., flyers, emails, presentations, or support group materials)
- Verbal acknowledgment during educational programs, support groups, or events supported by the grant
- Including language such as “Supported by NF Midwest” or “Made possible through an NF Midwest Care Impact Grant”

For direct patient assistance (such as gas cards, lodging support, or travel assistance), acknowledgment may be communicated verbally to participants or included in accompanying materials when appropriate.

NF Midwest understands that recognition methods may vary based on the nature of the project and will work collaboratively with grant recipients to ensure acknowledgment is appropriate, reasonable, and aligned with clinical or organizational guidelines.

Grant recipients may also be invited to share brief stories, outcomes, or photos (with appropriate consent) to help NF Midwest demonstrate the impact of donor support.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have an idea or question, please email NF Midwest at info@nfmidwest.org or call 630-945-3562. You may also provide a summary of your project/proposal for our review.

SUBMITTING

Please submit your application and completed proposal with the details required above via email to info@nfmidwest.org or via mail to NF Midwest, 473 Dunham Rd, Suite 3, St. Charles, IL 60174.



NF Midwest Care Impact Grant Application

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Project/Program Name _____ Date _____

Name of Institution (if applicable) _____

Program/Project Leader

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street Address _____ Unit #/Dept #/MC# _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Program/Project Information

Requested Amount: _____ Total Budget: _____

Is this program/project being funded through any other additional means? _____
Yes No

If yes, please provide details: _____

Please provide below or in separate documentation....

Main focus or aim of program/project: _____

How will this program/project contribute to improving care and/or quality of life? _____

Approximately how many people with NF in the Midwest region will benefit: _____

What are your milestones or measurements for success? _____

What is the estimated length of this program/project? _____

Please acknowledge with an X that a written or verbal report is required at one-year intervals, or when the project is complete.

Be sure to include a detailed summary, budget etc as described in the proposal requirements 1-8.