VUMC Limited Submission Opportunity
2024 Conservation, Food & Health Foundation Grants

Applications due April 4, 2024

**VUMC**: These instructions are for VUMC investigators. VU investigators should apply through InfoReady and address any questions to VU-LSO@vanderbilt.edu.

VUMC may submit one application to the July 2024 cycle of the Conservation, Food and Health Foundation (CFH) Grants program. The CFH seeks to protect the environment, improve food production, and promote public health in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Middle East.

**Overview:**
The Foundation supports projects and applied research that generate local or regional solutions to problems affecting the quality of the environment and human life; advance local leadership and promote professional development in the conservation, agricultural, and health sciences; develop the capacity of local organizations; and address a particular problem or question in the field.

The Foundation prefers to support projects that address under-funded issues and geographic areas. The Foundation funds applied research, pilot projects, new initiatives, training, and technical assistance, rather than ongoing support for programs that are already well underway. An important goal for the Foundation is to provide seed money to help promising projects, organizations, and individuals develop the track record they need to attract major foundation funding in the future.

In all of its areas of interest, the Foundation gives priority to projects that have the potential to advance the field, build local capacity, promote replication, influence public opinion and policy, affect systems change, and benefit people beyond the immediate project and its local context.

**Award Information**
Grants are made for a one- or two-year period. Second-year funding is conditional on the provision of a satisfactory progress report, interim financial report, and work plan. There is no minimum or maximum grant size. It is anticipated that most grants will fall in the $25,000-$50,000 per year range.

**Health Projects:**
The Foundation supports efforts that test new ideas and approaches that promote public health, with a special emphasis on reproductive health and family planning and their integration with other health promotion activities. It favors community-level disease prevention and health promotion projects and efforts that help strengthen regional and
country public health systems over disease diagnosis, treatment, and care provided by clinics, hospitals, and humanitarian aid programs. Activities that help increase capacity include applied research, program development, technical assistance, and training projects that:

- Promote reproductive health and family planning.
- Address issues related to mental and behavioral health.
- Address issues relating to pollution and environmental health.
- Increase the understanding of zoonotic and neglected tropical diseases.
- Address issues relating to nutrition and health.

**Projects the Foundation Rarely Funds**

- Humanitarian aid programs, missionary programs, and social service programs
- Projects with primarily a local emphasis
- Village improvement and basic farmer training programs
- Capital requests
- Limited financial capacity
- Microenterprise, ecotourism, and livelihood projects
- Publications and media
- Social science research
- Medical care

See the guidelines, previous grantees, and FAQ’s for more information.

**Internal Application Process**

Anyone interested in being considered as VUMC’s nominee must submit the following (in a single PDF) to LSO@vanderbilt.edu by **5 p.m. on April 4**:

1. Brief (2 page maximum) research plan including summary budget
2. Statement of support from department chair/center director
   a. Letter must acknowledge that this grant does not allow indirect costs. This statement can be used/modified: “The Department recognizes that this grant does not allow indirect costs and will commit to covering any associated indirect costs per applicable institutional policy.”
3. NIH Biosketch or 5-page CV

Any questions about this opportunity may be directed to LSO@vanderbilt.edu