

Grant description

The CSRO is pleased to offer member societies the opportunity to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 to fund advocacy efforts. This document outlines the grant process and serves as the grant application.

Our Objectives

Since its beginning, CSRO representatives and officers have had the pleasure of assisting groups of rheumatologists in many areas in the formation of new state societies and encouraging active societies to incorporate advocacy into their normal activities. As an organization, CSRO strives to achieve the following objectives:

- *Promote state rheumatology society activities that advocate access to the highest quality medical care for rheumatic disease patients with autoimmune inflammatory and degenerative diseases*
- *Assist state or regional organizations to become formalized societies and provide leadership on rheumatologic and musculoskeletal health issues through advocacy, awareness, communications, education, and sharing of research with respect to rheumatologic and musculoskeletal diseases*
- *Provide a network for state societies to exchange information regarding issues that pertain to the delivery of high quality care to Rheumatic disease patients*
- *Educate insurers, government officials, corporations and other entities of the impact and importance of rheumatic diseases and rheumatologic care when considering policy/procedural changes affecting that care*
- *Provide a forum for its members or their state or regional professional organizations to create and advance a rheumatologic and musculoskeletal health agenda at private, public, and political levels*
- *Collaborate with patient organizations, national and international societies and other public and private organizations whenever possible and appropriate in order to achieve the above stated objectives*

CSRO Advocacy Grant

As a means to achieve these objectives, CSRO has set aside funding for member societies to assist with advocacy efforts at the state level. Funds may be used for specific advocacy activities including, but not limited to:

- Sponsored advocacy day at the state capitol
- Advocacy training for member rheumatologists
- Conference registration fees
- Specific issue webinar development

Member societies may submit an application to fund any activities that support advocacy for issues that affect rheumatologist members.

Criteria for applicants

- Applicant societies must be a member of the CSRO and in good standing.
- Applicant societies must submit an application outlining the proposed project, budget, timeline and specific amount of funds requested.

Submission instructions

To be considered for a CSRO Advocacy Grant, member societies must complete the attached application and submit to the CSRO Executive Office. The Grant Application will be reviewed by the CSRO Grant Committee. Applications that are approved by the committee are then forwarded to the CSRO Board for final approval. Grant applications are reviewed as submitted – there is no deadline for applications. Please allow 6-8 weeks for the review process before the Committee will return an answer to the application.

Approved proposals

- Once a proposal has been approved, the CSRO Executive Office will notify the applicant and request an invoice be prepared for the granted funds.
- A report detailing the outcomes of the project is required to be submitted to the CSRO Board no later than two months following the conclusion of the project.
- Member societies receiving a grant from the CSRO will not be eligible for additional grants for two years following the conclusion of the project.

CSRO Contact information

Completed applications can be directed to the CSRO Executive Office by mail or email. Please call (414) 918-9825 or email info@csro.info with any questions.

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Contact Information:

Applicant Organization: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Application:

Please include as much information as possible to help the CSRO Grant Committee evaluate the application. Additional documents may be attached with the submitted application.

Amount Requested: _____

Description of Need:

Goals and Objectives:

Key Dates and Timeline:

Budget and Additional Details:

Society President's Signature: _____ Date: _____