The Florida Department of Health (FDOH), **Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer’s Disease Research Program(s)** has issued a funding opportunity for the following programs:

1. **Consortium Grant**
2. **Standard Grant**
3. **Pilot Grant**
4. **Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Grant**

Because of the limited time frame of these grant(s) required Letter of Intent due date (July 8, 2016), we are distributing a call to identify those interested in developing a proposal. **If you are interested in developing an application, please submit the following items to Karen Lamper – klamper@miami.edu ASAP but no later than Monday, June 20th by 12 pm.**

They include:

- Indicate the Program which you intend to apply: Standard Research Grant, Pilot Grant, Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Grant
- Indicate if this is a *new application or a revised application* (an application previously submitted, but not funded)
- **Indicate the Priority Area and Focus Area which you intend to apply.**
- A brief paragraph (no more than one page) describing your project
- Current NIH Biosketch including current and pending support
- Should your proposal include Co-Investigators, please include their NIH Biosketch including current and pending support

**Please see below for general and individualized program details.**


- **Program Overview:** The Florida Department of Health announced funding opportunities for research leading to prevention of a cure for Alzheimer’s disease by pursuing the following goals:
  1. Improve the health of Floridians by researching better prevention and diagnoses of and treatments and cures for Alzheimer’s disease.
  2. Expand the foundation of knowledge relating to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of Alzheimer’s disease.
  3. Stimulate economic activity in the state in areas related to Alzheimer’s disease research.

- **Priority and Focus Area(s):** Please refer to the general program announcement link for pertinent details on the Priority Areas and Focus Areas within the funding opportunity announcement.
• **Eligibility:** Each application must identify a Principal Investigator. The Principal Investigator is the individual designated by the applicant organization legally responsible to direct the grant project. The Principal Investigator is responsible and accountable to the applicant organization officials for the project’s scientific and technical direction as well as the proper conduct of the project. There must be one designated Principal Investigator. There may be multiple collaborators on a project, but there must be only one Principal Investigator.

To be eligible as a Principal Investigator at an eligible institution, the individual must be a fulltime faculty member or researcher employed by the lead institution by the time the application is submitted. Temporary faculty members/researchers, even though full-time, are not eligible to apply. The Principal Investigator must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; unauthorized aliens shall not be employed pursuant to §274A(e) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a), section 101 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, and Florida Executive Order 11-02. Although as previously stated, although the Principal Investigator may not be an employee at a VA hospital, the grant applications may list collaborators from a VA Hospital among the key personnel.

• **Information about the Award:**
  - Funding Opportunity Announced: May 31, 2016
  - Letter of Intent Due (Required): July 8, 2016 by 5pm EST
  - Online Application System Opens: Anticipated Date – July 15, 2016
  - Written Questions accepted any time until June 17, 2016 by 5pm EST (Email questions to: research@flhealth.gov)
  - Answers posted to written questions anticipated June 24, 2016
  - Applications Due: August 26, 2015 by 5pm EST
  - Anticipated Award Announced: December 15, 2016
  - Institution Reviews Due (if applicable): Immediately after award notification, grantees should submit application(s) for all institutional authorizations including, but not limited to the Institutional Animal Core, Use Committee (IACUC) and Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Radiation Safety Review. Project work may not begin until documentation of all approvals is provided. The documentation of institutional approval(s) must have the same project title as the application project title and must be signed by the Review Board chairperson or organizational representative.
  - Anticipated Grant Start: February 1, 2017

**Consortium Grant** (One application in Priority Area 3)

- **Purpose:** Stimulate a consortium of clinical, basic or translational research centers to conduct high quality grant-supported research. The consortium should involve partnerships to be developed among investigators across the State of Florida, with the award made to the lead organization. The lead organization of the consortium must perform a substantive role in conducting the planned research including providing oversight of all scientific, programmatic, financial, and administrative matters related to the grant. The collaborating organizations must have well-defined roles that contribute to the common scientifically rigorous research goals, and include sound background information, hypotheses, protocols, and promising practices that address clearly one or more areas of research interest. A letter of commitment from all collaborating organizations is required. The consortium must support the exploration of the focus areas listed within Priority Area 3. Grants may range from discovery science to more mature projects that are attempting to advance a therapeutic approach or concept.

- **Number of Applications:** Research organizations are eligible to apply for no more than one Consortium Grant. The application must be from Priority Area 3.

- **Eligibility:**
  - The PI must be a full-time faculty member at the Lead Institution.
  - The application must include at least three (3) collaborating institutions. The lead institution must be an existing established university or research institute.

- **Award Amount:** Maximum award amount will be up to $500,000 per award.
Award Period: Maximum duration to complete the grant will be up to four (4) years. Grant duration is contingent upon legislative spending authority from fiscal year to fiscal year.

Standard Grant
- Purpose: Research projects that are fully developed, scientifically rigorous, and include sound background information, hypotheses, and promising preliminary studies or supporting data.
- Number of Applications: Research organizations are eligible to apply for seven (7) standard grants that address the research areas listed above. The research areas must be different if the organization is submitting seven applications. Organizations choosing to submit more than one Standard Grant application may have not more than three (3) applications in a single Priority Area.
- Award Amount: Maximum award amount will be up to $250,000
- Award Period: The maximum duration to complete the grant will be up to four (4) years. Grant duration is contingent upon legislative spending authority from fiscal year to fiscal year.

Pilot Grant
- Purpose: Exploratory, novel studies that break new ground or extend previous discoveries toward new directions or applications. No preliminary data are required, but may be included if available.
- Number of Applications: Research organizations are eligible to apply for four (4) pilot grants that address one of the priority areas. If an institution submits more than one Pilot Grant application, no more than two (2) applications may be in the same Priority Area.
- Award Amount: Maximum award amount will be up to $100,000
- Award Period: Maximum duration to complete the grant will be up to two (2) years. Grant duration is contingent upon legislative spending authority from fiscal year to fiscal year.

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Grant
- Purpose: Supports the career development of individuals who have made a commitment to focus their research endeavors on patient-oriented research.
- Number of Applications: Research organizations are eligible to apply for no more than three (3) postdoctoral research fellowship grants. Organizations choosing to submit two or more Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Grant application must assure that they address different focus areas (1-4) listed under Priority Area 5.
- Award Amount: Maximum award amount will be up to $100,000.
- Award Period: Maximum duration to complete the grant will be up to two (2) years. Grant duration is contingent upon spending authority from fiscal year to fiscal year.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Changes to dates or other requirements will be posted on the Program website. Applicants should monitor the program website http://www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/research/funding-opportunity.html for changes and announcements.

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