To Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Lipedema research. Engaging with the Lipedema Foundation (LF) involves the following explicit provisions:

1. The Foundation’s maximum allowable indirect costs are 10% of total direct costs for all award types.

2. In an effort to build a Lipedema research network, applicants invited for Full Application submissions must agree to be included in a pool of peer-reviewers for future Lipedema Foundation award cycles.

3. The Foundation highly encourages collaborations across current and potential grantees and may facilitate interactions with potential partners through conference calls and emails. In the event that researchers foresee a fruitful collaboration, the Foundation may facilitate these efforts through a Memorandum of Understanding with all stakeholders.

4. The Foundation expects that all funded investigators will attend the LF’s Research Retreats during their award. Travel for these events will be paid for by the Foundation. Applicants are not, at this time, required to budget for this travel in their proposal.

5. For international applicants:

   **Budgets**
   a. For the applicant’s convenience, budgets should be prepared in the local currency of the PI’s institution.
   b. Any award will be disbursed in United States Dollars (USD). The exact USD amount and exchange rate used for the duration of any award will be documented in award contracts. These will be based on the conversion rate at the time of approval.
   c. Therefore, there will be some risk that the fundee award and the Foundation both share. This fluctuation will be accounted for in submitted budget files.

   **Compliance**
   Host country and all subcontractors must be in compliance with the US Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) and not subject to any sanctions by the US government.

Please address any questions to awards@lipedema.org.

Sincerely,

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