

Global Bridges at Mayo Clinic and Pfizer Global Medical Grants Quality Improvement **Expansion** – Request for Proposals (RFP) Raising Awareness and Promoting Timely Diagnosis of TTR Amyloidosis

Background and Purpose of this RFP

Amyloidosis is often misdiagnosed. For example, it is estimated that the correct diagnosis of TTR amyloidosis is delayed by years, in part because it is a **multisystemic** disorder. Our goal is to help accelerate this patient journey by supporting capacity building programs.

In recent years, Global Bridges at Mayo Clinic and Pfizer Global Medical Grants have supported independent projects focused on raising awareness and closing knowledge gaps to reduce the time it takes for patients to be correctly diagnosed and make treatment more accessible, while supporting the development of a global network of TTR amyloidosis experts. Expanding the community of practice will help decrease the distance patients need to travel to be diagnosed, although valuable guidance may still be obtained from experienced centers further from home.

Patients receiving care in facilities without established clinical experience in cardiac amyloidosis do not have equitable access to contemporary amyloidosis treatments. As a result, these patients often receive suboptimal care reflective of racial and socioeconomic inequalities negatively impacting their outcomes and the cost of care. The inequitable access to amyloidosis treatment programs increases disparities in outcomes, hinders access to novel amyloidosis therapeutics, and consequently disproportionately impacts the burden of disease borne by patients receiving treatment in these contexts.

The initial round of 8 funded projects were initiated in 2021; a second round of 4 projects began the following year. Many of these projects will be completed in 2023; all are scheduled to finish by the end of 2024. **This RFP provides a mechanism for expansion of successful projects to a new geography, OR a new target population where health disparities exist, as described above.**

It is **not our intent to support research** projects. Any research projects will be considered out of scope for this project. Examples of **out-of-scope** projects include clinical research projects, basic science research, prevalence studies, registry development, health services research and outcomes research.

Geographic Scope

Global

Application process

Intent to Apply

Although a letter of intent is not required, is not binding, and does not enter into the review of a subsequent application, the information that it contains allows Global Bridges staff to estimate the potential review workload and plan the review.

By **Friday, 14 July**, prospective applicants are asked to send an email to Katie Kemper at kemper.katherine@mayo.edu with the following information:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Descriptive title of proposed activity ○ Name(s) of Project Lead ○ Country of Activity ○ Submitting institution <p>By Thursday, 17 August, applicants must submit their Full Proposal as described in the “How to Submit” section below.</p>
<p>Funding and Administration of Projects</p>	<p>Project proposals will be reviewed and recommended by an expert advisory panel. Projects selected for funding will be funded directly by Pfizer Inc.</p> <p>Operational and technical support for funded projects will be provided by Mayo Clinic.</p>
<p>Applicant Eligibility</p>	<p>Applications are invited from organizations which received a Global Bridges Amyloidosis grant in 2021-2022, and have submitted all required interim reports on their original funded project.</p> <p>Grants can only be awarded to organizations, not individuals or medical practice groups.</p>
<p>Clinical Area</p>	<p>TTR Amyloidosis (any organ system)</p>
<p>Characteristics of a Successful Proposal</p>	<p>In order to increase the capacity of the health care system to provide more timely diagnosis and appropriate treatment to TTR amyloidosis sufferers <i>in any organ</i>, we are interested in receiving proposals that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide detail regarding the aims/milestones of your original GBA-funded project, and progress toward achieving them. ● Describe the rationale for proposed expansion, including how the proposed expansion will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Address an established need in the expanded geography or patient population. ○ Reduce the time to correct diagnosis, among a broad audience of health care professionals, including increasing coordination across specialties; AND ○ Build on evidence and international best practice; AND ○ Include a robust and well-defined plan for evaluation and dissemination; AND ○ Support the development of a global network of health care professionals capable of diagnosing and treating TTR amyloidosis, AND ○ Support the development of a global network of TTR amyloidosis experts. ○ Include a plan to sustain the project beyond the period of funding.
<p>Out of Scope of this Call</p>	<p>It is not our intent to support research projects. Projects evaluating the efficacy of therapeutic or diagnostic agents will not be considered. Additional examples of out-of-</p>

	<p>scope projects include clinical research projects, basic science research, prevalence studies, registry development, health services research and outcomes research.</p>
<p>Funding Available/Maximum Award Levels</p>	<p>Total funding available for this RFP is US \$375,000. The number of awards will depend upon the amount requested for each funded project. The maximal request cannot exceed \$125,000; however, applicants are encouraged to develop proposals with lower budget amounts, to permit more funded projects overall.</p>
<p>How to Submit</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please go to http://www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/QI and sign in. First-time users should click “Create your password”. 2. Select the following Primary Area of Interest: TTR Amyloidosis 3. Select the following Competitive Grant Program Name: 2023 RD G – Expansion-Raising Awareness and Promoting Timely Diagnosis of TTR Amyloidosis 4. Complete all required sections of the online application. See Appendix A for details.
<p>Timing</p>	<p>Proposals must be completed in the CyberGrants system no later than Thursday, 10 August.</p> <p>All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email in November, 2023. Applicants may also be contacted to provide further clarification in order to support the review of this application.</p> <p>If your grant is approved, the agreement is expected to be signed by both parties within 2023 and without change. Please click here to view the core terms of the agreement.</p> <p>Anticipated project start date for funded projects is Spring 2024.</p>
<p>Questions</p>	<p>If you have any questions regarding this RFP, or to discuss whether your project would be in scope, please contact Katie Kemper at Global Bridges (kemper.katherine@mayo.edu) or the Pfizer Grant Officer, Amanda Stein (amanda.j.stein@pfizer.com).</p>

**** OVERVIEW OF QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROPOSAL
REQUIREMENTS ON FOLLOWING PAGES****

Raising Awareness and Promoting Timely Diagnosis of TTR Amyloidosis Quality Improvement Expansion Proposal Requirements

Applications will be accepted via the online portal (www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/QI). All sections of your application will need to follow the character limits specified in the online application.*:

Goals and Objectives	Briefly state the overall goal and objectives of the proposed project.
Assessment of Need for the Project + Relevant Outcome of Initial Project	<p>Please include a quantitative baseline data summary, initial metrics (e.g., quality measures), or a project starting point (please cite data on gap analyses or relevant patient-level data that informs the stated objectives) in your target area. Include evidence of successful delivery of initially-funded Global Bridges grant, and basis for recommended expansion.</p> <p>Describe the source and method used to collect the data. Describe how the data were analyzed to determine that a gap existed. If a full analysis has not yet been conducted, please include a description of your plan to obtain this information.</p>
Target Audience	Describe the primary audience(s) targeted for this project. Also indicate whom you believe will directly benefit from the project outcomes. Describe the overall population size as well as the size of your sample population.
Project Design and Methods	Outline the proposed methodology and key stages or milestones of your planned approach. Maximum project length is two years.
Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain what measures you have taken to assure that this project idea is original and does not duplicate other projects or materials already developed. • Describe how this project builds upon existing work (including your original Global Bridges Amyloidosis grant), pilot projects, or ongoing projects developed either by your institution or other institutions related to this project.
Evaluation and Outcomes	<p>Describe how you will measure the success of your project. What measures and metrics will you use to evaluate the impact of the project? Describe your plan to capture baseline and end-of-project metrics and results. <u>Example</u> metrics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of health care professionals trained • Number of patients diagnosed with TTR Amyloidosis • Number of patients receiving intervention

Anticipated Project Timeline	Provide an anticipated timeline for your project including project start/end dates
Additional Information	Educational Sustainability: How will the results of the project be shared? How will the project support ongoing improvement in amyloidosis treatment and training?
Organizational Detail	Describe the mission, capability, and relevant previous activity of the applicant organization and how it will facilitate the project. Describe any changes in the proposed project team compared to your original funded project. Also include information about collaborating or project-partner organizations as applicable.
Monetary Request	<p>Please indicate total monetary amount being requested for this project in United States Dollars (USD).</p> <p>While estimating your budget please keep the following items in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Institutional overhead and indirect costs may be included within the grant request. Examples include human resources department costs, payroll processing and accounting costs, janitorial services, utilities, property taxes, property and liability insurance, and building maintenance as well as additional project expenses such as costs for publication, IRB / IEC review fees, software license fees, and travel. Please note: Pfizer does not provide funding for capital equipment. ○ Pfizer maintains a company-wide, maximum allowed overhead rate of 28% for independent studies and projects. Please click here for details. ○ It should be noted that grants awarded through GMG cannot be used to purchase therapeutic agents (prescription or non-prescription).

*The online application also includes the fields noted above. The text in those fields should be the same text that is included in your Full Proposal document.