Request for Proposals: One Health Seed Grants

1. Program Overview

The UK One Health Initiative (UK-OHI) is pleased to announce a call for Seed Grant proposals. The UK-OHI aims to educate people about the significance of One Health and the importance of implementing One Health approaches that focus on research, instruction, and extension efforts to address major problems to improve human, animal, and environmental health across Kentucky. The UKOHI will foster collaborative partnerships among UK faculty, staff, and students, as well as members of state agencies and other Kentucky colleges and universities, to identify and resolve significant health threats to humans, animals, and the environment.

This initiative plans to provide funding for up to one year to support the formation of new research teams and collection of preliminary data for projects aimed at solving major problems in Kentucky through the application of One Health concepts.

The goal of this funding is to position teams to submit competitive external grant applications (e.g., R01, U-series, or multi-investigator center grants) within 12-18 months of receiving the seed grant award. The grant recipients are expected to meet with the UK-OHI committee to discuss progress, present project results at the annual One Health Symposium, and submit a final report on grant activities.

2. Eligibility

- **Lead PI:** Must hold a full-time faculty or senior researcher position.
- **Team Composition:** Teams should be composed of researchers from two or more colleges or other agencies, or two or more disciplines.
- **Focus:** Proposals must clearly identify the problems addressed and the One Health principles applied in research approaches, and the use of seed money is preparatory. Current areas of UK-OHI research focus include zoonotic diseases, antibiotic resistance, food safety, and environmental health
- Faculty from UK, other universities and colleges in KY, and state agencies are invited to apply

3. Funding Details & Timeline

- **Award Amount:** Variable depending on project needs
- **Project Duration:** 12 months (non-renewable).
- **Total Awards:** Up to $200,000 will be awarded during this cycle (a maximum of $50,000 for each award).

4. Proposal Requirements

Submissions should be formatted as a single PDF and include the following sections:

Section	Description	Page Limit
Abstract	A summary of the project and its significance.	300 Words
Project Plan	Specific aims, methodology, and how this data fills a current "gap" for a larger bid.	2 Pages
Team Synergy	Description of the roles of each investigator and why this team is uniquely qualified.	1 Page
Future Plans	Briefly describe plans for extramural funding, identify the specific external agencies, programs, and deadlines for submission.	1 Page
Budget & Justification	Detailed breakdown of how the funds will be spent.	1 Page
Biosketch	Include NIH-style or similar Biosketches of up to two pages each for the PI and co-PIs	

5. Review Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by a peer-review committee consisting of UK-OHI PIs with no conflicts of interest with the submitted proposals. The proposals will be evaluated based on:

1. **Innovation:** Is the proposed research original and potentially transformative?
2. **Feasibility:** Can the proposed work be completed within the 12-month window?
3. **Team Integration:** Does the proposal demonstrate a genuine collaboration rather than a collection of independent tasks?
4. **Impact:** Would the results of the proposed research impact the lives of citizens of Kentucky?
5. **ROI Potential:** What is the likelihood that this investment will result in additional funds and/or solve a problem?

6. Important Dates

- **RFP Release Date:** February 7, 2026
- **Application Deadline:** April 1, 2026
- **Notification of Awards:** May 1, 2026
- **Project Start Date:** July 1, 2026

Please submit as a PDF to:

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