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Dear Hearing Professional,

The Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation is a non-profit corporation formed by the Lions of Pennsylvania primarily for the purpose of funding research directed to all aspects of the ear and hearing including anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, genetics, pathology, and communication disorders that result from hearing impairment.

The Foundation has made funds available for research grants for our next grant period, July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Our policy favors projects for so-called "seed money" support in generally unexplored areas of ear research directed by new investigators, but all hearing related research is considered. Overhead is not funded. Presently, the maximum amount allowed for a single grant is \$20,000.

Grant proposals are reviewed by both our out-of-state and in-state Advisory Medical Board members, whose critique and ranking of each proposal is submitted to our Board of Directors. The Directors, all of whom are Lions Club members from throughout the state of Pennsylvania, determine, and have full and sole authority over, which grants will be awarded.

To apply for a grant, an original and 14 copies (15 total), of each grant proposal must be forwarded to our executive office postmarked on, or before, January 10, 2017. Copies of our "Policy on Grants for Research Projects" and our grant application forms may be obtained from our executive office or our website, www.plhrf.org.

Please feel free to contact me by mail, telephone, or email. We will be pleased to hear from you if you have need for a grant this year.

Sincerely,

Mark Kusma
Chairman and Executive Administrator

P.S. If you know of any other researchers, who have not received this invitation, please pass the information along to them. Your help will be appreciated.