



## **FISCAL YEAR 2022**

### **RITA SKERTICH HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH GRANT**

The Rita Skertich Grant is specifically intended to fund research topics that focus on prevention and treatment of brain aneurysms in the Black and Hispanic population and women; the populations most affected by brain aneurysms. African Americans and Hispanics are twice as likely to have a rupture compared to white Americans. Women are more likely than men (3:2 ratio) to have a brain aneurysm and 1.5 times more at risk of rupture than men. The research funded by this grant will support efforts to improve outcomes, accessibility and a greater understanding of discrepancies in the statistics for these populations with a focus on prevention. The preference is that this grant will be given to a Black, Hispanic and/or female researcher with other underrepresented research groups also considered.

Elizabeth Ratta, a brain aneurysm survivor and a Bee Foundation 'share your story' contributor is passionate about spreading brain aneurysm awareness and particularly in the populations they disproportionately affect- those who are Black, Hispanic and women. This research grant is named for Elizabeth's grandma, Rita who had an unruptured brain aneurysm, but at a time when there was limited treatment and support.

The Bee Foundation for Brain Aneurysm Prevention is a national 501c3 dedicated to brain aneurysm awareness, funding preventative research, national advocacy and providing support. To learn more visit [www.thebeefoundation.org](http://www.thebeefoundation.org).

### **CALL FOR APPLICANTS**

The Bee Foundation (TBF) invites proposals that further the mission of reducing the number of deaths caused by brain aneurysms. Proposals directed at understanding the early detection, pathophysiology, genetic predisposition, or treatment specifically of the Black, Hispanic and female populations will take priority. Proposals from a variety of disciplines (including but not limited to translational Neurosciences, Neurosurgery, Neurology, Radiology, Genetics) are encouraged and multidisciplinary proposals that illustrate a multi-faceted approach will be weighted highly.

### **FINANCIAL GRANTS**

- \$15,000 total amount to be distributed, but not limited to only 1 awarded applicant
- Applicants may request up to \$15,000



## **PROJECT SCOPE & CRITERIA**

The purpose of this program is to promote novel approaches to the early detection and prevention of ruptured cerebral aneurysms with an emphasis on benefitting Black, Hispanic and female populations and more specifically uncovering why discrepancies exist in occurrence of aneurysms and rates of rupture in these populations. Applications with more than one investigator must indicate how the different expertise of the co-investigators will contribute to the overall goals of the project.

- Funds should specifically be used to benefit the Black, Hispanic and female populations
- Funds will be awarded that focus on prevention of brain aneurysm rupture
- Funds will be awarded at focusing on the larger public health issue of brain aneurysms affecting these populations disproportionately
- Funds should not be requested for honoraria, seminars, or retreats.

## **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

Priority will be given to those applications with the focus as outlined above.

The proposals must contain the following items:

1. Face page with grant title, and names, departmental affiliations, and contact information of the co-investigators.
2. Brief Summary of the project (< 1 page) describing the relevance of the proposed research and how it will advance the field or benefit Black, Hispanic and female patients in regard to brain aneurysm research.
3. Budget in **attached format**, with a brief (1 page) budget justification.
4. Biosketch of the investigator (or co-Investigators) and any advisors, in **NIH format**.
5. Scientific proposal, not to exceed three single-spaced pages, including specific aims, background/significance, and experimental design/methods. Preliminary data may be included but are not required. Literature cited and IACUC or IRB information (where applicable) are not included in the three-page limit; regulatory approvals may be pending.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **September 30, 2022**. Each application should be submitted as a single PDF file attachment to Erin Kreszl, TBF Executive Director, at:

[info@thebeefoundation.org](mailto:info@thebeefoundation.org).



## **KEY DATES**

Posted Date	July 28th, 2022
Application Due Date(s)	September 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Scientific Merit Evaluation*	October 2022
Advisory Council Approval*	October 2022
Awards Announcement & Video acknowledgement	November 5th, 2022
Funds Available*	Starting January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023
Preliminary Progress Report	July 1st, 2023
Final Results Report	December 31st, 2023

\*Proposals will be evaluated by the TBF Scientific Advisory Board and approved by the TBF Board of Directors. It is anticipated that funds awarded will be made available starting January 1, 2023 dependent upon each institution's process.

## **PROGRESS REPORT**

**Grant awardees, or an appropriate representative, are encouraged to attend the Honey Bash gala Fall of 2023 on October 7th, 2023 in Philadelphia, PA to present the research proposal.** A preliminary progress report should be submitted on July 1, 2023. A Final Progress Report should be submitted to The Bee Foundation at [info@thebeefoundation.org](mailto:info@thebeefoundation.org) by December 31, 2023. Final research findings will be presented at the next annual gala in 2023 where the awardee will be recognized for his/her dedicated research and work in the advancement in the cerebral aneurysm field specifically in the Black, Hispanic and female populations.

**Please note, The Bee Foundation does not pay institutional overhead or indirect costs.**



If the grant is awarded, please supply the payee.

- The institution/group practice will serve as the fiscal agent.
- Grant checks payable to: Institution/group practice name
- Grant checks sent to: Include contact name, address, phone number & e-mail

### **SIGNATURES**

Enter the names and contact information for each individual that will sign the completed, printed application. Original signatures are required below on the printed copy.

### **SIGNATURES**

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*By signing below, I hereby attest that information contained in this application is accurate and true.*

**Signature of grant applicant**

**Date**

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**Signature of mentor/scientific advisor  
(if applicable)**

**Date**

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**Signature of Department/Group Practice Chair or equivalent:**

**Date**

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**Signature of financial officer  
(of the applicant institution)**

**Date**

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### **PROJECT BUDGET**



**Applicant Information**

Name of organization applying:	
City/State:	
Project title:	
Request amount:	

**Revenue**

Revenue	Secured	Pending	Total
Other foundation / corporate support			
Public / government support			
Individual support			
Cash support from organization applying			
In-kind support from organization applying			
Other			
<b>Total</b>			

**Expenses**

Expenses*	Request to The Bee Foundation	Secured	Pending	Total
Personnel				
Salaries				
Fringe benefits				
Consultants / consulting fees				
Facility costs				
Printing / publications				
Telephone				
Travel				
Supplies				
Postage				
Evaluation				
Other				
<b>Total</b>				

*\* Itemize and justify all expenses in the budget justification. Please include personnel costs and role responsibilities for each person for whom expenses are requested.*