



2020 GRANT GUIDELINES & FUNDING CRITERIA

The FSMB Foundation is accepting grant requests for nonprofit project funding. The Foundation is dedicated to supporting organizations that conduct research and education-related projects designed to improve the safety and quality of health care through effective physician licensure and regulation.

AVAILABLE GRANTS

General Project Grants

The Foundation provides support for educational and scientific research projects designed to expand public and medical professional knowledge and awareness of challenges impacting health care and health care regulation. Examples of topic areas funded in recent years include curbing opioid prescription abuse, encouraging public membership on medical boards, promoting faster and more efficient licensing of physicians, and most recently, raising awareness of the mental and physical health issues that can impact physician performance.

Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Grants

The Foundation provides support for projects associated with the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact – an initiative by state medical boards to streamline the licensing process for physicians who want to practice medicine in multiple states. The purpose of the Foundation’s grant program is to support the Compact, its Commission, and state medical and osteopathic boards in their readiness to participate in the Compact.

Mini Grants

The Foundation supports the work of some research and educational projects through “mini-grants” of up to \$5,000. The grants are designed to advance smaller-scale research or educational efforts that increase awareness and understanding of trends and issues impacting the work of medical regulators in the United States.

The program provides grants of up to \$5,000 to support research or education focused on such topics as physician competency, skills assessment, ethical conduct in medical practice, licensing and disciplinary issues, continuing education effectiveness, and physician workforce planning – the kinds of issues that members of state medical licensing boards routinely address in their work.

The work must be strongly relevant to medical regulation, and preference for the grants is given to researchers, with the results of their findings being submitted for publication in academic journals, including the *Journal of Medical Regulation*, and/or they are willing to present a poster of their research during the FSMB Annual Meeting or other scientific meeting. The FSMB Foundation expects recognition of its grant support to be noted in some form in the final document.

To apply for any of these grant programs, please visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K3MXTVV>

AREAS OF INTEREST

Preference will be given to:

- a. Projects/programs focused on improving physician competency critical to quality improvement and patient safety.
- b. Projects/programs designed to provide an evidence-based analysis of issues impacting the state medical board community.
- c. Projects/programs focused on improving physician health and wellness.
- d. Projects/programs designed to increase efficiency in the licensing of physicians who practice in multiple states.
- e. Those who plan to submit their findings for publication in academic journals, including the *Journal of Medical Regulation*.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- To be considered for a FSMB Foundation grant, your organization and the program or project for which you are requesting funds must:
 - Serve a public purpose;
 - Show evidence of need;
 - Demonstrate ability to carry out the program;
 - Demonstrate potential impact on the health care profession.
- State medical and osteopathic boards, not-for-profit organizations, and other health professional licensing boards and organizations are eligible to apply. Applications will not be accepted from current board members of the FSMB and/or FSMB Foundation.
- Applicants must complete in full the grant application and include a detailed budget indicating expenses for which the grant funds will be used.
- Any budget expense over \$1,000 which is noted as “Other” on the grant application needs to be specified.
- The FSMB Foundation may request that an applicant provide additional supporting material or conduct a presentation to assist the grants committee in making a decision.
- Upon acceptance of the grant funding, grantees will be asked to sign and return a grant award agreement.
- A program that is funded must begin its operation within six (6) months from the date of the award.
- All grantees must submit a written report summarizing the status of the project six (6) months after beginning operation. This report should include a description of the progress made toward achieving the purposes of the grant and include an accounting of the uses or expenditures of funds.
- Within 60 days of project completion, all grantees must provide a written report that includes a narrative of what was accomplished by the grant such as the results, benefits and impact of the funding, as well as an indication as to whether the funding was 100% of the project cost.
- Any grant funds unexpended or uncommitted upon completion of the project must be promptly returned to the FSMB Foundation.
- Grant awards may not always be made for the full amount requested.

PROGRAM LIMITATIONS

Programs not funded could include, but are not limited to:

- Expenses incurred prior to the grant agreement starting date.
- Multi-year programs, unless given prior special consideration
- Capital improvements, construction, renovation, structural maintenance of facilities.
- Receptions, socials or parties.
- Loans, fines, penalties, cost of litigation or associated interest payments.
- Projects that do not support the goals and mission of the FSMB Foundation.

GRANT REVIEW PROCESS

While the Foundation is able to only fund a limited number of requests, each grant request is carefully evaluated to determine alignment with the Foundation mission and areas of interest. To be considered for a FSMB Foundation grant, an application must be submitted according to the guidelines. The Foundation's grants program is administered by a Grants Committee comprised of individuals representing a broad cross-section of the state medical board community. The Grants Committee will review all applications and documentation to ensure they are consistent with the Foundation's goals and meet the eligibility criteria and application requirements listed above.

To apply for a FSMB Foundation grant, applicants must complete the grant application which can be found at: <http://bit.ly/2PMmDqN>. Within ten (10) days of submission, the applicant will be notified that their application was received by the Foundation. Notification of awards will be sent to applicants within a week of the decision.