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Carilion Clinic's Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program Innovation Grant

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Introduction: Carilion Clinic's CME program continues significant efforts to deliver CME with new, exciting, and innovative methods. We aim to reward, highlight, and support vision, creativity, ingenuity and scholarly approaches to CME that **address real, unmet needs and have an evident impact**. With this in mind, Carilion Clinic's CME Program now offers financial support in the form of grants to Carilion Clinic Departments for innovative CME projects that have the potential to grow Carilion Clinic's reputation as a provider of meaningful learning experiences. During this inaugural round of funding, we will prioritize single-day and multiple-day conferences that, in addition to delivering novel CME through multiple modalities, will look to expand Carilion Clinic's outreach with collaborative partners while also utilizing the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Accreditation with Commendation Criteria in the planning and execution of these projects.

Eligibility: This funding is limited to projects planned and executed by various Carilion Clinic Departments. Collaboration with local, regional or national organizations is encouraged and will add value to your CME project. The philosophical/financial support and the approval of departmental hierarchy (Chairs, Vice Chairs, etc.), the vision of physician champions, and the input of knowledgeable, administrative professionals are paramount for grant consideration. **A completed initial CME application, reviewed and approved by Carilion Clinic's CME Program, is required to be eligible for a CME Program Innovation Grant.** The initial CME application paperwork (CME Activity Development Worksheet and CME Application) can be requested from CMEOffice@carilionclinic.org. A CME Specialist will send the paperwork to your attention, help guide you through the CME process for approval of **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™**, and if the CME activity qualifies for the CME Program Innovation Grant, the CME

Specialist will send you the paperwork necessary to submit the grant for review and let you know the committee's decision.

Review Process: If your CME application is approved, Carilion Clinic's CME Program may encourage you to apply for a grant based on **real, unmet needs and having a demonstrable impact** on your project's innovative approach to CME. If you choose to take advantage of the opportunity to pursue financial support for your innovative project the CME Innovative Grant application form will be sent along with the grant criteria. The grant cycle will occur twice a year, culminating in grant application submission deadlines of January 15 and July 1.

Funding: Projects will be funded from \$1,000 up to \$15,000, depending on the number of qualified and quality applications per cycle. Multiple projects may be funded per cycle depending on budget considerations and relevance of applications.

Notification of Awards: Applicants will be notified about the status of their grant application by February 15 and August 1 of each cycle. Awards will be publicly announced at CME and major events that highlight learning at Carilion Clinic.

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