



Florida Department of Health
Alzheimer's Disease Research Grant Advisory Board Grants
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT (FOA)

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Award Period:

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Applications Due: November 18, 2025

Questions and Answers (Q&A)

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1. Is a Primary Investigator (PI) who holds a current FDOH Alzheimer's research grant able to apply as a PI in this FY2025-26 cycle?

The PI may serve as Co-PI or other role on other applications, provided they are not over-committed.

Note the definition on commitment below.

1. **Overlap, Commitment:** Commitment overlap occurs when any project staff has time commitments exceeding 100 percent. This is the case whether the grant includes salary support for the effort. While information on other support is only requested for the Corresponding Principal Investigator, no individual on the project may have combined commitments more than 100%.

Note also the following:

The Corresponding Principal Investigator shall not:

- i. Apply for the same research project for which he or she was a previously funded grant recipient. The aims and experiments in the new proposal must be significantly different from any previously funded grants.
- ii. Submit the same project/research that is also being submitted by another investigator regardless of the grant mechanism.
- iii. Submit duplicate projects or projects with significant scientific or financial overlap during the same competition year.

Applicants must ensure that their proposed project does not duplicate or significantly overlap, scientifically or financially, with other projects in which they or any key personnel are involved. Overlap, whether scientific or financial, or commitment of a project member's effort greater than 100% is prohibited.

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2. Is a Co-PI of a current FDOH Alzheimer's research grant able to apply as a PI in this FY2025-26 cycle?

This is a similar question to question #1. The PI for this FY2526 cycle may serve as Co-PI or other role on other applications, provided they are not over-committed.

3. Can 2 post-doctoral trainees submit grants (in priority 5) under the same PI?

This is a similar question to question #1. The PI for this FY2526 cycle may serve as Co-PI or other role on other applications, provided they are not over-committed.

4. Can a "Pilot" grant project previously funded by FDOH Alzheimer's research grant program grow its scope and be submitted as a larger "Standard" grant project in this FY2025-26 cycle?

If the previous pilot grant has fully concluded (completed before FY2025-2026), then the answer is yes, the previously funded pilot grant may be submitted as a standard grant project.

Note that during any application all submitted applications must be different. Organizations may not submit the same application in different grant categories. For example, organizations may not submit the same project for a Standard Grant and a Pilot Grant in the same funding year. This would be scientific overlap and is not allowable. See the definition below.

1. **Overlap, Scientific:** Scientific overlap occurs when: (1) substantially the same research is funded by two or more different funding sources, or (2) a specific research objective and the research design for accomplishing that objective are the same or closely related in two or more awards, regardless of the funding source.

5. Can the application deadline be extended?

No.

6. Are the word limitations different between the pilot and standard grant applications?

No.

7. Is a Letter of Intent (LOI) required?

No.

8. Table 1 (page 16) includes the "Maximum Amount" per grant category (e.g. "350,000" for Standard). Is this the total amount for the entire funding period or the annual amount??

The \$350,000 for the Standard grant category is the maximum amount for the entire funding period. The funding period has a maximum duration of 48 months for the Consortium and Standard grant categories and a maximum of 24 months for the Pilot and Postdoctoral Research grant categories.

9. The FOA says the grant start date is anticipated to be April 1, 2025. This date has already passed. Should it be April 1, 2026?

The published FOA **includes an error on page 31** as indicated by this question. The correct date referenced should be April 1, 2026, as the anticipated start date.

The corrected statement in the FOA should read as follows:

1. The **Budget Summary** provides an overview of the estimated budget for the life of the grant by category and by state fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). Do not use calendar months to calculate the budget. The grant start date is anticipated to begin **April 1, 2026** (for fiscal year 2025-2026). The first fiscal year grant budget should be calculated for three months. Each remaining year will be for 12 months (July – June). The final budget year should be calculated for nine months.

10. When will the PeerNet application open?

Applications must be submitted in the online system located on the Biomedical Research Program's [Funding Opportunity Announcements](#) web page. The application window is expected to open as

soon as possible. Please log in to the online system to check for the application.

11. Can you please provide the budget template prior to the end of the question period?

All budget templates are currently available at the following site: [Grant Management Forms and Resources | Florida Department of Health](#).

Individual budget templates can be accessed below.

Alzheimer's Budget Attachment V:

- [12-Month Budget Form](#)
- [24-Month Budget Form](#)
- [36-Month Budget Form](#)
- [48-Month Budget Form](#)

12. On the first page of the FOA it outlines the dates of the award as July 2025 to June 2026. How does that translate to when an applicant is awarded for this cycle?

The anticipated award date is April 1, 2026. Grants may be 12, 24, 36 or 48 months in duration depending on the grant category.

13. Can applicants submit a Standard Grant in Priority Area 5, since the guidelines say Standard Grants may address the five Priority Areas? Also, can Standard or Pilot Grants be submitted in Priority Areas 1 and 3, which are designated for Consortium Grants?

Priority Area 5 is limited to Postdoctoral Fellowship applications. Standard and Pilot Grant applications should therefore be submitted under Priority Areas 1–4.

While Consortium Grants must focus on Priority Areas 1 and 3, these areas are not exclusive to that mechanism — applicants may also submit Standard or Pilot Grants in those same areas, provided the proposals meet the eligibility and scientific criteria for those categories.

14. We wish to submit a proposal for a Consortium Grant under the Alzheimer's Disease Research Grant Advisory Board Grant Program, to investigate the therapeutic potential of a drug combination (IGC-AD1) containing melatonin (1.5 mg) and delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC, 2.5 mg) for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease-related dementia and neuropsychiatric impairment. We have successfully completed a Phase 1 clinical trial on the safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetic characterization of this drug combination (ClinicalTrials.gov ID NCT04749563) and have received approval by the FDA to investigate the therapeutic potential of this drug combination after a 6-week treatment period. We are wondering if we can propose to test the therapeutic potential of this drug combination after a 6-month treatment period for our Alzheimer's Disease Research Grant Advisory Board Grant Proposal?

We are unable to provide specific advice on protocol design.