

Washington State Life Sciences Discovery Fund Authority Request for Proposals LSDF 07-02

Innovative Programs to Advance Health Research

RFP Amendment August 17, 2007

The following section, 4.2.1, is hereby added to the Request for Proposals (RFP) issued on June 27, 2007.

4.2.1. Interviews

A subset of applicants will be chosen for interviews as a second round of the proposal evaluation process. Final grant awardees will be chosen from the interviewed applicants. Interviewees will be chosen by the LSDF Board of Trustees based upon the recommendations of experts from the first round review, the availability of funds, and the goals of the LSDF program. Interviewees will be selected in early January and interviews are expected to be conducted in Seattle during the week of March 17, 2008. Shortly after interviewees have been selected, all principal investigators will be notified whether they have been invited to participate in the interview round.

Interviews will be conducted by a panel of experts, with members of the LSDF Board of Trustees also invited to attend. Principal investigators will be notified in advance of the time and place of their interview and will be provided a copy of the first round expert reviewers' comments on their proposals. They will also be provided with additional information regarding the interview format.

Applicants invited to the interview round will be given an opportunity to provide supplementary information prior to their interview. At the time that principal investigators are invited to participate in the interview round, detailed instructions will be provided about how and when to submit supplementary information.

The LSDF will reimburse reasonable travel expenses related to attending the interview.

The principal investigator and no more than four additional individuals may attend the interview to represent the program proposal. Program teams will be allowed a limited amount of time to provide an overview of their program and address issues raised by first round proposal reviewers. During the remainder of the interview, program teams should be prepared to answer questions from the expert reviewers and LSDF trustees regarding the proposed program.