

Name of Grant: Rita's Fund

Application Deadline: July 28, 2021

Amount of Grant: \$2,500 to \$10,000

Background: The CHEST Foundation is the patient and community-driven arm of the American College of Chest Physicians. Our mission is to champion lung health by delivering access to those who need it, empowering many who want it, and supporting research that directly impacts all who are afflicted by lung disease. During times of need, the CHEST Foundation focuses efforts on assisting those making a difference in their communities through community-based projects and patient education.

This grant is supported by the CHEST Foundation.

Regional Focus

Projects are restricted to those taking place in the San Antonio/Corpus Christi corridor. Full listing of applicable counties:

- Atascosa
- Bee
- Bexar
- Live Oak
- McMullen
- Nueces
- San Patricio
- Wilson

Proposal Focus

Support community-based projects that demonstrate a clear, positive impact on a community or individuals lung health. Programs that can be replicated in other communities or sustained beyond the giving program will be given preference. Identify and support people living in the margins to facilitate access to resources that will change their quality of life.

Areas of need may include but are not limited to:

- Grocery/food purchases and/or delivery
- Home health care
- Transportation
- Technology access
- Medical equipment
 - For example, and not limited to the following: Oxygen concentrator, nebulizer, wheelchair/power chair, hospital beds, pulse oximeters, spirometers, CPAP machines, disposables for use with machines
- Modification to home for access and safety

- Innovations to improve community welfare

Funding Guidelines

- \$2,500 to \$10,000 over a 6-month timeframe: September 2021 through February 2022
 - Projects to begin as soon as notices of grant approval have been received
 - Funds may be requested for programs already in existence and require additional funds to support the program or advance a program's reach. New programs are also encouraged.
- Grant funding must be received by an organization and not directly by an individual
 - Funding will be available to patient-focused or public service organizations
 - Budget restrictions will be at the discretion of the review committee

Applicant Qualifications

- Any patient-focused or public service organization looking to assist a vulnerable community
 - Defined as: those at-risk, persons classified as uninsured, underinsured, and/or living below the poverty line
- The project's primary intent must be to provide community-based relief for individuals with immediate lung health needs and not to conduct research

Requirements and Expectations Once Funded

- Provide a short, written report or video testimonial by January 2022, addressing how the funds were used and describing the project's impact including:
 - How many people/families were assisted?
 - What programs and services were provided?
- If you collect the following information, please include. Note these are not mandatory but will help us know which communities need assistance for future programs:
 - Gender
 - Zip
 - Race
 - Identify as LGBTQ
 - Do they struggle to pay their bills?
 - Do they identify as a person with a disability?

- Do they have insurance?
- Do they drive or have access to reliable transportation?

Required Narratives and Attachments

- ❖ *Applications and attachments must be submitted in English.*
- ❖ *All applications must be submitted via the CHEST Foundation Grant Management System.*

Application Questions Within the Grant Management System:

1. Provide a description of where your project is located (neighborhood, city, etc) and a description of the community and its needs
2. Organization background:
 - a. State the organization's mission
 - b. Include a brief history of the organization and how it has served the community intended for the project funding
 - c. Provide areas of programmatic support or institutional support that may benefit from further development/training/assistance
3. Detailed project description:
 - a. Describe the goal of your lung health project and the intended impact that it will have on the community served
 - b. Identify the population(s) your project will serve by describing the geographic location, economic status, age group, gender, ethnicity, and other relevant demographics. Describe their specific needs and why they are currently unmet
 - c. Describe your role in the project and the role of other individuals or organizations who will be involved in implementing the project (eg, if the project is being implemented by an organization, or in partnership with an organization)
 - d. Describe when the project can begin and any actions that need to be taken before it can begin
 - e. Estimate how many patients/families will be served by the project and what impact your project will have on the patients/families and/or community
4. Total funding requested:
 - a. List the amount of funding requested
 - b. Describe how funds will be utilized
 - i. Including a cost per person comparison

Required Document Uploads

1. A detailed budget (CHEST Foundation template is optional)
2. One letter of support
 - a. One letter from a person or group who has benefited, or will benefit, from the project
3. Summary of finances for grant-receiving organization's most recent annual report
4. Current W9 for the organization applying for funding

Applications that do not meet the requirements, do not contain all mandatory components, and/or do not follow proper instructions for submission will not be considered.

Grantees can have no more than one active grant from the CHEST Foundation from Rita's Fund.

Repeat organization applications may be requested every other giving period as funds allow.