APF COVID-19 Rapid Response Grant: $20,000

Deadline: May 1, 2020

In response to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the American Psychological Foundation is allocating funding to support psychological research that will provide insights that will help psychologists to work with individuals, families, and groups who are struggling to cope during these challenging times. This grant will fall under APF Visionary Grant priorities of using psychology to solve social problems. The COVID-19 crisis is certainly a major social problem.

Pilot projects, additions to existing studies, and/or review and application of current literature will be considered for funding. Creativity in methodology and design is encouraged. Review of applications will be done on an expedited timeline with funding available in May.

Examples of the kind of research that might be supported could include but are not limited to:

- Use of telemedicine as a form of psychological intervention
- Loneliness and isolation due social distancing and remote work
- Examining the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on families and children (ie. association between financial strain and domestic abuse; the effect of exposure of children to caretaker substance abuse during social isolation)
- Literature review of existing research to identify best practices

Amount
Two grants of up to $20,000 will be available

Eligibility Requirements
Applicants must:

- Be affiliated with a nonprofit charitable, educational, or scientific institution, or governmental entity operating exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.
- Have demonstrated competence and capacity to execute the proposed work

APF will NOT consider the following requests for grants to support:

- political or lobbying purposes
- entertainment or fundraising expenses
- anyone the Internal Revenue Service would regard as a disqualified group or individual
Evaluation Criteria
Proposals will be evaluated on:

• Innovative and potential impact qualities
• Quality, viability, and promise of proposed work
• Criticality of proposed funding for proposed work
• Clear and comprehensive methodology

Proposal Requirements
Please include the following sections in your proposal (no more than 5 pages; 1 inch margins, no smaller than 11 point font):

• Goals and Objectives. Describe the primary purpose and specific goals of the project or program, including the issues/challenges that it will address.
• Workplan and Timeline. Describe the action plan and schedule by which the project or program as a whole is to be carried out. When appropriate, indicate where in that time frame the APF funding will be applied.
• Program Evaluation/Outcomes Measures. Describe, using appropriate quantitative and qualitative measures, how the results of the effort will be evaluated and reported.
• Personnel. Please list the project personnel and their specific functions. Please attach the abbreviated CVs (max 10 pages per CV) of all major personnel.
• Budget. Please indicate the amount of funding requested from APF and justify it on the basis of the specific role this contribution will play toward attaining the project's or program's goals ("seed money" justification is acceptable). In cases where major funding from other sources has been received or is anticipated, please include the following: total budget; amount in hand and committed; and amount from other sources. Justify the specific need for APF’s contribution.

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Please contact Philip Casey, Program Officer, at pcasey@apa.org with questions.

The deadline for applications is May 1, 2020. Please free to distribute this call as you see fit.

APF welcomes applicants with diverse backgrounds with respect to age, race, color, religion, creed, nationality, disability, sexual orientation, gender, and geography.