



2021 GLOBAL OUTREACH GRANTS & ROBERT K. PEDERSEN GLOBAL OUTREACH GRANTS Qualifications and Requirements

Overview

The PA Foundation's Global Outreach Humanitarian Assistance Grant Program is intended to further the mission of the PA Foundation: *"to empower PAs to improve health through philanthropy and service."*

This program provides grants to support projects involving PAs and PA students in humanitarian activities designed to improve the quality of life in underserved areas of developing countries and the United States. The grants are intended to promote sustainable development in the areas of healthcare and health education for populations and communities in need. Funding is provided for projects that enhance or expand existing programs and provide the participating PAs and students an invaluable learning experience in healthcare delivery, leadership and project management. To date, global outreach grants have supported worthwhile projects in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, the Caribbean Islands, former Soviet Union countries, and the United States.

Who May Apply & How Grant Funds May Be Used

All grant applications must be submitted by one or more PAs or PA students who are members in good standing of AAPA and who are involved in health-related humanitarian efforts through either established humanitarian organizations or PA programs. Grant funds are disbursed to the nonprofit organization or program sponsoring the project.

The purpose of the humanitarian assistance grant is to directly support the individual or individuals while preparing for and/or while involved in the humanitarian effort. Acceptable expenses may include costs incurred in preparing for travel to the activity site, such as immunizations, exams, and medications; living expenses while serving at the site; and equipment and supplies needed for the activity. Funds also may be used to purchase materials and equipment that support a specific project that meets the objectives of this grant program. **Funds may not be used for capital expenses, salaries or travel expenses/airfare to the site of the activity.**

Note for 2021 cycle: Given the evolving circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, the PA Foundation recognizes that travel guidelines and other factors influencing project plans may continue to change and impact grantees' ability to implement project plans as originally submitted (or according to the timeline submitted). In such a situation, grantees may submit proposed modifications to project plans and/or timelines in order to meet project goals.

Selection Criteria

Grantees will be selected based on the following:

- Demonstrated need for the humanitarian activity
- Demonstrated support by an established humanitarian organization or a PA program
- Measurability of results/outcomes, described in a project evaluation plan
- Effectiveness and sustainability of the activity. Ideally, the program or organization involved should have existed for at least two years. For a new initiative, an expanded discussion of the program or activity, focusing on the goals and the proposed evaluation methods, should be provided.

Applications must be submitted online by **May 3, 2021**.

Application Requirements

An online application packet must be submitted, including the following components:

1. A completed and signed online **application form (access via Formsite)**.
2. A **detailed budget** indicating the expenses for which the grant funds will be used.
3. If the request is for humanitarian assistance in a **developing country**, include **evidence of support for the project by the host country**, such as an affiliation agreement, memorandum of understanding, contract, letter from a government official, or letter(s) from nongovernmental organization(s) involved in the activity.
4. If the request is for an activity **within the United States**, include a **letter from the humanitarian organization** with which you will be working. This letter should outline what contributions you will be making to the established program, length of service, and brief background information on the organization.
5. **Written proposal addressing the following items/questions (no more than 8 pages total):**
 - a. What community or country is involved in the program or project? Describe the target population of the project.
 - b. Describe the need for the program or project (e.g., local or national health indicators that demonstrate need).
 - c. Briefly summarize the program or project.
 - d. What are the goals/milestones of the program or project?
 - i. How will the project improve health and quality of life in an underserved area?
 - ii. How will the project promote sustainable development in the areas of healthcare and health education?
 - e. Is this an existing program? If so, how long has it been in operation, and does it involve collaboration with other organizations? What infrastructure is in place—or will be in place—to support the project?
 - f. Is any portion of the project funded by another source, and/or is this project part of a larger funding proposal? Will there be other types of support for the project (in-kind, matching funds, etc.)?
 - g. What role will PA(s) and/or PA students play in the program? Indicate how PA value and/or PA utilization is critical in attaining the project objectives.
 - h. Include a timeline for the project.
 - i. Describe the evaluation strategies to be utilized in measuring the success of the program or project. What points of data will be collected to demonstrate impact, if any?
 - j. Briefly summarize how Global Outreach Grant/Robert K. Pedersen Global Outreach Grant funding will improve or enhance population health of the community.
 - k. How will outcomes/results be disseminated (e.g., poster, presentation, publication, etc.)?
 - l. Is the project's impact sustainable? Please explain.

Professional Liability Coverage

If awarded a grant, the recipient will be required to provide evidence of professional liability insurance coverage.

Post-Project Activity

Grant recipients must submit a written report and photographs electronically to the PA Foundation within three months of the completion of the humanitarian activity. Specifics about the contents of this report will be provided with the notification of the grant award.

Questions? Please contact Caroline Pierce at cpierce@aapa.org or 571.319.4510.