Life Sciences

DISCOVERY FUND

The Life Sciences Discovery Fund (LSDF) is now accepting applications from Washington state organizations for Proof of Concept and Entrepreneur Mentoring Program grants:

Proof of Concept Grants (for-profit and non-profit organizations)
Proof of Concept grants provide up to $250,000 in total costs to enhance the commercial viability of health-related technologies or concepts developed by non-profit organizations or enhance the competitiveness of early-stage companies for private equity investment.

Pre-proposals are **required**. Only a subset of pre-proposals will be invited to submit a proposal.

Submission and review process:

- Three cycles of pre-proposal review, proposal review, and award by the LSDF Board of Trustees through August 2014. Up to 32 pre-proposals will be reviewed per cycle.
- Invitations to submit a proposal are valid only for the proposal deadline immediately following the pre-proposal review.
- Pre-proposal and proposal reviews include an applicant presentation and interview.
- The submission deadline for the first pre-proposal review is **September 4, 2013**.

Up to $3 million is available for Proof of Concept grants through August 2014, with no specific allocations or quotas by applicant organization type (for-profit vs. non-profit).

The Request for Proposals, application documents, grant competition calendar, and balance of available funds are at http://www.lsdfa.org/apply/competitions/2013-2014-Proof-of-Concept.

LSDF will hold an information session via webcast on Wednesday, August 21 at 11 AM Pacific Time. Instructions on joining the web conference are available online.

Entrepreneur Mentoring Program Grant (non-profit organizations only)
The Entrepreneur Mentoring Program grant will support an initiative to mentor entrepreneurs within Washington state companies attempting to commercialize products and services that improve human health and health care. LSDF expects to make one award for up to $300,000 in total costs for two years.

Program directors **must** confer with LSDF programs staff at programs@lsdfa.org before proposal submission. The deadline for proposal submission is **October 9, 2013**. Pre-proposals are not required.

The Request for Proposals, application documents, and grant competition calendar are at http://www.lsdfa.org/apply/competitions/2013-2014-EMP.

LSDF will hold an information session via webcast on Friday, August 16 at 9 AM Pacific Time. Instructions on joining the web conference are available online.

Funding for the 2013-2014 granting programs comes from Washington's allocation of payments under the Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement (revenues arising from multi-state litigation with tobacco product manufacturers).

For more information about LSDF's 2013-2014 granting programs, call 206-456-9577 or email programs@lsdfa.org.

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