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# Women's Brain Initiative
# 2025 Emergency Support Fund

The BWH Women's Brain Initiative is announcing the establishment of an Emergency Support Fund to help BWH investigators who have had an existing or awarded grant that was cancelled since Jan 2025 due to recent Federal policy changes.

Under this temporary program, WBI will consider requests for up to $50,000 of direct costs plus 20% IDC, for PIs whose research is aligned with the WBI mission and who have lost a previously funded grant since Jan 20, 2025 due to recent Federal policy changes. Requests will be considered on a rolling basis until **Friday October 10, 2025**, or until our existing funds for this program are fully committed. We expect to make decisions within approximately two weeks of receiving a request via the online application form.

Award decisions will be based on availability of funds and on the following criteria:

-Applicants must be a PI with a primary appointment at BWH (any department). All academic ranks are eligible to apply.

-Applicant must provide documentation that they have lost funding due to recent federal administration policies, i.e., cancellation of a direct grant to the PI or a subcontract from a grant to another PI (whether internal or external) that was terminated. Funding from non-Federal sources (eg foundations) may also be considered if the applicant can demonstrate that cancellation was a direct consequence of Federal policy changes.

-The cancelled grant must be on a topic that is within the overall scope of WBI. This includes basic or clinical research on women's brain function in health or disease states, or on diseases that impact males and female differentially. Grants on other topics that are not directly related to brain function, brain disease or brain & mental health are out of scope and will not be considered.

-This emergency support fund is specifically targeted to recipients of terminated grants that were previously funded. It is **not** intended to provide bridge support in cases where funding decisions have been delayed or for applications that narrowly missed the NIH funding payline.

-Preference will be given to applicants who can document that the loss of funding will impact salary support for lab members or other essential aspects of the research mission, and that no other funding source is available to cover the lost funding.

PI recipients will be required to establish a sundry account specific for the Emergency Support fund. If the cancelled grant is later reinstated, any unspent funds shall be returned to WBI.

## How to apply

Please complete this online form.

NB: We do not require a letter of support from the Department Head or Division Chief, but the form asks for their contact information in case we have questions about an applicant's eligibility.

Requests will be considered on a rolling basis through **Fri Oct 10, 2025** or until our budgeted emergency funds are fully committed.

## About the BWH Women's Brain Initiative

*The overall aim of the WBI is to advance our understanding of how sex differences affect the brain—including the risk, progression and treatment of brain disorders—and how female-specific factors may influence brain health. WBI programs are open to investigators from across all Brigham research and clinical departments and from any field related to women's brain health. Further Information may be found on our website.*

For questions about the Women's Brain Initiative, please contact either Charles Jennings (Executive Director) or Hadine Joffe (Faculty Director).

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