



The Leandro P. Rizzuto Foundation

ALSFAC WE CARE

**Please forward the announcement below to your
colleagues and organizations.**

Due date for nominations is September 8, 2021

Good Day:

We are happy to share a new grant opportunity for nonprofits based in the United States to provide compassionate and accessible ALS care. Approximately six grants will be issued, each up to \$100,000/year for 2 years. The grants are the first care-focused grants from ALS Finding A Cure - WE CARE (ALSFAC-WE CARE), a foundation with a strong history of supporting collaborative, cutting edge research (<http://www.alsfindingacure.org/>).

Participating organizations will receive grants to improve access to compassionate care for people with ALS and their families. We encourage applicants to address key unmet care needs, to propose approaches that expand existing successful care programs, and to creatively promote resource sharing between organizations for the benefit of people with ALS. Awardees will work collaboratively, share knowledge and resources, and help identify gaps where the compassionate care branch of ALSFAC-WE-CARE can make an impact.

Warmly,

Denis Rizzuto, Peter Foss & Merit Cudkowicz, MD

ALS Finding a Cure-WE-CARE Call for Proposals

ALSFAC is pleased to issue a call for proposals designed to provide compassionate and accessible ALS care.

About ALSFAC-WE-CARE:

ALSFAC-WE-CARE is led by Denis Rizzuto, whose wife Christie had ALS. Christie, a wife, mother, and friend to many, inspired all who knew her with her warmth, her internal and external beauty, and her deep devotion to caring for others. All members of the executive committee of ALSFAC are committed to supporting research to find the cures and to helping those living with ALS today. Over the past months, we met with several remarkable organizations who provide compassionate care to patients and families with ALS. We spoke to many patients and families and learned how much need there is for more care and for more coordination between the institutions that help those with ALS. These initial grants we hope are the first of many from ALSFAC-WE-CARE to ensure that everyone with ALS has the care they need.

We heard for example of several loan closets and a need for a coordinated effort to link these so individuals with ALS can have what they need, no matter where they live. We also heard of amazing programs to help the children of individuals with ALS and to bring care and resources to the home. These programs are spectacular but often are restricted to limited geographies. There is no shortage of need nor of great groups trying to provide help. We want to make a difference to expand the programs that are working, create new programs to fill unmet needs, and to support efforts for coordinated delivery of key care help and resources.

Therefore, applications from nonprofit organizations are requested for projects that will help patients and families with ALS and that will also help make these services available more broadly. We will bring the funded organizations together and over time will expand the team and care initiatives so that no person with ALS goes without the care resources they need. ALSFAC believes strongly in collaboration, creativity, open sharing of information, and elimination of duplication in efforts. As noted by the founder of ALSFAC, Mr. Leandro Rizzuto, we are only limited by our imagination.

Timeline for Submission:

Applications open: July 26, 2021

Applications due: September 8, 2021

Recipients notified: November 2021

Submit to: <https://app.box.com/f/0537c35341164eb6bda403035ed0f8d8>

Grants are for the support of 2-year proposals of up to \$200,000 USD total (inclusive of a maximum of 15% in indirect costs). Support will not exceed 2 years and applicants should submit proposals that are compatible with a 2-year time frame. The continuation of funding within this period will be subject to the submission of satisfactory progress reports, which will be required at six-month intervals.

Selection criteria:

- Impact of Applicants project to increase and improve care for people with ALS
- Clear success goals and metrics
- The project will address clear gaps in compassionate care
- Collaboration with other organizations to improve compassionate care and willingness to think boldly about gaps in care and how to address

Application Process:

- **Please provide a cover letter addressed to ALS Finding a Cure-WE-CARE including:**
 - Proposal Title
 - Total costs (200 K maximum over two years including 15% overhead cap)
 - List of all investigators, foundations, and institutions
 - Name and contact information for person(s) responsible for contracts
 - Address for mailing of payments

- **Provide a proposal including:**
 - A brief abstract suitable for a media release to the lay public if the application is successful
 - Project Plan, Background, and Timeline (max. 7 pages).
Please address the following questions:
 - What is your proposed care proposal for ALS patients?
 - In what way will your project improve the lives of individuals with ALS and their families?
 - What does success look like for your project?
 - How is your proposed care project different from or an expansion of what your organization already provides?
 - How will you collaborate and share knowledge and resources with other organizations to ensure synergies and increased access to compassionate care?
 - Why is ALS important to you and your foundation?
 - What regions will you help people with ALS in and how will you augment what is available in that area for people with ALS
 - Detailed itemized budget and budget justification
 - Description of study milestones, including the costs associated and timeline of specific deliverables
 - Any funding from other funding sources that relate to the proposed work.
 - Please include information on your annual funding and what percentage goes to patient care and what percentage covers administrative expenses. Please note this grant does not support the awardee sending the funds to other foundations.

- **Signed and dated investigator CVs or bios**

Please submit questions to info@alsfac.org

To learn more about ALS Finding a Cure [click here](#)