

Diabetes Center of Excellence

Call for Proposals

Herman G. Berkman Diabetes Clinical Innovation Fund

The Berkman Fund Governance Committee in conjunction with the UMass Memorial Health Diabetes Center of Excellence (DCOE) is pleased to solicit proposals for funding of clinical projects intended to improve the lives of people with diabetes.

Through a gracious gift by the late Herman G. Berkman, the UMass Memorial DCOE established the [Berkman Diabetes Clinical Innovation Fund](#) to support diabetes clinical innovation projects. Applicants may submit a brief abstract of their proposed project **before 5pm on Thursday, November 30, 2023**.

Proposals requesting between \$50,000 and \$150,000 will be considered.

Eligibility Guidelines

The objective is to support the development of diabetes clinical care initiatives that would not normally find funding through medical billing operational expenses or research grant funding programs.

Special consideration will be given to proposals that include:

- Innovative approaches that directly improve the lives of people with diabetes
- Multidisciplinary approaches that foster inter-departmental and/or inter-institutional collaborations
- Support for individuals, groups, and communities that are economically or educationally disadvantaged or underrepresented
- Specific connection to UMass Memorial Health's mission in the fields of education and patient care

Faculty and staff of UMass Memorial Health and UMass Chan Medical School are invited to apply.

The committee will consider funding proposals assessed to have the greatest likelihood of uniquely achieving the objectives described above. Applicants should submit a brief description of a proposed project for review. Selected applicants will then be asked to submit a full proposal to enable the reviewers to fully evaluate the proposed project. Applicants should be prepared to provide a summary of relevant experience, expertise, capabilities, organizational background, project details, and a comprehensive line-item budget (with justification).

UMass DCOE Berkman Innovation Fund Proposals

Return the [abstract application](#) with a copy of your curriculum vitae to: lisa.hubacz@umassmed.edu.

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E-mail submissions only. No hard copies will be accepted.