

CHARITABLE GRANTS

New Partners



Teen Cancer America (TCA) supports hospitals committed to the development of specialized Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) cancer programs that address the unique challenges of adolescents and young adults facing cancer. TCA encourages you to think about the AYA program as a whole improving the care process and including when possible, potential for building out youth-friendly environments that enhance the hospital experience.

AYA Oncology programs are developed in collaboration between pediatric and medical oncology.

They coordinate and build upon existing services and resources to:

- holistically address the unique needs of adolescents and young adults who have been diagnosed with cancer
- and educate and support the providers caring for them

TCA recognizes the need for staffing to coordinate and facilitate services and resources within an AYA program. Roles may include program managers, coordinators, patient/nurse navigators, or others to facilitate a comprehensive program. While we prioritize and favor investments in these roles, we enthusiastically welcome discussion in other areas. Ensure that your submission discusses the areas in which you are requesting support, as well as other aspects that you have or offer that will be included in your AYA program.

HOW TO APPLY

STEP 1: Qualify for a Teen Cancer America Grant

Grants are available to hospitals within the United State providing services for AYAs with cancer.

- TCA requires that all applicants have completed TCA's 13 part AYA program strategy process
- Pediatric and medical oncology be actively involved in the development and implementation of a single, comprehensive AYA program.

STEP 2: Submit a Letter Of Intent (LOI)

TCA accepts LOIs on a periodic basis from qualified organizations (see requirement above).

- After LOI review, formal grant proposals will be offered on an invite-only basis.
- Click [here](#) to visit our FAQs for more information.

LOI Required Criteria:

1. Cover Sheet
 - A. Name and Address of Pediatric Hospital(s) Applying
 - C. Name and Address of Adult Hospital(s) Applying
 - E. Name, Title and Contact Information (Phone, Email) of Individual Submitting this LOI
 - G. Project Title (AYA Facility Name, AYA Program Initiative, etc.)
2. Brief overview of consultation relationship with TCA
3. Total program and grant request budget. Please Note: ***TCA does not pay for indirect costs such as dean's tax, fringe benefits, grant tax, etc. When applying for a grant with TCA you agree that these will not be included in your requested budget.***
4. List of core AYA program team members and their roles
5. Signature of Support of Chief Executive(s) (include date and printed name)
6. Brief description of your current or proposed AYA Program
 - A. What are the goals of this grant funding request and how are you planning to achieve them?
 - B. Explain how your institution/staff is ready and able to implement this program?
 - C. What is the importance/significance of your overall AYA Program to your patients and your institution?
 - D. What is happening in your region for AYA cancer care? How will this program affect the regional and national picture?
 - E. How will this program actively reach community treatment centers and smaller practices in your area?
 - F. Organization's IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status letter or a foundation 501(c)(3) - ***send separately***
 - G. Audited Financial Statement - ***send separately***

Only LOIs that fulfill the above criteria will be considered for review.

Signed and complete LOI, along with any questions, can be submitted via e-mail to: Alec Kupelian, Operations & Program Development Specialist at: alec@teencanceramerica.org

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STEP 3: Letter of Intent Review

Applicants will be notified by email whether they will be invited or declined to submit a full grant proposal.

Key Dates for 2023 LOI:

LOI submission due Monday, July 31st, 2023 by 5:00pm EST

Full Grant Proposal invitations or declines will be sent by Friday, August 11th, 2023

STEP 4: Submitting Full Grant Proposal

Applicants invited to submit a full proposal will receive detailed information by email including grant proposal guidelines.

Key Dates for 2023 Full Grant Proposal:

Due Thursday, October 3rd, 2023 by 5:00pm EST

Announcements will be made in December 2023

STEP 5: Full Grant Proposal Review and Awarding

- A. All proposals will be scored by members of a TCA-appointed, peer-review grant committee.
- B. Proposal review will also include a phone interview and/or site visit as TCA program staff gather more information about your proposed project and readiness of your team.
- C. TCA prioritizes grant proposals willing to match at least 10% of the grant award. This match should be separate from costs not covered by TCA grant funding.
- D. If you are awarded a grant, a draft agreement will be sent for your review - payment installations and terms will be outlined and agreed upon.

A full grant proposal is a request for funding and not a guarantee of an award. Unfortunately, not every worthy request can be funded and often the full amount requested may need to be adjusted; however, TCA will fully consider each proposal. For those that are not awarded funds, we would like to continue our relationship by reviewing the application and creating a plan to prepare your program to apply again during our next cycle.

TCA understands institutions have variability over time, therefore has the ability to update the deliverables proposed with the help of the submitting organization to ensure alignment with the mission and goals of both organizations.

Thank you so much for your submission to TCA!

We are pleased to be working with so many wonderful hospital partners and look forward to continual partner growth and connections.