



Funding for Innovative Research Protocols and Programs Designed to Advance Donation and Transplantation through Clinical, Social, and Behavioral Interventions

Introduction

GIFT of Life Donor Program (GLDP) is the federally designated not-for-profit organization coordinating organ and tissue donation and transplantation in the eastern half of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and Delaware. GLDP has served the region for over 30 years and is the most active of 56 organ procurement organizations in the United States. GLDP has coordinated the recovery and allocation of more than 70,000 organs and more than 2 million tissue allografts for transplant since 1976. GLDP is also the region's primary source for organ and tissue donor information and conducts hundreds of professional and community education programs annually.

GLDP was established in 1974 to improve the efficiency of recovering and sharing kidneys with its constituents in the tri-state area of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and Delaware. It has expanded its services and the transplant programs it supports over the past 30 years. It currently supports 12 transplant centers with 19 organ-specific programs at which nearly 1,700 patients await a life-saving transplant. GLDP partners with more than 126 acute care hospitals in the region in coordinating recoveries of the "gift of life."

In 1998 GLDP's Board of Directors established the Transplant Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that supports the mission of GLDP, including education, research, and services to donor families and recipients. The Foundation is the steward for broad-based programming and initiatives, including the Gift of Life Institute, Transplant Pregnancy Registry International, Gift of Life Donor Dash, Camp Jersey, and Team Philadelphia, and has also facilitated the strategic development and operation of Gift of Life Horvitz's House, along with numerous other scientific, medical, and community-based activities.

Objectives

Transplant Foundation's Donation and Transplantation Innovative Grant Program was established to advance organ and tissue donation and transplantation, particularly in the GLDP donation service area. Proposals should include projects that require financial support in amounts ranging up to \$100,000. Projects requiring other amounts may also be considered. Examples of projects would include:

- Evaluations of clinical interventions to increase organ procurement and organ utilization, positively impacting transplant outcomes and extending graft survival (deceased and living)