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Dear Hearing Professional,

The Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation is a non-profit corporation formed by the Lions of Pennsylvania primarily for the purpose of funding research directed to all aspects of the ear and hearing. This includes anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, genetics, pathology and communication disorders that result from hearing impairment.

The foundation has made funds available for research grants for our next grant period, July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Our policy favors projects looking for "seed money" or "startup" support in generally unexplored areas of ear research but all hearing related research is considered. We recently had a researcher apply a second year for a completely new project that was an off-shoot of the initial one. Another research we funded applied for and received over \$3 billion from another foundation to continue the research!

Grant proposals are reviewed by both our out-of-state and in-state Advisory Medical Board members, whose critique and ranking of each proposal is submitted to our Board of Directors. The Directors, all of whom are Lions Club members from Pennsylvania review the recommendations and determine which applications will be funded. We have full and sole authority over which grants will be awarded.

To apply for a grant, an original plus 10 copies of each proposal must be forwarded to our executive office postmarked on or before January 10, 2026. Our Policy on Grants for Research Projects and our grant application forms are available on our state's web page Palions.org with a link to PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation.

Please feel free to contact me by mail, telephone or e-mail should you have any questions. We look forward to receiving all proposals.

Sincerely,

Paula M. Hoffman
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