



Call for Grant Applications (CFG) CFG-HCV-2023 AbbVie Independent Education (IE)

Therapeutic Area/Disease State	Virology/HCV
Focus	HCV screening and linkage to care
Issue Date:	August 30, 2023
Due Date/CFG Close Date:	October 11, 2023

Background

AbbVie is committed to supporting independent, high-quality evidence-based education with the most up-to-date information on current, new, and emerging therapies. This helps to expand knowledge, competence, and performance to improve quality of care for patients and support the elimination of health care disparities in underserved patient populations.

Eligibility Criteria

Grant applicants must be US-based, registered in AbbVie’s Grant Management System at grants.abbvie.com with no outstanding reconciliations and authorized (if applicable) to provide accredited CME/CE by an official accrediting agency (e.g. ACCME, AOA, AAFP, AMA, ADA CERP, ANCC, ACPE, etc.).

Transparency

The AbbVie grant review and approval process is in full accordance with the recommendations and the guidance of the Office of Inspector General (OIG), Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed), the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), “National Physician Payment Transparency Program: OPEN PAYMENTS” commonly known as the “Sunshine Act,” and internal AbbVie Compliance policies.

AbbVie, at its sole discretion, has the right to disclose the details of funded independent medical education activities, including those that may be required by federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations. This disclosure may include, but shall not be limited to, details of the activity and the grant amount.

Terms and Conditions

AbbVie reserves the right to approve or deny any or all grant applications received as a result of this Call for Grants (CFG) or to cancel, in part or in its entirety, this CFG. AbbVie is not responsible for any costs associated with this CFG submission.

Submission Directions

1. Please go to grants.abbvie.com and sign in. First-time users should click “Register”
2. In the grant application:
 - STEP 1. Select “Submit New Request” to start the submission process.
 - STEP 2. Select the “Education Requests” button to continue the submission process.
 - STEP 3. Read the Request Submission Instructions and click “Proceed” to enter the request form.
 - STEP 4. Enter Request Information on the General Information Tab.
 - In the Activity Sub-Type field, select **Independent Medical Education, Independent Patient Education or Screening & Health Fairs**
 - **In the Program Title field, start the title of the grant request as: CFG-HCV-2023**
 - STEP 5. Continue entering requested information as outlined in the grant application, including document uploads.
3. If you have questions or require assistance, please contact:

AbbVie Independent Education Department at 877/228-7177 or via email at abbviegrants@abbvie.com.

IMPORTANT: Grant applications submitted in response to this Call for Grants after the due date will not be reviewed by the AbbVie Independent Education Department and will be automatically declined. In addition, grant applications must include the required information outlined in the Submission Directions. Failure to provide this information may result in the grant application being declined.

Decision Date and Notification

Once AbbVie has reached a decision about the grant application, a system generated email notification will be sent. If the request is approved, the Authorized Signer identified in the grant application must log into the AbbVie grant management system to review and approve the Letter of Agreement. The Letter of Agreement must be electronically signed by all parties prior to the activity start date. Please do not consider any request approved until an email notification is received from AbbVie stating that the grant request is approved.

Call for Grant Details

Therapeutic Area/Disease state	Virology/HCV
Target Audience	Hepatologists, NPs/PAs involved in HCV care, PCP's, Gastroenterologists, advocacy partners supporting screening and linkage to care
Geographic Scope	United States
Submission Deadline	October 11, 2023
Notification Deadline	November 2023
Budget	\$450,000.00 (multiple awards will be considered)
Anticipated Timing and Metrics	Q4

Statement of Need:

The World Health Organization (WHO) has set a global goal of eliminating viral hepatitis B and C by 2030. An estimated 58 million people have chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection with an additional 1.5 million new infections occurring annually (1). Early HCV identification and treatment utilizing simplified approaches, such as those put forward by the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease and the Infectious Disease Society of America (2), are critical in helping reach epidemiologic goals and providing clinical and economic value throughout healthcare systems. In March 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the United States Preventive Services Task Force updated guidance to include universal screening for HCV for adults (3,4). Diagnosis and treatment are no longer relegated to HCV specialists' care: primary care, addiction medicine, women's health, and other healthcare areas are creatively working to meet the 2030 elimination challenge.

We are seeking proposals addressing models that enhance community HCV screening (including rapid and point-of-care testing), linkage to care efforts (including community screening drives, pop-up clinics, etc.) and educational models supporting a broad range of emerging treater education targeted at addiction specialists, Advanced Practice Providers, Primary Care Physicians and advocacy groups enabling reach across underserved populations (including people who use drugs, immigrants, people who are incarcerated, people with mental health challenges, etc.).

References

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