



Round Three, Fall 2021 Pervasive Needs Grants

Informational Call, Sept. 27 Q&A Summary

The below questions were asked during the Sept. 27 Q&A call. The information provided here is a supplement to the LOI Invitation and Fall 2021 Q&A, available [on our website](#).

Additional questions should be submitted to programs@adirafoundation.org.

About Adira

- 1. What are the specific impacts Adira wants to have on people living with a neurodegenerative disease (ND) and caregivers?**

A: The core element of our work, reflected in our mission, is our goal of directly impacting the quality of life of people living with an ND and caregivers. We believe that across these five disease groups, and for people generally, that the five things people need and want more than anything is more **time**, more **money**, more **energy**, more **confidence** and more **connection**. And that if we, collectively as a system, can work together to give them those things, we will really see change and impact on their lives.

See: Fall 2021 Informational Call, slide 20 for more information about the five measures of time, money, energy, confidence and connection.

Submitting a Letter of Intent

- 2. Can applicants submit more than one Letter of Intent?**

A: No, each applying organization can submit a maximum of one Letter of Intent.

Consider how each project gives people most impacted more time, money, energy, confidence and connection. Does it include any of the preferred eligibility criteria for the program? And does it include elements of aggregation, navigation, convening, collaboration or dissemination?

If you're still having trouble making a final decision, you may be able to schedule a consultation with Adira's Programs Manager to discuss the projects you are considering and receive feedback on submission. Email programs@adirafoundation.org.

- 3. Can organizations who are a previous or current grantee of Adira submit a Letter of Intent?**

A: Previous grantees of Adira can submit a Letter of Intent. Current grantees should confirm that the project period for their current grant award will end before the start date of the Fall 2021 project period (February 2022).





4. Can a funding request ask to receive funds to support an organizational model rather than a specific new project?

A: Adira is a small foundation looking to fund projects that test particular elements of program design, delivery and evaluation in ND communities and to disseminate that knowledge.

Submissions might be a new project (adding a new education, navigation or care service) or an enhancement to an existing project (collaborating with another disease community, adding a new element of evaluation, making project delivery changes to reach an underserved group).

Submissions that propose a new project or an enhancement to an existing project are more appealing than those to support the operational expenses of an existing model.

Eligibility

5. The eligibility criteria for the Round Two, Fall 2020 Pervasive Needs Grants program included a maximum of \$10 million for the applying organization's total organizational budget. Does that limit still apply to the Round Three, Fall 2021 eligibility criteria?

A: No. There is no organizational budget limit for submission.

6. Can an organization have a fiscal agent?

A: Yes. If you are invited to submit a full proposal and your organization has a fiscal agent, we will request additional documentation at that time to confirm the details of the arrangement.

If your project is chosen for funding, we will also ask that representatives from both the fiscal sponsor organization and the grantee organization sign and agree to the terms of the grant agreement upon award.

Budget

7. What is the percentage of the total budget that is allowed to go toward indirect costs?

A: Indirect costs must not exceed 20% of the total project budget.

More information will be provided to organizations invited to submit a full proposal, including a budget template.

8. If Adira is only being asked to fund a portion of a project's total budget, do we need to show the additional sources of funding (for example matching funds) or other resources for the project?

A: We do not need to know that in the budget value included in the Letter of Intent. Only the amount being requested from Adira should be included in that value.





Organizations asked to submit a full proposal will receive additional information and a budget template. We have a template available for projects with one anticipated source of funding (Adira) and a template available for projects with a larger total budget and anticipated funding from multiple sources (Adira and others).

Sustainability

9. Is there any chance of multi-year funding? If not, is the question of sustainability after the one-year grant period important to Adira?

A: Grants awarded under the Pervasive Needs Grants program are limited to a 12-month project period. We do sometimes fund multi-year projects through our Demonstration Projects programming.

For 12-month projects awarded under the Pervasive Needs program, sustainability is considered to an extent. We do not expect a long, detailed business plan.

Because our intent is to fund organizations already doing great work in ND communities to test new or enhanced elements of their programming, we look more for strong evaluation, collaboration and dissemination plans.

As outcomes show value in the project's activities we will work to identify and connect organizations with potential collaborators and future supporters.

Letters of Support

10. Are Letters of Support required, or will they be accepted?

A: Letters of Support are not required. They will be accepted.

We will not be asking for Letters of Support until the full proposal.

If you already have a Letter of Support on file from organizations listed as collaborators in your Letter of Intent, you can submit them with the LOI (but again, they are not required, and we will not *ask* for them at that stage).

