



Betty Gray Rural Health Development Award (RHDA) Program Call for Proposals

Proposals Due:	September 30, 2011
Funding Begins:	December 1, 2011
Final Report Due:	March 1, 2013

Purpose

The purpose of the Betty Gray Rural Health Development Award (RHDA) Program is to promote health in rural areas, through education, practice and research. Core values are innovation, accountability for outcomes, and a plan to leverage these pilot funds into sustainable programs. The RHDA program supports pilot and/or feasibility projects in research, education and practice which will contribute to the long-term goal of improving rural health through nursing science, practice and education.

Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. *Innovative*: The proposal demonstrates potential to enhance or improve nursing research, practice or education.
2. *Relevant*: The proposal has the potential to improve the health of rural Oregonians.
3. *Synergistic*: The proposal leverages existing resources at the OHSU School of Nursing by collaborating with existing SON and OHSU Centers and Programs for infrastructure support and to integrate rural health initiatives.
4. *Merit*: The proposal represents an original contribution with strong rationale and methods.
5. *Feasible*: The proposal is appropriately scoped in budget and aims to be completed within 1 year.

The RHDA Program funds up to four studies for the funding cycle beginning December 1, 2011. The award amounts range from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Expected Outcomes

Awardees agree to:

1. Complete the RHDA study within 1 year and submit a final report within 2 months of the end date. The final report includes an abstract of findings/outcomes, final budget report, plans for dissemination, and timeline for submission of a proposal for external funding.
2. Meet quarterly with the Associate Dean for Research, Innovation, and Translation to discuss progress and identify additional support or resources needed to complete project. At this meeting, submit a one page written quarterly progress report.

3. Submit a manuscript from the RHDA project to a peer-reviewed journal within 6 months of completing the project. This can be a report of the RHDA project for publication as a theoretical, methodological, or data-based paper.
4. Based on the pilot, submit one of the following within one year of the pilot: a) a proposal for extramural funding; b) a business plan for practice sustainability; or, c) a curriculum proposal with ongoing evaluation plan.
5. Present the results of the RHDA pilot at a community donor event and to the SON community within 1 year.
6. Provide annual progress report for two (2) years following grant period.

Faculty Eligibility Criteria

The RHDA Program is available to all School of Nursing faculty. Preference is given first to new investigators, then to established investigators who are developing an interest in rural health. Senior faculty members are strongly encouraged to mentor junior faculty (as Principal Investigators) on collaborative projects.

Funding is not transportable to another institution if the Principal Investigator leaves OHSU. Another OHSU investigator on the research team should assume the role of Principal Investigator, pending approval by the Associate Dean for Research, Innovation, and Translation.

Proposal Process

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their ideas with the Associate Dean for Research, Innovation, and Translation (Anne Rosenfeld). Application proposals should be submitted electronically to Michael Blankenbeckler (blankenb@ohsu.edu) no later than **September 30, 2011**.

Dr. Rosenfeld is available to serve as a mentor to RHDA applicants and recipients and will identify other potential mentors depending on the applicant's needs and specific content area. It is the goal of the mentor to assist applicants to develop fundable proposals by identifying collaborators as appropriate, and by providing critique and the opportunity for resubmission.

Proposal Guidelines

The proposal includes the following five elements (see Application for RHDA Fund form):

1. Proposal face page (title of study, abstract, list of key personnel, justification for faculty eligibility criteria, fit with aims of the RHDA).
2. Budget page, indicating planned budget and justification for planned expenses.
3. Proposal, not to exceed 10 pages, includes:
 - a. *Narrative* (Specific Aims, Background/Significance, Preliminary Studies or Activities, Project Design and Methods, Human Subjects if applicable).
 - b. *Timeline* for conducting the project within the one-year timeframe.

- c. *Plan for future extramural funding or sustainability* (potential future funding agency and planned submission date, tentative aims for future proposal, need for additional pilot work as a necessary step toward extramural funding, or the development of a business plan for ongoing support of the initiative).
4. The list of references is not included in the page limit.
5. The Appendices, including 3-page biosketches for each investigator, is not included in the page limit. For research projects, data collection instruments, letters indicating access to subjects, and support from consultants should be included in these appendices.

Scientific Review Committee

The RHDA Scientific Review Committee reviews and prioritizes proposals, and makes funding decisions according to availability of funds.

Timeline

The deadline for submission of proposals is **September 30, 2011**, with funding beginning on **December 1, 2011**.

Applicants are encouraged to solicit peer review prior to submission of the proposal.

Program Management

Anne Rosenfeld, PhD, RN, CNS, FAHA, FAAN is Director of the RHDA Program. Post-award and budget management will be provided by Laura Hottman. All communication regarding the RHDA Program should be directed to Anne Rosenfeld at rosenfea@ohsu.edu or 503-494-0133.