



Grant Application Request for Applications (RFA)

Since 2006, Saving tiny Hearts Society (StHS) has been working to fulfill its mission of raising seed money for grossly underfunded, life-saving grass roots research of congenital heart defects (CHD's). These research grants are intended to fund early stage science with unique hypotheses fostering the next generation of congenital heart defect and related pediatric heart disease research, thus, creating a strong foundation of preliminary evidence to make scientific advancements.

As a private, not-for-profit source of funds for scientists studying congenital heart defects (CHD) and related pediatric heart diseases, the Saving tiny Hearts Society focuses its funding on investigator-initiated, peer-reviewed proposals. This process ensures that researchers propose projects they believe are ready to be tackled with the available knowledge and techniques. This intellectual freedom encourages discovery in areas that scientists believe are most likely to determine hidden causes and discover cures to prolong, improve and save the lives of all children afflicted with congenital heart defects and related pediatric heart diseases. Proposals can be basic science, translational, or clinical in nature. Proposals focused on the impact of COVID-19 on CHD and related pediatric heart diseases are also invited.

Funding: Applicants may request up to a maximum of \$100,000 (US) for one year.

Timeline:

RFA Schedule	Date
Full Application Due	March 16, 2026
Review Panel	~ May 2026
Grant Start Date	June 1, 2026

Eligibility/Restrictions: Independent research faculty employed at institutions located anywhere in the world. All proposals must be in English. Funding cannot cover indirect/administrative costs.

Grant Application templates are found at: <https://savingsmallyhearts.org/research/>

Full Applications should be emailed as one cumulative pdf by midnight CST on the due date via email to the Liaison to the Medical Advisory Board, Dr. Loren Wold (loren.wold@osumc.edu).

Any questions regarding completion of the Application should be directed to Medical Advisory Board Chair, Dr. Farah Sheikh (fasheikh@health.ucsd.edu).