

AME Strategic Initiatives Grant Proposal and Application Procedure Outline

Strategic Initiative proposals should further the AME mission, “to foster dialogues, training, resources, and research that links moral theory with practice. It supports self-reflective educational and other practices that value the worth and dignity of each individual as a moral agent in a pluralistic society” and recognizes the intertwining of individuals and groups in many communities, groups, tribes, institutions, regions, and nations.

Because the AME is committed to fostering a climate of **full inclusion, diversity, interdisciplinarity and internationalism**; the Development Committee will encourage submissions that include AME members who represent diversity in race, ethnicity, home country, religious/spiritual orientation, and theoretical perspectives and methodologies, which will consequently enhance dialogues among different AME members as well as with outside groups and institutions. Proposals by homogeneous groups will receive a lower priority.

SID Proposals Eligibility Statement

The SID welcomes pilot SI proposals for amounts between **\$1,000** and **\$5,000** from an AME individual or a group of members or mixed groups of AME current members and chosen partners. The Principal Investigator or Project Director of the proposal must be an AME member. The funding levels are modest; thus, the SID Committee encourages applications coordinated with those submitted to other funders, for matching or partial funding.

The SID Committee aims to fund proposals demonstrating credible evidence that their research or activity has the clear potential to meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. **Produce moral action** in the fields of education, community services and outreach, organizational restructuring, grassroots movements, campaigns, or other. This is an expansive category from the type of moral actions that the AME has recognized by its Good Works award to individual and group exemplars to those that change the functioning, learning, or structures of organizations bending them further toward social justice.
2. Has a clear potential or shows **actual impact on children, youth, or adults, or on teaching activities**, etc. at a local, district, state, tribal, regional, or national/international level.
3. Has a clear potential to **influence policy development that increases fairness, justice, democratic, and/or community-based processes or enhances spiritual, moral, and caring values in any field**, e.g., education, medicine, health, religion, welfare, business, etc.

Application, Procedures, and Important Deadlines

Grant proposals can be submitted for a **one- or two year project** with the opportunity to extend the funding to a third year, given evidence of initial positive results, with a cap of \$5,000 per project.

While AME stand-alone preconference workshops are not eligible, preconference workshops including plans for their use in future activities are eligible; other workshops and training activities are eligible.

To promote wide access to this grant initiative, any AME individual or group can only receive one grant award during any 3-year period.

- **The next deadline will be September 15, 2023.**

Review Process

Submitted proposals will be reviewed by the DC members. The committee will use an open and transparent discussion process with the goal of reaching consensus decisions.

The committee may reach out to applicants if additional information is needed.

Invited external reviewers from the AME community will be recruited if the appearance of or any conflict of interests arise (e.g., a member of the SID is a member of a group proposal) or other expertise is needed. SID members will recuse themselves from all discussions of a conflict of interest proposal from the time it is submitted until the time the final report is written if it is accepted.

All funded projects will be assigned an SID committee member who will liaison with a project whenever necessary and who will stay in touch with (lightly monitor) a project through to the final report. This is a supportive role which could involve troubleshooting, and in all instances will be respectful of a project's members and their plans.

Proposal Submission

1. Proposal Narrative

The Proposed Narrative consists of the following parts:

- Title (up to 15 words)
- Goals (up to 200 words)
- A statement of how the project aligns with the AME mission, its values of diversity and inclusion, and its fit with any of the guidelines given above (up to 200 words)
- A description of the project and its significance (up to 500 words, excluding references)
- Scope of participants and of audiences (up to 150 words)
- Expected outcomes and impact (up to 200 words)
- Timeline to completion.

The narrative should be submitted as a pdf with double-spaced text in 12-point Times New Roman font or some similarly sized readable font.

2. Project Personnel, Their Roles and Responsibilities

The description of the project personnel should include the following information for the Principal Investigator/Project Director and every team member:

- Last and first name
- Short bio/resume with the emphasis on the relevance of their experiences and/or publications to the topic and implementation of the proposal
- Roles and responsibilities in the proposal's preparation and implementation, and final report writing.

3. Budget and Budget Justification

The proposal budget could include the following items:

- Equipment; time coverage; small fees for the work on the implementation of the proposal; stipends to external consultants including presenters (if necessary); transportation fees if necessary for the project, recording and editing materials for future use and dissemination, and others.
- Each budget item should be fully explained and justified. Indirect costs charged by institutions are not acceptable.

4. Consent Form

The Principal Investigator/Project Director and all the team members will be required to sign a consent form

- The Copyright of the project remains the property of the project team and the AME in equal shares after the completion of the project.
- The project does not have any risk for the health of the project team members and future participants, and if any medical treatments or compensation are necessary (in case any injury occurs), the AME is not held responsible.
- A final report of the project is due at the end of its specified time detailing its accomplishments and challenges and outcomes and with a full accounting of monies spent.
Two years after the completion of the funded project, one or more members of the
- original project team will report any revenue received from the projects' use after its end (1-3 years). The AME is eligible to receive 40 percent of such further revenue after costs.