

# 2011 CHARGE SYNDROME FOUNDATION, Inc. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

## **CHARGE Syndrome Foundation Pilot Grant Program:**

The CHARGE Syndrome Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) announces the availability of pilot grants of \$25,000 to \$50,000. The purpose of these grants is to promote new biomedical research into the etiology, genetic and molecular mechanisms and treatment of CHARGE syndrome. Proposals are to be for funding from May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 and may be in any area of basic, clinical, translational or epidemiological research. Preference will be given to investigators who are new to CHARGE research and to projects with clear potential to lead to future funding from other agencies.

## **Application timetable:**

Deadline: 3/1/2012

Grant funds will be available May 1, 2012

## **Application process:**

All applications should be submitted by email to the Foundation at [David@chargesyndrome.org](mailto:David@chargesyndrome.org).

Proposals should be for one year of support, with requested funding of between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Each proposal will be peer reviewed by the Scientific Advisory Board of the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation. Review criteria will include:

- scientific merit
- feasibility
- likelihood of future funding from other sources
- innovation
- collaboration with other researchers
- relevance to CHARGE syndrome

Funds may not be used for faculty salaries, travel expenses or equipment.

Indirect costs are allowed up to 10% of the total grant.

Grant proposals should include:

- Title of project and amount requested
- Abstract (250 words)
- Proposal Narrative (pdf format). The proposal should be organized as follows:
  - \* Specific Aims.
  - \* Rationale, motivation, and preliminary findings.

- \* Research plan, explicitly tied to Specific Aims.
- \* References.

Note that the proposal should be no longer than 5 pages maximum, single spaced (0.5 inch margins), 11 point Arial font, including all text and tables. References are not included in the 5 page limit.

- Budget with detailed justification (1 page maximum).
- NIH formatted biosketch (limited to 4 pages) of each investigator

**Grant conditions:** As a condition of accepting funds from the Foundation, applicants must agree to the following conditions:

- Acknowledge funding provided by the Foundation in any publications or presentations of the research.
- Make published results available to the Foundation for distribution.
- Be available to attend a Foundation conference to present the findings if invited.
- Become professional members of the Foundation (\$40 cost).
- Make publicly available all reagents, resources, and data generated with the pilot grants.