

Grant Application & Guidelines

Grant Application Process

Mercy Health Foundation accepts grant applications twice per year to support programs and services that enhance the quality of health care services for the patients and families served by Ascension Mercy Hospital and Ascension Medical Group. Capital grants for departments are also considered during these grant cycles. Each grant application will be reviewed by the Mercy Health Foundation Grants Committee and ratified by the Mercy Health Foundation Board of Trustees.

Grant Eligibility

Any department or program within Ascension Mercy Hospital or Ascension Medical Group is eligible to apply. **Grant applications must include the following to be considered for funding: program budget or valid equipment quote, signature of department manager, signature of member of senior leadership team, SBAR for capital purchases.**

Grant Criteria

Funded projects will:

- Advance health services using innovative approaches
- Enhance quality of care and services
- Promote public awareness of health information
- Provide staff education that is necessary for the development of new or enhanced services
- Finances items essential to the provision of high quality services

Types of Grants Funded

Program Grants:

Program grants support new programs or expansion of existing programs that impact the patients and families served by Ascension Mercy Hospital and Ascension Medical Group.

Capital Grants:

Capital grants support the remodeling of spaces and the purchase of equipment for departments within Ascension Mercy Hospital and Ascension Medical Group. ***If purchasing any equipment that transmits data, an AIS review is required PRIOR to submitting an application***

Deadline for Applications:

Applications are due the first of the following months: April & October. Applications can be mailed, hand delivered to the Foundation Office, or emailed to coree.vanthiel@ascension.org.

Award Notification

The Grants Committee meets in May and November to review applications. The Foundation Board makes their final decisions in June and December. Grant recipients are notified within 48 hours of board approval. **All grantees are required to set up a meeting with Coree Van Thiel**, Regional Grants and Research Manager, in order to review reporting and tracking expectations. Recipients of grant dollars have **one year to utilize the funds**, unless other alternative arrangements have been agreed by the grantor and grantee. If making a capital purchase, you will be required to use a contracted Ascension vendor and alert the foundation when equipment is delivered to the unit.

Application Cover Page

Contact Information	
Name and title of applicant:	
Grant Cycle:	
Ascension department:	
Business Unit/Facility:	
Preferred phone:	
Preferred e-mail:	

Program/Capital Information		
Program/Capital Project Name:		
Brief Summary: (one to two sentences)		
Requested Amount:		SYMPHONY# expenses will be charged to:
Who will be served by this grant?		How many annually will be served by this grant?

Approval – Department Director and Senior Leadership Team	
Was this program or capital purchase denied during the Fiscal Budget Process?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a gap in funding for this project in your department?	
If the Foundation does not fund this project, where will funding be sought?	
Director's Name (printed)	
Signature / Date	
Senior Leader Name (printed)	
Signature / Date	

Project Information

Needs Assessment	
In 500 characters or less, describe how you determined a need for the project/service and the issues that will be addressed. Explain the alignment of program design/equipment purchase to strategic plans and improved patient experience.	
Project Goal, Objectives, and Expected Outcomes	
Use the space below to outline project goal, specific objectives and expected outcomes. See examples listed for guidance. How will you plan to evaluate and track these outcomes?	
Program Goal: <i>Ex. Provide access to appropriate exercise equipment when the medical rehabilitation covered by insurance ends.</i>	
Objective(s)	Expected Outcome(s)
<i>Ex. 65 participants will participate in a minimum of 1 class per week.</i>	<i>Ex. 85% of participants will report feeling better and enjoying a sense of independence in their lives because of their involvement in the programs.</i>
Evaluation <i>Ex. Attendance records will be kept to monitor participation. Rehab patients will complete pre- and post-surveys to measure their sense of independence.</i>	

Resources Overview

What resources are in place to complete/fulfill your project/program? Are there other departments or organizations collaborating on this project/program? If so, please provide details of that collaboration (finance, AIS assessment, etc.)

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Will this be a one-time request, or will this require ongoing support from the foundation? If ongoing, please describe the amount of support anticipated in the future.

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Return on Investment

Will the use of this equipment or program be charged back to the patient? If yes, please provide explanation below, including cost per patient.

Ex. Yes. Services will be billed as part of Therapeutic Exercise billing code 97110. 12 patients per week x 52 weeks = 624 patients a year. 624 patients a year x 1 unit/patient (\$86 per unit) = \$53,664 return in one year.

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Project Budget/Quote – Your request will not be considered without this information

Program grants: Attach an itemized budget of the requested expenditure amount.

Capital grants: Attach a quote from a contracted vendor.

Check all that apply and offer explanation below.

- This request is for a new piece of equipment.
- This request will replace a current piece of equipment.
- This equipment was budgeted but denied during the fiscal budget process.
- This equipment was unanticipated/not budgeted.

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Applicant's Agreement and Signature	
<p>By signing below, you agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the grant is consistent with Ascension Health System's mission and values the approved grant will only be used for the specific purposes defined as steward/manager of the grant funds to accept responsibility to initiate the grant in a timely manner, update grant progress monthly and complete the annual Grantee Report. If these steps are not completed, grantee may be ineligible to apply for next internal grant cycle. <p>As a condition of a grant, appropriate recognition must be given to the Mercy Health Foundation in publications and public announcements (i.e. Communication Boards, communicate with staff members). The Foundation can assist in this regard by providing a camera-ready logo, and by reviewing press releases or other printed materials.</p> <p>Please be advised the foundation is required by law to provide documentation that the funds you were granted were used for the intended charitable purposes.</p>	
Applicant's Name (printed)	
Signature / Date	

Capital Item Assurances

If your project requires a capital purchase (equipment purchases over \$5,000), please include an SBAR listed on the next page of the application.

Capital Purchase Information
<p>Is the quote provided from an Ascension approved vendor?</p> <p>Does the equipment transmit any data?</p> <p>If so, have you secured an AIS review and/or approval? **required prior to submitting an application**</p>

Submit completed Grant Application to:
 | Coree Van Thiel | coree.vanthiel@ascension.org | ph. 920.223.0643

