

UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

2024 Humanitarian Grant Program

I. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

A. GRANTS DESCRIPTION

The Urology Care Foundation (UCF) Humanitarian Grant Program recognizes and supports individuals and projects that provide direct urologic patient care for impoverished individuals and communities in underserved areas, either in the United States or internationally.

Grants will be given to American Urological Association (AUA) members who are pursuing significant and outstanding contributions to humanitarian urologic efforts by providing direct care, enhancing access or through educational efforts. Consideration will be given to the scope, frequency, impact, and sustainability of the program.

B. GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 2024 CYCLE

The Foundation anticipates that ten grants will be available for the 2024 Humanitarian Grant competition. The availability of all UCF grants is contingent on market trends and subject to change. Final determinations regarding grant funding will be made at the time of grantee selection.

Grants are available for both US and international projects with specific requirements outlined below:

- Two grants will support projects specifically in India.
- One grant will support a project based in any inner city within the United States. Preference will be given to applicants whose project is based in an inner city within New York state specifically.
- One grant will support a project specifically in Pakistan.
- One grant requires membership with the Southeast AUA Section and will support a project specifically in Puerto Rico.
- One grant requires membership in the Endourological Society, without any geographic area specified.
- One grant requires membership in the Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine & Urogenital Reconstruction (SUFU), without any geographic area specified.
- Three grants support projects either within or outside of the U.S.

Applicants will be considered for all grants for which they are eligible.

The UCF continuously seeks additional sponsors for Humanitarian Grants; thus, the portfolio of grants available is ever evolving both within and between funding years. The grant specifications listed above may not represent the complete list of grants for this competition cycle, nor do grant sponsors or the UCF make any guarantees that any/all grants will be filled. Humanitarian Grants are awarded based on the objective evaluation of all aspects of eligibility criteria, medical review, need in the community and the financial portfolio available at the time the grants are finalized by the UCF. The UCF reserves the right for final approval for any/all grants provided through the program.

Applications for the 2024 program are open until March 31, 2024.

C. TIMELINE

Applications Open:	February 1, 2024
Applications Deadline:	March 31, 2024
Applications Review:	April-May 2024
Grant Notifications:	June 2024
Grant Payments:	July 2024

D. ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

The UCF encourages diversity among applicants and associated projects (e.g., racial/ethnic, gender, practice type, domestic/international).

Eligibility

1. This program is designated for AUA members (Active, Senior, Honorary and International) who are Board certified urologists and for Resident/Fellow members who are sponsored by and work in collaboration with a board-certified urologist providing oversight in connection with the project. Residents/Fellows must provide permission/approval from their institutions to participate in the project.
2. Applicants must highlight their affiliation with established organizations/programs/projects.

Exclusions/Restrictions

To reduce perceived conflicts, current or incoming members of the AUA Board, UCF Board or Humanitarian Grants Review Committee may not apply for a grant during their term of service.

Eligible individuals may apply for multiple grants but may be awarded only one grant per year.

E. APPLICATIONS – REQUIRED MATERIALS

All grant applications must include the following materials:

1. **Application.** The primary piece in the application is a written narrative, 1-2 pages in length which must include the following information:

Section 1	Applicant Information, including AUA ID#, and date of Board certification.
Section 2	Name of organization with which the project is affiliated, project location and description of community served.
Section 3	Frequency and duration of volunteer work performed.
Section 4	Impact – Nature of contributions and positive changes that have resulted from humanitarian activities.
Section 5	Sustainability – Long-term contributions toward sustainability of facility or community served.
Section 6	Personal Statement of Applicant - why you are motivated to serve.
Section 7	Simple line-item budget of how funds would be spent (see Terms & Conditions)

Note: Additional details in review section below. Past grant recipients and trip reports on the [UCF website](#) may be helpful for applicants in preparing this application.

2. **Curriculum Vitae** ([NIH-Style Bio-Sketch](#) or Abbreviated format)
3. **Invitation/Permission.** Letter of invitation from organization or other evidence of permission for project to be performed in U.S. or host country.
4. **Letter of Support.** One Letter of Recommendation (from current employer, Program Director or volunteer/colleague). Residents applying must provide a letter from sponsoring board-certified urologist overseeing project or letter of support/availability to participate from Program Chair/Director.
5. **Insurance.** Proof of medical liability insurance.

Application materials must be submitted via email in a combined **PDF formatted application packet** by March 31, 2024 to Anna Ireland, UCF Project Coordinator aireland@auanet.org.

F. REVIEW AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants should take time to develop a complete and detailed application that includes responses to each of the seven sections in the application highlighted above. Applications may be returned if they are incomplete.

The Urology Care Foundation Humanitarian Grants Review Committee will provide a rigorous review and will score applications based on the following four criteria.

- **Project Duration**
Number of years project has existed, how often the project takes place and the applicant is serving.

- **Impact**
Positive changes that have resulted or are expected to result from the applicant's activities; for example, alleviating urologic conditions/diseases, numbers of patients served, strengthening existing programs or creation of new educational or research programs, expanding capacities and relationships.
- **Sustainability**
Sustainability may be considered in terms of strengthening existing programs, procedures or protocols, patient outcomes and the extent to which the volunteer improved quality of care.
- **Personal Statement**
To what extent does this applicant explain and convey his or her motivation and passion to work in this humanitarian space and support this project? Does the statement help strengthen and tie-in to the answers of other criteria as described above? How compelling is this statement?

The mean scores from the review committee will be computed and applications ranked from highest to lowest mean score, to allow discussion and selection of the awardees.

G. GRANT PAYMENTS

Each grant pays the amount of \$4,500 and grant recipients are expected to use their grant solely to support the mission/project, within 12 months of receipt.

H. TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Urology Care Foundation does not provide for indirect costs in addition to or as part of the funding provided through the Humanitarian Grant. Applicants should read the Terms & Conditions document posted online along with this application information and will be required to sign a Release of Liability to receive a grant.

II. CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions related to this Program Announcement or submission requirements should be directed to Anna Ireland, UCF Project Coordinator, aireland@auanet.org. Assistance is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.