Musella Foundation Grant Application
for Brain Tumor Research
2024

Call us first and talk about your project before applying.

Funds will be granted only in the USA. We only fund grants of one (1) year or less. Applications for travel funds will not be considered. We do NOT fund institutional overhead.

Researchers who receive a grant from the Musella Foundation must submit 2 reports: one halfway through and one at the conclusion of the project. If you are running late, just let us know – give us a status report at the time the report is due and ask for more time. The final report will contain information about your research results. The latter might be published in our newsletter to show our supporters and encourage them to support us more**! If the research results in a published paper or abstract, you must acknowledge us as supporting the project, and send us a reprint**. You may optionally send us a short video about the results of your project.

IF the application or report contains material which is secret, state that clearly and we will not post it on our website.

You may use as much space as you need, but try to keep it concise. Do not tell us how bad brain tumors are. We know!

**We encourage requests from new researchers and about new ideas!
The best time to call is 10am to 4pm, Mondays through Thursdays, NY time.**

Please note: We will only consider projects that can be started within 6 months. If your project can't be started in less than 6 months, don't apply until 6 months before you can start. Our agreement will stipulate funds must be returned if the project is not started within 6 months.

IF you receive other support for the same project, tell us. Explain how the funds are not overlapping.

And lastly – if you or any other prior grant recipient at your facility has failed to turn in reports, or if we find that other organizations funded the same project without you telling us either before applying or at the time you receive such support, your facility will be banned from ever receiving a grant from us.

Toll Free Phone: 888-295-4740

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Name/Principal Investigator:

Position / Dept / Title:

Phone:

Email:

Name of Institution:
Tax ID of Institution #:
Mailing Address:

IF Approved, Whom is the check made out to and where do we send it:

Title of Project:

Amount Requested

Has this project been approved by your institutional ethic review board? For any human study this is required and for animal studies it must pass their animal safety approval. _____YES _____NO _____Not Needed

Outline your role as applicant for this project

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Application for Grants

1. Purpose of the research

2. Background information. Include a brief overview of similar research done and it's results

3. Formulation of the objective or hypothesis

4. Research design - Clearly state how many animals or people will be involved, and if used, why you chose a specific model.

5. Expectations and possible pitfalls

6. Budget – how is the money to be used?

7. Time frame-when you can start and how long it should take.

8. Provide a brief summary of your project that can be used for our website, in plain English. One or two paragraphs. This summary can be (but does not have to be) in a video format. Send us the video or a link to it, and tell us if it is OK for us to post it on our website! This helps us raise more money so we can give more grants!

9. What other sources of funding do you have for this project, or have applied for? IF we approve you, you must tell us when you get other funding for the same project and how it is not duplicitive. In the past we have been surprised to see publications where other foundations are listed as sponsors that we did not know about. *If that happens with this project, your institution will be banned from getting future research grants from us.*

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Complete, return this application via email to:

musella@virtualtrials.org

Use the subject heading: Brain tumor research grant request.

We will acknowledge it by email within 2 business days.

If you don't hear back from us, it was lost – call us and ask about it!

The following must be included with your proposal:

Copy of 501 (c) (3) letter (if you are nonprofit!)

Curriculum Vitae for the principal applicant.

New researchers: include the name, contact information and CV of your advisor.

You should assemble all of the documents into a SINGLE PDF file. If the file is over 5 megabytes in size, send us a separate email telling us you sent the application – so we can make sure it came through. Sometimes large files get blocked. If sending a large video, send it in a separate email so we can confirm we received it.

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Hints:

1. We do not have a set limit on size of grants, however, asking for $25,000 or less will greatly increase your chances of success.

2. We are open to new ideas. Do not be afraid of asking for a project that has been rejected from other places. We want projects that will make a difference.

3. The biggest reason for rejection in animal projects is not explaining why you chose the model you did. Explain your thought process. Which models you considered, and then why you picked the one you did.

4. Check spelling and grammar. We hate to make you waste time, but we have found that applications with bad spelling errors and grammar usually score worse than it should.

5. Talk to us. We want you to succeed and will try to help you through the process. Call us and tell us about your project. Many times the written application doesn't convey the importance of a project as well as a conversation about it does. Try explaining it via a video! The review board will watch the video.

6. Check our website for the next deadline for applications:
   Virtualtrials.org/grants.cfm
   If no deadline is listed, we may still accept applications – it can't hurt to contact us and ask.

7. We do accept applications for grants from for profit companies – however, grants to a for profit company (and large grants to a nonprofit) will only be given in the form of venture philanthropy where if grant contributes to a product being commercialized, we get a return. If the product is never commercialized, you owe us nothing. Contact us for details before you apply.