

CNSW Research Grants Program



PURPOSE

In keeping with the overall goals of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) and its Council of Nephrology Social Workers (CNSW), the purpose of the CNSW Research Grant Program is to further knowledge of psychosocial factors in kidney failure and to enhance clinical social work intervention with dialysis and transplant patients/families.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Research on psychosocial factors in kidney failure
- Clinical practice research projects focusing on social work assessment and treatment strategies with patient/families or staff
- Educational programs to enhance patient/family understanding of kidney failure treatment and its psychosocial implications
- Pilot or demonstration projects which have broad applicability to nephrology social work services and/or nephrology social workers

ELIGIBILITY

Grant applications must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Regular membership in CNSW
- Minimum of two years nephrology social work experience (CMS Guidelines)
- Approval of the department head or facility director of the organization within which the research is to be conducted
- Residence in the United States or its territories
- Applicant must meet the definition of a “qualified social worker” as stated in the Conditions for Coverage

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- Have ACSW accreditation or are licensed by their state

Awards will be announced in March. The Review Committee reserves the right to award grants or to decline funding without stating its reasons.

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

Each grant recipient is responsible for:

- Conducting the project as set forth in the proposal and consistency with accepted, systematic research methods

- Obtaining appropriate human studies clearance within the dialysis/transplant facility and maintaining data in a confidential manner
- Completing the project within the specified time frame
- Providing financial reports as required by the National Kidney Foundation
- Acknowledging NKF/CNSW grant assistance on all publications arising out of the work done during the duration of the grant
- Submitting three interim progress reports and other requested reports, preparing a final report of the work accomplished within 60 days of the end of the grant year, and presenting a paper at the NKF Spring Clinical Meetings describing the research, results and implications for practice
- Submitting a manuscript based on the results to *The Journal of Nephrology Social Work* (and with the committee’s approval, another related journal)

FUNDING

- CNSW annually requests grant monies from NKF.
- One or more grants will be awarded. Applicants submitting to more than one granting agency will be awarded the difference between the amount awarded by the other agency and the amount applied for from CNSW.
- CNSW grants assist in defraying the cost of research and projects. They are not intended to cover the entire cost of the research (i.e., office space, basic supplies, services, overhead, administration fees).
- Funds may not be used for the purchase of equipment.
- Budgets must allocate \$750.00 for airfare and one night’s accommodation to enable grantees to present their research at the NKF Spring Clinical Meetings. This amount will be withheld until the first draft of the manuscript is received by the *Journal of Nephrology Social Work* co-editors and the awardee has presented findings at the next NKF Spring Clinical Meetings.
- Funding for CNSW research grants runs from July 1 of the year of approval through June 30 of the following year.

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HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in preparing a proposal, please submit a letter of intent to the CNSW Research Grant Program, c/o the National Kidney Foundation by **October 15**. Your letter of intent is not part of your actual application, but rather a device to assist you and the grants coordinator in identifying your research objectives and goal. The letter of intent must include the following:

1. Name of the person and organization submitting the proposal
2. Address
3. Telephone number
4. Name of the principal investigator and his or her membership number
5. Short title of the project
6. Approximate cost
7. Brief abstract under 250 words, which includes:
 - a. A description of the project goal
 - b. How it relates to the purpose of CNSW research

Upon receipt and acceptance of your letter of intent, NKF-CNSW will send you a grant application packet.

CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

CNSW has volunteer consultants available to provide recommendations and prior review of your proposal. For more information, please contact your CNSW Region Representative or the CNSW Chair-Elect.

Review Schedule

October 15	Letter of intent due
December 1	Grant Proposal due
January – February	Council Research Grants Committee Review
March	Awards Announced
July 1	Approved projects begin operation and continue until June 30th of the following year.

The Council of Nephrology Social Workers (CNSW) is a professional organization established by nephrology social workers in 1973. CNSW is one of three Professional Councils of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF). The functional structure of CNSW includes an Executive Committee with regional representation, standing and ad hoc committees, and local chapters.

For more information contact:

CNSW Chair-Elect:

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