

## **BLOCK GRANT GUIDELINES**

OneSight Research Foundation formerly known as the Pearl Vision Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to sight preservation through research and education. OneSight awards more than \$250,000 annually toward research to find better treatments and cures for vision threatening diseases and disorders, with a focus on diabetic eye diseases. Through our *See the Cure*<sup>™</sup> program, we intend to award a significant portion of our grant dollars to fund research and treatment for diabetic eye diseases, hoping to find a cure for diabetic retinopathy, the number one cause of adult blindness in the United States.

### General information and guidelines:

- Organizations applying must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Grants are limited to vision research programs provided exclusively in the U.S.
- Grant awards average between \$5,000 to \$50,000.
- Requests for funding should cover a period of time not to exceed one year. Exceptions to this policy will be considered on an individual basis.
- Grants will not be considered for endowments or indirect costs.

Twice each year, in February and August, the Foundation Board considers funding requests from organizations for block grants. If your organization desires to submit a proposal, it must be received or postmarked, complete with all the necessary documentation, no later than:

**December 31<sup>st</sup> for the February Board of Directors meeting  
or  
June 30<sup>th</sup> for the August Board of Directors meeting**

When submitting a proposal, please include the following:

- A description of your organization;
- Information on the Principle Investigator and Co-PI's, if applicable (background information, biographical sketch or current curriculum vitae);
- A detailed description of the research project, including a lay abstract that can be easily understood by non-scientist. Describe briefly the research plan, for example, background, objectives and significance, specific aims, potential study impact and timeline.
- A detailed copy of the project budget, including funding committed by other sources.
- An audited financial statement, if available. Otherwise, submit an unaudited financial statement along with a copy of form 990 for the most completed fiscal year;
- A list of current members of the Board of Directors;
- A list of current major public and private contributors, including the level of support (this may be copied from your organization's annual report);
- A copy of your 501(c)(3) ruling letter.

OneSight Research Foundation will attempt to process your completed application in a timely manner. In order to ensure that your request is given proper consideration, we emphasize that no application will be processed or considered for processing until all documentation is complete. A lengthy proposal is not necessary as long as all the requested information is included. Only one copy of the proposal is required.

Proposals should be mailed to:

Trina Parasiliti, Administrator  
OneSight Research Foundation  
2465 Joe Field Road  
Dallas, TX 75229

Questions can be directed to [tparasil@onesight.org](mailto:tparasil@onesight.org) or call Trina Parasiliti at (972) -277-6191

**OneSight Research Foundation  
Block Grant Application**

Name of Applicant Group \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Key Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Project Budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Committed by Other Sources \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Is this a pilot project? \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Investigator \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Summary of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Has your organization ever applied for a grant from OneSight Research Foundation, formerly the Pearle Vision Foundation? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No. If so, please indicate date/s? \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKLIST**

Please check to see that you have enclosed the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ COMPLETED BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FORM.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A description of your organization, including background material on the individuals responsible for program development and administration.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A detailed description of the project, including the project budget.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A list of current members of the Board of Directors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A list of current major public and private contributors, including the level of support.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A copy of your most recent audited financial statement, if available, otherwise an unaudited financial statement along with a copy of form 990 for the most completed fiscal year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A copy of your 501(c)(3) ruling letter.

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