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Research Funding for Art Therapy and Music Therapy Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) or Large-Scale Prospective Study Request for Applications Q & A

Please note: Further Q & A information may be posted on May 5, 2023

Looking at the research questions for art therapy and music therapy it seems that it is required to include mechanisms of change in the study design. Must the study address the mechanisms of change in the research design?

We expect some applications will include mechanisms of change and others will not in the research design. Thus, you do not have to address the issue of underlying mechanism of change as it will not preclude your application from consideration, nor will it disadvantage your application by not having that within your proposed study. We fully understand and appreciate the limitations that the budget will place on just how in-depth and large a study can be.

What is the full performance period for this grant funding?

You should plan for the study to be completed in April 2026 which is equivalent to the 32-month performance period. We wanted to allow some flexibility in extending the performance period if needed as they approached the 32-month mark. Hence, the 34-month end in June 2026 time frame was listed in the RFA.

For key partners listed in the Letter of Intent, should we list other co-investigators and the Creative Forces Network creative arts therapist at our facility, or would key partners be other institutions we are partnering with?

Yes, you may list other co-investigators and creative arts therapist(s) at your facility that will be a part of the research study. If you plan on including another institution (such as a university), that would also be listed here.

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Can we list two Co-Principal Investigators on this grant application and should both be listed on the Letter of Intent?

On the Letter of Intent, please list both you and [another person] as Co-Principal Investigators. We will need to know who our primary point of contact will be for questions, or you can list both and indicate that either of you can be a point of contact for the study.

Should the Letter of Collaboration include the site Principal Investigator and the local creative arts therapist?

Yes, both should appear on the Letter of Collaboration.

For the Letter of Institutional Support should I include a letter from the university stating their support for my involvement?

Yes, a letter from your university indicating support for your involvement should be included in this grant application.

In submitting a budget for this grant funding, what should I submit as the end date for the funding?

We ask that budgets be submitted with anticipation of work to be completed by April 2026, though we can allow some extension of time to no later than June 2026 should the work not fully be completed by April 2026.