

Department of Health

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION

Biomedical Research Grant Program

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Funding Cycle

**Overview, Questions, and Answers for Ed and Ethel Moore
Alzheimer's Disease Research Grant Program**



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Funding Background

- Annual proceeds support research
 - Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Grant Program, 381.82, Florida Statutes (F.S.)
 - Established 2014
 - \$5 million annually



Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Grant Program

- The purpose of the Program is to fund research leading to the prevention of, and new treatment options and a cure for, Alzheimer's disease by pursuing the following goals:
 - Improve the health of Floridians by researching better prevention and diagnoses of, and treatments and cures for, Alzheimer's disease.
 - Expand the foundation of knowledge relating to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of Alzheimer's disease.
 - Stimulate economic activity in Florida in areas related to Alzheimer's disease research.

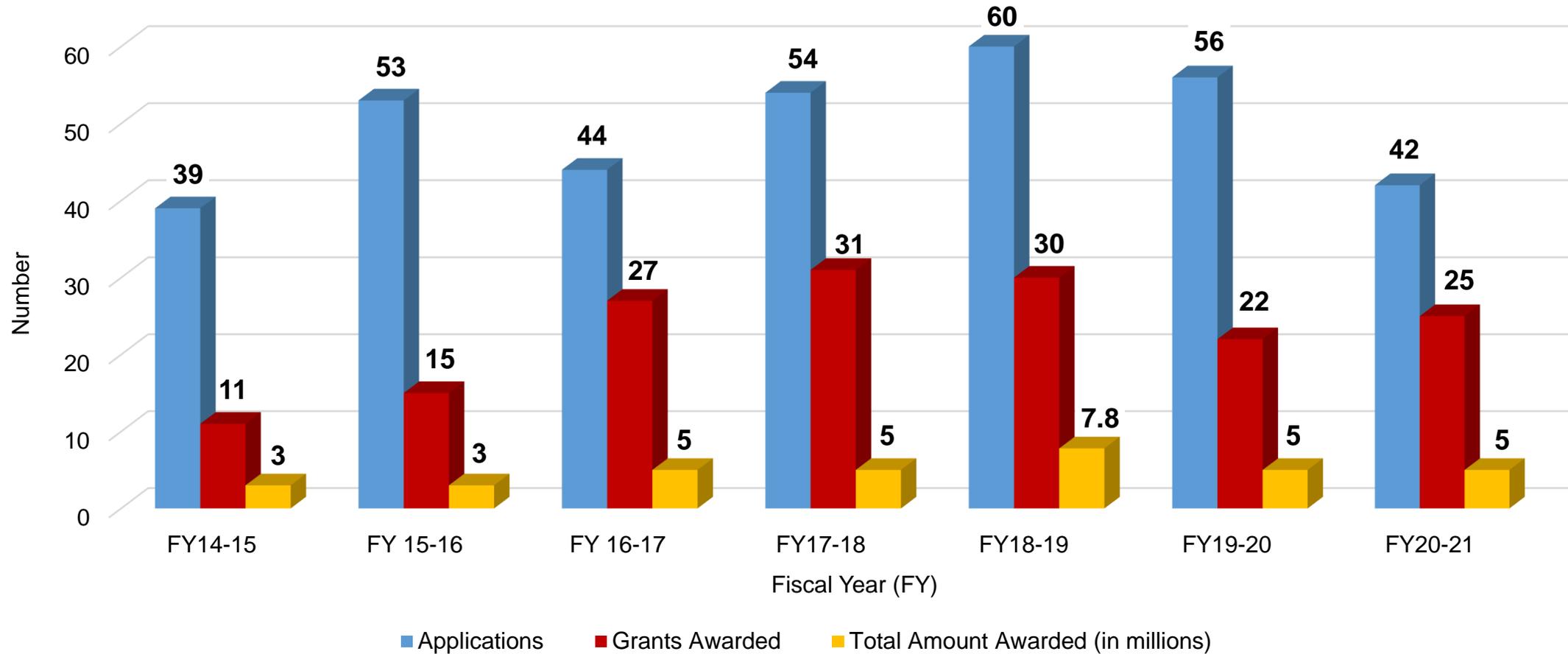


State Health Improvement Plan – Priority Area 9 for Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementia

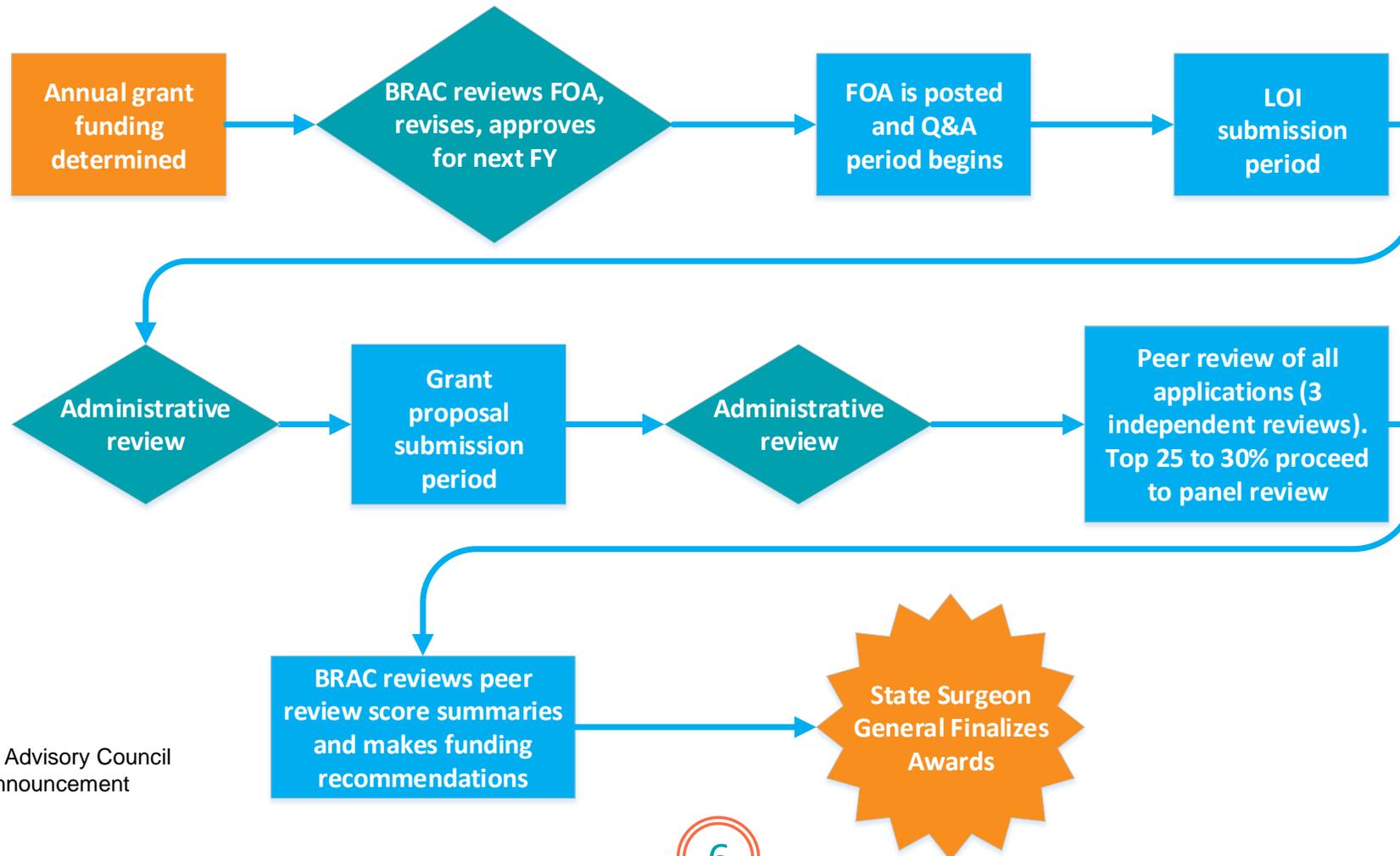
- Florida is the first in the nation to include Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) as a state priority in the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP).
- SHIP goals are to:
 - Strengthen the capacity to address ADRD in Florida.
 - Assure a competent ADRD workforce through education and training.
 - Enhance support for those living with ADRD and their caregivers in Florida.



Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Grant Program Applications and Funded Projects



Grant Application Process



Acronyms:

BRAC – Biomedical Research Advisory Council

FOA – Funding Opportunity Announcement

Q&A – Question and Answer

LOI – Letter of Intent



Grant Categories

Grant Type	Funding Level Maximum	Length of Grant	Maximum Number of Applications per Institution
Consortium Grant	\$750,000	Up to Four Years	One Application Max with a Minimum of Three Organizations
Standard Grant	\$350,000	Up to Four Years	Seven, No More than Three Applications in a Single Priority Area
Pilot Grant	\$100,000	Up to Two Years	Four, no more than two applications may be submitted in the same Priority Area
Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Grant	\$100,000	Up to Two Years	Three, applications must be in different focus areas listed in Priority Area 5

Maximum Number of Applications per Organization = 15

New Focus Area

1.2.3 Novel Challenges, See Funding Opportunity Announcement for more detail

Consortium work is encouraged for maximum return on results. High priority will be given to research on:

- Ethical issues in seeking, obtaining, and/or living with a diagnosis of AD
- Financial planning and paying for care of persons living with AD
- Exploitation of older adults with AD and/or their caregivers
- The impact of social isolation due to COVID-19 or other medical/social situations
- Challenges with technology and aging in place



Completing an Application

- Department staff will not provide feedback on which Priority Area or Focus Area is the best fit for your research. Additionally, we will not provide feedback on your proposed research ideas.
- The Sponsored Research Office must provide a letter of support for an application. This assures that approved applications by the Institution also meet the quantity of applications eligible.
- Organizations cannot submit the same application in different grant categories.
- **Don't wait** until the last hour to complete the online Letter of Intent and grant application. The system automatically closes at 5:00 PM, even if you are currently in the system.



Completing an Application, continued

- There is a designated **Question and Answer period**. Prior year questions are also posted on the Department website.
- **You cannot change the title** of your research from the Letter of Intent to the Application.
- **Use required forms.** Examples include budget forms and biosketch. The forms are found in the online application. You can be disqualified if you do not use the required forms.
- **Address all questions applicable** to your research. All questions regarding human subjects, vertebrate animals, stem cells, and recombinant DNA must be addressed in their entirety if applicable to your research.

Completing an Application, continued

- Peer Net, the application system, will be used for all correspondence, forms, reports, amendments, etc.
- Research staff can be added to awarded grant folders.
- Post-execution contact can be added as well.
- **If you are not funded....**
- You will receive all peer review comments.
- A post-funding cycle analysis indicates that about 30% of the resubmitted research grant proposals are awarded.



Administrative and Budget Considerations

- Research Participant Incentives – restrictions on the cap for participant incentives has been removed.
 - Cash, checks or gift cards are all allowable.
- If you are working with research participants, a Level 2 background screen and drug screening is required for all research staff.
 - You can use grant budget funding to pay for the cost.
- Travel supported with these grant funds must comply with state of Florida travel guidelines referenced in 112.061, F.S.



Administrative and Budget Considerations, continued

- Plan your budgets by months and not years
- As an example, a three-year grant award equals 36 months
 - First year should be **three months** (April-June 2022)
 - Second year should be **twelve months** (July 1-June 2023)
 - Third year should be **twelve months** (July 1-June 2024)
 - Fourth year should be **nine months** (July 1-April 2025)

$$3 + 12 + 12 + 9 = 36 \text{ months}$$



Questions

All questions and answers will be posted after the webinar on the Florida Department of Health website.

Additional questions can be submitted to Research@flhealth.gov.

