

CARIBBEAN PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY

RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAMME

Purpose of grants

One of the major purposes of the CARPHA research grants programme is to help investigators with small projects. These may later be expanded on the basis of the initial findings into larger studies for which support may be sought from funding agencies with larger budgets.

Proposals are expected to address areas identified as priority in the Caribbean Health Research Agenda (see CARPHA website for the list of research priorities). Junior/Budding researchers are particularly encouraged to apply.

Eligibility

Any worker in the Caribbean who proposes to study a problem that is related to the health of the Caribbean people is eligible to apply for a project grant.

Format and timing for applications

Applications must be made on the forms supplied by the Secretariat (and posted on the website: www.carpha.org). They are reviewed at meetings of the Scientific and Management Committee of the CARPHA which are held in January, April and October of each year. DEADLINES for submission of proposals to be reviewed at these meetings are:

- **November 1st**
- **March 1st**
- **September 1st**

Application of funds

Grants are not intended to replace existing resources or necessarily to meet the entire cost of research projects.

Note that the CARPHA will **NOT** provide:

- Administrative costs of research
- The cost of unspecified research
- Standard laboratory apparatus
- Long-term technical support

Equipment

Large items of equipment bought with CARPHA funds remain the property of the Agency. The Agency, at the termination of a project, may request that such equipment be returned, perhaps for use by other workers. However, if grantees wish to use the equipment for continuing studies, they may apply to the Agency for permission to do so.

Reports

It is one of the conditions of the awards that annual reports must be presented. Depending on the duration of the study, progress reports should be submitted every six months. The final report is not expected to exceed 12 pages and should comprise the following:

- Abstract/Executive summary
- Standard research report sections (*ie* Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, References, Tables/Figures)
- Implications for practice (researcher should specify target audience)
- Implications for policy (researcher should specify target audience)
- Directions for future research
- Financial statement

Publications/Presentations

All publications arising from work done with funds from CARPHA should acknowledge that support. **Note that grantees are expected to submit a manuscript for presentation at the Annual CARPHA Conference on completion of their research.**

Levels of Award

The CARPHA does not normally make grants in excess of US\$10 000. Funds should be spent within the period of the grant.