

2010 Grant Competitions

The Life Sciences Discovery Fund Authority (LSDF) was established in 2005 by the Governor and legislature of the State of Washington. LSDF is funded by monies from the Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement of 1998 to invest in the state's life sciences sector. Its mission is to improve health and health care, stimulate economic activity, and promote life sciences competitiveness in Washington.

LSDF leverages its grant monies to enable organizations to be more competitive for future funding or to help translate high-impact discoveries into widespread use. LSDF does not intend to replicate funding programs offered by other granting sources. Consequently, Principal Investigators are discouraged from submitting proposals to LSDF that would normally be more appropriate for other granting sources. In their proposals, Principal Investigators must make a compelling argument for why an LSDF grant is uniquely appropriate and necessary to accomplish their research. All proposals undergo expert, external review, with funding decisions made by LSDF's Board of Trustees.

In 2010, four different granting mechanisms will be offered. LSDF invites proposals from eligible Washington public and non-profit organizations, singularly or collaboratively with other public and non-profit organizations, or with for-profit companies. For-profit companies may not apply directly for LSDF funding, but under certain circumstances, may receive funds from the grant recipient under a subcontract arrangement.

Important Dates for 2010 LSDF Grant Competitions

	Project Grants	Program Grants	Commercialization Grants	Opportunity Grants
RFP release	January 6	January 6	January 6	May 3
Pre-proposals due			February 3	
Pre-proposal review meeting/PI interviews			March 3	
Proposals due	July 28	July 14	April 14	Open submission after May 3
Commercial review meeting/PI teleconference			June 16	
Interviewees announced		November 16		
Interviews		Week of January 10, 2011		
Awards announced	December 14	March 1, 2011	July 20	As approved

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DISCOVERY FUND

Project grants support focused, investigator-initiated research studies. Project proposals that center on effective dissemination and implementation of best practices for advancing health care and outcomes research are encouraged. Up to \$4 million in grants will be awarded. For more information, go to the 2010 project grant competition website at: http://www.lsdfa.org/grants/current/2010/Projects_Grants/

Program grants support the launch of new collaborative research initiatives that address major problems within a field of study and position organizations for future competitiveness and leadership. Up to \$13 million in grants will be awarded. For more information, go to the 2010 program grant competition website at: http://www.lsdfa.org/grants/current/2010/Programs_Grants/

Commercialization grants support small-scale, targeted studies that move promising technologies along the commercialization pathway. Up to \$750,000 in grants will be awarded. For more information, go to the 2010 commercialization grant competition website at: http://www.lsdfa.org/grants/current/2010/Commercialization_Grants/

Opportunity grants will support compelling proposals having, (1) an urgency or nature that cannot be aligned with LSDF's annual competition cycles; (2) the ability for LSDF to immediately and significantly leverage its investment against funding from other sources, including investment by the applicant organization; (3) a high probability that the LSDF investment will attract future financial resources, lead to commercialization of research results or improve the quality and cost effectiveness of health care; and (4) a clear demonstration of statewide benefit. Up to \$1.5 million in grants will be awarded. For more information, go to the 2010 commercialization grant competition website at: http://www.lsdfa.org/grants/current/2010/Opportunity_Grants/

LSDF Grants - Improving Human Health Across Washington

LSDF has invested \$57.7M in a diverse portfolio of 31 project, program, commercialization, and opportunity grants focused on critical health and health care topics, including:

- Diseases such as multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, breast and prostate cancer, diabetes, herpes, lupus, and autism;
- Abdominal surgical procedures and lower limb amputations;
- Drug addiction in rural areas and Independent living for the elderly;
- New devices for diagnosing, monitoring, and treating diseases; and
- Improved access of patients for clinical trials.

Together, these grants are touching lives in nearly every county in Washington.

LSDF - Already Paying Dividends for Washington

Washington's investment in LSDF has already generated returns in the form of improved outcomes following stroke, enhancements in the safety and efficiency of our health-care system (such as over \$50 million saved as a result of the work of a single funded project), infusions of at least \$68 million in follow-on funding, and recruitment of talented individuals. As LSDF continues to grow and mature, additional health and economic benefits for Washington's residents are expected.

For more information about LSDF, please visit www.lsdfa.org. Please direct inquiries about the 2010 grant competitions to programs@lsdfa.org or phone (206) 732-6788.