



Enduring Hearts 2026 Direct Grant Award

The Enduring Hearts Direct Grant Award is designed to support investigators committed to conducting research directly related to enhancing the life expectancy and quality of life of pediatric heart transplant recipients.

Award Amount:

- Total awards range between \$25,000-\$150,000 including indirect costs. Indirect costs should be limited to less than 5%).
- No awards will be made for projects that receive overlapping funding from other sources (unless supplementary in nature) or that duplicate other projects already funded.
- Award periods of up to two years. Optional third year for clinical studies. Third year option must be applied for and reviewed at time of application.

Research Priorities:

Enduring Hearts Scientific Advisory Committee seeks to fund projects for up to 2 years that have a combination of the best science, innovation, and potential for impact. An optional third year for clinical studies must be applied for at the time of application. Specific areas of research that would align with the mission of Enduring Hearts include the following:

1. Improve longevity and the quality of a child's post-heart transplant life by reducing/eliminating rejection a cardiac allograft vasculopathy (CAV).
2. Identify and develop pre-transplant strategies, innovations or new technologies for children waiting for, and/or immediately following, a heart transplant that would improve post-transplant longevity.
3. Develop and implement evidence-based approaches to improve longevity and quality of life in adolescent recipients and support their transition to adult care.

You can access the [Enduring Hearts Direct Grant](#) application via Proposal Central. Visit the [Grant Opportunities](#) section on the [Enduring Hearts](#) website for more information on the 2026 research priorities.

2026 Direct Grant Timeline and Key Dates:

Proposal Central System opens for applicants	May 1, 2026
Pre-proposal (Letter of Intent) Deadline	June 19th *before 5 p.m. ET
Invitation to Submit Full Proposal	July 24th
Full Proposal Deadline	October 13th *before 5 p.m. ET
Notifications to Applicants	December 15 th
Awards Start Date	January 2026

Visit [Enduring Hearts](#) for more information on eligibility and requirements.