

Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I find the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Foundation’s grant programs?

Hillman Emergent Innovation (HEI)

The latest RFP for the HEI program can be found [here](#).

Hillman Emergent Innovation: Serious Illness and End of Life (HSEI)

The latest RFP for the HSEI program can be found [here](#).

Hillman Innovations in Care (HIC)

The latest RFP for the HIC program can be found [here](#).

What does the Foundation mean by “nursing-driven” innovation?

Please visit the [About](#) page on our website to learn more about the Foundation’s focus on nursing-driven innovation.

Is there a special focus for this year’s grant cycle?

Yes, this year the HEI program is issuing a special call for submissions that address racism and its impact on health. Please review [this year’s RFP](#) for more information.

N/A

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Our organization is considered a U.S. 501 (c)(6). Are we eligible to apply for grants?

The Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation is a private foundation. We will only make grants to nonprofit, charitable organizations under U.S. 501(c)(3) status or similar tax exempt organizations (churches, etc). As an organization with U.S. 501(c)(6) status, any contributions to your organization are not tax exempt and therefore we could not fund your project. If however, you have a fiscal sponsor that has 501(c)(3) or similar tax exempt status, then a grant could be awarded to your fiscal sponsor to fund your project.

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<p>Is my project a good fit for the Foundation's grant program(s)?</p>	<p>The Foundation is open to any and all creative, innovative, and thoughtful approaches to improve the health and healthcare of marginalized populations. Please visit our About and Program pages on our website to learn more.</p>	
<p>Can current or past grantees apply?</p>	<p>Yes, former grantees (and those whose grants end this year) are eligible to apply. Current grantees interested in applying must first contact the Foundation at innovationsincare@rahf.org to receive special approval.</p>	
<p>Is there a restriction on the number of application submissions? Can our organization submit multiple Letters of Intent (LOI)?</p>	<p>There is no restriction on the number of application submissions, however, we discourage sending multiple proposals in the same or similar area of service.</p> <p>An organization can submit multiple LOIs if the projects are vastly different and represent, for instance, a different leadership team. Depending on the size of your organization and scope of the care delivered, we welcome multiple submissions.</p>	
<p>The RFP requests short biographies of the project leadership. What kind of bios should we submit and of what length?</p>	<p>We are not looking for NIH-type bios or extensive CVs at this stage. We expect bios between 1/2 and 1 page in length, highlighting the key leaders and their experience related to the project.</p>	
<p>Do we need to submit a budget for the Letter of Intent (LOI)?</p>	<p>A complete budget (including line items or details) is not required for the LOI. We would like to see an estimated budget total for the project, any large expenditures and the portion being requested from the Foundation.</p>	
<p>Under "Allowable Costs" in the RFP, it states that the Foundation will provide a maximum of 15% of total project costs for indirect costs. What if our indirect costs exceed 15%?</p>	<p>The Foundation will provide a limited amount of funding for indirect costs, based on the nature of the applicant organization, to a maximum of 15% of direct costs of the project's administered grant value. The sum of direct and indirect costs must equal the total grant amount awarded. Organizations and institutions are still welcomed to apply if indirect costs are more than 15% for the total project, as long as indirect costs in excess of 15% are funded by other sources.</p>	

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<p>Below is an abbreviated collection of resources to help understand how anti-racist principles can be applied in a healthcare context:</p> <p>Articles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving Towards Anti-Racist Praxis in Medicine (Joia Crear-Perry <i>et al.</i>) • “I Can't Breathe”: A Call for Antiracist Nursing Practice (Kara S. Koschmann <i>et al.</i>) • Stolen Breaths (Rachael R. Hardeman <i>et al.</i>) • How to Make Healthcare Anti-Racist (Tamorah Lewis) • Dismantling Racism and Inequity in Health Care: The Critical Interplay Between Equity, Quality, and Safety (Karthik Sivashanker and Namita Seth Mohta) <p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racism: Science and Tools for the Public Health Professional (Chandra L. Ford <i>et al.</i>) <p>Additional Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Racism and Healthcare Resources (University of San Francisco) • Anti-Racism Initiatives (The Ohio State University) 		
<p>The LOI can be addressed to Ahrin Mishan, Executive Director of The Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation.</p>		
<p>All LOIs must be submitted online through the Foundation's online grant portal.</p>		
<p>The deadline for the LOI is on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST). Please allow enough time to register and familiarize yourself with the online grants portal.</p>	<p>The deadline for the LOI is on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST). Please allow enough time to register and familiarize yourself with the online grants portal.</p>	<p>The deadline for the LOI is on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST). Please allow enough time to register and familiarize yourself with the online grants portal.</p>

What are anti-racist practices in healthcare?

Who should the Letter of Intent (LOI) be addressed to?

How should I submit my Letter of Intent (LOI)?

What is the deadline for submitting the Letter of Intent (LOI)?

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<p>LOIs are first reviewed by Executive Director Ahrin Mishan and Vice President of Programs Rachael Watman. Finalists whose projects align with the RFP criteria established for each grant program are invited to submit full proposals. These full proposals are evaluated by a review committee assembled of Foundation staff, partners, and healthcare professionals with a wide range of expertise.</p>		
<p>Yes, current and past webinars are available to view online.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/15/22 webinar recording and presentation • 2/16/21 webinar recording • 2/11/20 webinar recording • 2/12/19 webinar recording • 2/13/18 webinar recording • 2/28/17 webinar recording • 2/24/16 webinar recording • 2/17/15 webinar recording • 4/28/14 webinar recording • 6/24/14 webinar recording 		
<p>You may also reach us at innovationsincare@rahf.org.</p>		

Who reviews our Letter of Intent (LOI)?

I was unable to attend the virtual informational webinar, can I view it online?

I have additional questions, whom should I contact?