The Faris Foundation

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The Faris Foundation: Creative Arts
Grant Guidelines

Context
The Faris Foundation is committed to bringing brighter days and better treatments to children with cancer. The arts, and creative arts therapies in particular, play a key role in the realization of our mission. We believe every child should have access to art as a part of their plan of care. We witnessed the healing power of art in Faris' cancer journey. These experiences, along with a growing body of scientific research, confirm that art – in all forms – can be transformative in the lives of children and families. Learn more about our existing programs here.

Our Approach
1. We create and support robust creative arts therapies programs at pediatric cancer centers and other institutions serving pediatric cancer patients, by
   - **Funding art and music therapist positions fully dedicated to pediatric hematology and oncology patients**.
   - **Building out the physical infrastructure, such as art studios and mobile music therapy studios**, that serve as spaces of creative inspiration and community.
2. We advance the field, by
   - Funding research and dissemination that can lead to system-wide change.
   - Convening researchers, practitioners, advocates, policymakers, patients and families, administrators, and other relevant partners, to catalyze collaboration and innovations in care.

Grant Amount
Final award amounts are at the discretion of The Faris Foundation board and staff.

Grant Eligibility
Grants are available to institutions and organizations that serve children with cancer and their families. Our current strategic focus is on creative arts therapies for children with cancer; however, bold and transformative proposals that meet our criteria through other arts-based interventions may also be considered.

Grant Review and Selection Criteria for Creative Arts Therapies Programs
1. **Alignment with The Faris Foundation mission.** Does the proposed program advance The Faris Foundation's goals of bringing brighter days and better treatments to children with cancer?

2. **Transformative Potential.** Is the program poised to create change in the childhood cancer landscape? How will this approach change the lives of children with cancer and their families?
3. **Impact.** How will this approach increase access to art as part of the treatment plan for children diagnosed with cancer?
4. **Sustainability.** Does the program demonstrate a clear plan for continuity and scalability?
5. **Feasibility.** Is the program realistic to implement, and is the team well-positioned to deliver it?
6. **Working Collaboratively and Openly.** How will the program document and share its work with The Faris Foundation, wider audiences, and communities of practice?
7. **Creative Spaces.** Does this program include a plan/possibility for the development of a dedicated creative space (e.g., art studio, mobile music studio, etc.)? Studios can be converted offices, for example; we recommend a minimum size of 250 square feet for a small studio.

Grant Requirements

What The Faris Foundation Provides

- **Financial Support:** Initial grants of up to $250,000 over three years to fund creative arts therapists dedicated to pediatric cancer patients.
- **Agile and Creative Partnership:** The Faris Foundation engages with and responds to your emergent needs, opportunities, and ideas in various ways: collaborative ideating, co-producing content and events, contributing our own skills and resources to support your work, providing magical touches and special add-ons to events, etc.
- **Community and Visibility**

What Grantees Commit To

- **Impact and Reporting:** Participate in regular check-ins with The Faris Foundation, evaluation activities, provide feedback, and submit required reports documenting project outcomes, sustainability strategies, and lessons learned.
- **Recognition of Support:** The Faris Foundation requires recognition of support; e.g., named positions and/or programs; as well as appropriate recognition in relevant publications and communications materials.
- **Collaboration and Innovation:** Enhance care by bringing together different perspectives and areas of expertise by working alongside The Faris Foundation, as well as other teams within your institution, patients, and families.

Application Process

Please submit a narrative proposal including the following:

- Name and Contact Information of Lead Applicant

- Institution Information, including:
    - Number of pediatric cancer patients served
    - Number of pediatric hem-onc beds
    - Any existing creative arts therapies (art, music, etc.) offered
    - Any arts-based interventions or arts in medicine programs
- Program purpose, approach, and suitability
- Program milestones, outputs, and outcomes
- Team and roles (others who would be involved in the program)
- Total request amount
- Do you have other sources of funding for this program? If so, please describe the funder and amount.
- Budget with breakdown of costs, including personnel, supplies, facilities, and any other requested items.

Grant Agreement

Neither The Faris Foundation nor any potential grantee responding to this call for proposals shall be considered to have entered into an agreement, until and unless both parties have signed a separate definitive grant agreement.