

RNFOO Nursing Innovation Grants (NIG)



The 2026 RNFOO Nursing Innovation Grants offer funding of up to \$10,000 to an individual nurse or a nurse-led team that has a new and original idea, method, program and/or service that will enhance nursing practice, nursing education, or the nursing work environment.

In addition to the project information, NIG applicants will be required to provide **two letters of support*** from people who can attest to the value and potential of the innovation and the applicant's ability to execute the innovation project.

It is expected that the innovation will be completed **within twelve months** of the winner receiving funding. Recipients of grants will be required to provide a progress report after 6 months, and a final report (with financial details) after 1 year.

There is a non-refundable application fee of \$35, to help cover the costs of administering this program.

Answers to the following questions must be submitted through the application form:

1. Who will use your innovation and what will they use it for? (50 words)
2. What makes your innovation unique? (OR) How is your innovation different from similar tools, approaches, or resources? (150 words)
3. What issue or gap in the current system does this innovation address? (150 words)
4. How will your innovation impact nursing practice, nursing education, or the nursing work environment? (150 words)
5. Explain the aspects of your project that an RNFOO Nurse Innovator Grant will fund. (100 words)
6. Describe how utilization of your innovation will be implemented within your own organization and others. (500 words)
7. Provide a budget using the template provided.

Applications must be marked complete and submitted **by June 1, 2026**. Applicants *may* be contacted to arrange a conversation with reviewers within 2 weeks following close of the application process.

Nurses employed in organizations selected to receive funds will identify a person within the organization who will administer the funds.

Please note: In the event of similar reviews based on the overall application submission, preference will be given to applicants who have not received and RNFOO support for an innovation project within the past 2 years, and consideration will be given to distributing opportunities to benefit from NIG funding geographically, and across different practice settings.

*For nurses employed in organizations at least 1 of the support letters must come from a representative of their organization who will support the project.