



CALL FOR GRANTS

Requirements

In addition to the immense loss of lives and physical consequences, the covid pandemic has caused a significant impact on the mental health of patients, families and frontline health workers. It is still too soon to accurately know the effects on health care workers, but several concerns have been expressed by psychiatrists (Vieta et al., Rev Psiquiatr Salud Ment, 2020). Consequently, many general hospitals have launched specific care programs to assist frontline health workers who could need mental health care. Among all countries, Spain is one of the most affected, with over 27,000 deaths, and it is one of the leading countries in deaths per million inhabitants (over 580 deaths per million). It also has the highest percentage of infected health professionals in the world. The stress involved with the difficulties in providing medical care during an epidemic outbreak such as the coronavirus (COVID-19) means that special care must be given to the emotional support needs of health workers.

Purpose. For the purpose of covering these needs, a number of diverse initiatives are being developed in Spain, one of the countries most affected by the pandemic. To acknowledge and provide financial support for such initiatives, the **Spanish Foundation for Psychiatry and Mental Health (FEPSM)**, the **Spanish Psychiatric Society (SEP)**, and the **Spanish Society of Biological Psychiatry (SEP B)**, in collaboration with **Johnson & Johnson Foundation**, are issuing a call for up to fifteen grants for active projects whose aim is to help mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the mental health of health professionals.

A grant may be applied for by services, units, collaborating groups, institutions, foundations or Spanish associations and the coordinator or principal investigator of the grant must be member of the SEP and/or of the SEP B, or have applied for admission as such before the date of this call. The candidacy may be submitted by a person, a group or an institution.

The project must already have been initiated and must currently be running and being developed.

Up to 15 grants will be awarded, with an allocation of up to a total of 200,000 euros for the call for grants, and up to 50.000 euros for each grant.

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Candidacies must be sent to the Office of the Secretary of the FEPSM at fepsm@fepsm.org, and they must include:

- a) Brief description (maximum of 3 pages) of the active project.
- b) Brief description of the team's experience (maximum 2 pages).
- c) Description of the requested budget.
- d) Justification for and impact that the requested aid would have on the project (maximum 1 page).

The deadline for admitting applications is 8 September 2020.

The jury in charge of evaluating applications will be composed of:

Dr José Manuel Menchón Magriñá (Barcelona), President of the FEPSM
Dr Celso Arango López (Madrid), President of the SEP
Dr Manuel Martín Carrasco (Pamplona), Trustee-Secretary of the FEPSM
Dr Iria Grande i Fullana (Barcelona), Secretary of the SEP
Dr José Manuel Crespo Blanco (Barcelona), Secretary of the SEPB

Proposals from the members of the Jury institutions will be excluded.

The jury will assess:

- The type of interventions and their likely short- and long-term efficacy.
- The scope: a broad scope covering all frontline health workers.
- The duration: Intervention and follow-up for up to one year.
- The impact and results: the use of instruments to measure the impact on the clinical, functional and quality-of-life aspects of the interventions.
- The deliverables.
- The scalability and sustainability after the funding period.

Reports on development of the project will be requested at 3 and 12 months.

In the event of any conflict of interest between a candidacy and a member of the jury, any such member will be replaced on the jury by another representative of the Board of Trustees or Executive Committee, as applicable.

The jury's decision will be final, for which no reason must be given.

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Payment of the aid will be made as follows:

At the time when the grant is given: 30%.
At the beginning of milestone 1: 20%.
At the beginning of milestone 2: 20%.
30% at the end of the project.

The so-called milestones 1 and 2 will be defined by common agreement between the beneficiaries of the aid and the Grant Committee. This committee's duties will include support for and follow-up on the development and execution of projects, and it is composed of:

Dr Manuel Martín Carrasco, Vice President of the SEP
A Trustee of the FEPSM, to be designated.
A member of the Executive Committee of the SEP, to be designated.
Two members of the Executive Committee of the SEP-B, to be designated.

The submitted documentation will not be returned, nor will correspondence about the same be maintained. No additional documentation may be submitted once the deadline for admitting applications has ended, unless required by the Secretary of the Grants.

Participation in this call for grants means the express acceptance of these requirements.

In Madrid, 20 July 2020.

Dr Celso Arango
President of the SEP

Dr José Manuel Menchón
President of the FEPSM

Dr Ana González-Pinto
President of the SEP-B

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