Frequently Asked Questions

1. What types of projects are funded?
   a. The mission of NECCRF is to improve care for children and adults with congenital heart disease in New England through support of clinical research, quality improvement, advocacy, communication, and education programs. Projects broadly consistent with that mission are considered for funding.

2. Who is eligible to apply for grants through NECCRF?
   a. Any physician with an academic affiliation who has a research question or project involving congenital heart disease. Projects involving multiple institutions will be favored, particularly if involving collaboration within New England.

3. Can there be more than one investigator?
   a. Yes. Collaboration between investigators and institutions is encouraged, and applications with a regional scope are of particular interest to NECCRF.

4. Can one PI submit more than one application?
   a. Yes, more than one application per PI is allowed.

5. What happens once my Grant Proposal is submitted?
   a. Grant materials will be collated and sorted into either research questions or project requests. Both research questions and project requests will be considered equally for funding. Project requests will be evaluated directly by the NECCRF Grant Review Committee (GRC). Research proposals will be forward to the Cardiology Scientific Review Committee at Children’s Hospital, Boston, and then recommendations forwarded to the NECCRF GRC. The GRC will request revisions be made by the PI and/or make recommendations to the NECCRF Board of Directors, who have final authority regarding awarding of grants.

6. Why do the grants involving research questions get reviewed by the Cardiology Scientific Review Committee at Children’s Hospital?
   a. We recognize that while there are several large academic centers in New England with access to research centers and biostatisticians, there are also investigators who may have important research questions but who lack these robust resources. Thus the CHB Scientific Review Committee (SRC) has offered its expertise to all researchers. Their comments will also be useful to the NECCRF Board when considering applications. Interested researchers are welcome to contact the SRC prior to grant application submission if they feel that it will strengthen their proposal. Please contact us for more information.
7. How much are the grant awards?
   a. Grants are expected to be between $5,000 and $25,000 annually. There is no overhead awarded.

8. What do I need to submit for my application to be complete?
   a. Completed Cover Letter, Grant Proposal, Budget with justification for amount requested, Curriculum vitae of Principal Investigator, and Letter of Support from Department Chief or Supervisor

9. How long should the grant proposal be?
   a. Please use Grant Proposal template or acceptable alternate and keep the final application in the range of 4-6 pages (3-5 pages for the grant proposal and one page for the budget).

10. Where do I send my completed application?
    a. Mail to: NECCRF, FAHC-Patrick 581, 111 Colchester Avenue, Burlington, VT, 05401, or upload as a PDF and email to: neccrf@nehearts.org

11. May I resubmit my grant if it has been declined?
    a. Yes, NECCRF will review re-submissions.

12. Who do I contact if I have questions?
    Contact us at neccrf@nehearts.org