



Cytokinetics Announces Third Annual Communications Fellowship Program Call for Proposals

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Grants Support Community Engagement for Patient Advocacy Organizations Focused on Cardiovascular and Neuromuscular Diseases

Deadline for Applications is November 13th, 2020

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Sept. 24, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Cytokinetics, Incorporated (Nasdaq: CYTK) today announced a call for proposals for the third annual Cytokinetics Communications Fellowship Grant program. The Communications Fellowship program provides a total of \$100,000 in grants to five selected patient advocacy organization serving the amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), heart failure, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), or spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) communities, and is intended to support increased capacity in communications, awareness building and community engagement.

"Last years' fellowship grants were provided to five very deserving organizations to support their communication and outreach, and each one dedicated the funds to novel approaches to reach more patients and expand connections in their communities," said Diane Weiser, Cytokinetics' Senior Vice President of Corporate Communications and Investor Relations. "Now that COVID-19 has transformed the communications landscape for advocacy organizations, it is even more important to support creative ways to reach patients as they navigate living with their disease."

The Cytokinetics Communications Fellowship program annually awards grants to provide funding in support of communications, awareness and outreach, and may support additional personnel or programming, depending on each organization's needs. The goal of the Cytokinetics Communications Fellowship is to assist patient advocacy organizations by increasing resources that support patient communities and bring increased awareness to the disease in the communities they serve. The recipients of the 2020 Cytokinetics Communications Fellowship Grants were The ALS Association Louisiana-Mississippi Chapter, Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation, Fighting for Kaiden, The Heart Failure Patient Foundation, and Les Turner ALS Foundation.

Eligible organizations must have nonprofit organization status in the United States, and serve the cardiovascular or neuromuscular patient communities in ALS, heart failure, HCM or SMA. The deadline to apply is November 13, 2020 and the grant recipients will be announced in January 2021.

Organizations applying for the grant are required to submit a proposal outlining what activities the Cytokinetics Communications Fellowship program will support and the potential impact of the additional funding. Recipients are responsible for providing an outcomes report to Cytokinetics to measure impact at the end of the funding period. For more information on application criteria, and instructions for how to apply, visit www.cytokinetics.com/fellowship.

About Cytokinetics

Cytokinetics is a late-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing and commercializing first-in-class muscle activators and next-in-class muscle inhibitors as potential treatments for debilitating diseases in which muscle performance is compromised and/or declining. As a leader in muscle biology and the mechanics of muscle performance, the company is developing small molecule drug candidates specifically engineered to impact muscle function and contractility. Cytokinetics is collaborating with Amgen Inc. (Amgen) to develop *omecamtiv mecarbil*, a novel cardiac muscle activator. *Omeclamtiv mecarbil* is the subject of an international clinical trials program in patients with heart failure including GALACTIC-HF and METEORIC-HF. Amgen holds an exclusive worldwide license to develop and commercialize *omeclamtiv mecarbil* with a sublicense held by Servier for commercialization in Europe and certain other countries. Cytokinetics is developing *reldesemtiv*, a fast skeletal muscle troponin activator (FSTA) for the potential treatment of ALS and other neuromuscular indications following conduct of FORTITUDE-ALS and other Phase 2 clinical trials. The company is considering potential advancement of *reldesemtiv* to Phase 3. Cytokinetics is collaborating with Astellas Pharma Inc. (Astellas) to research, develop and commercialize other novel mechanism skeletal sarcomere activators (excluding FSTAs). Licenses held by Amgen and Astellas are subject to specified co-development and co-commercialization rights of Cytokinetics. Cytokinetics is also developing CK-274, a novel cardiac myosin inhibitor that company scientists discovered independent of its collaborations, for the potential treatment of hypertrophic cardiomyopathies (HCM). Cytokinetics has granted Ji Xing Pharmaceuticals Limited an exclusive license to develop and commercialize CK-274 in China and Taiwan, in accordance with Cytokinetics' planned global registration programs. Cytokinetics is conducting REDWOOD-HCM, a Phase 2 clinical trial of CK-274 in patients with obstructive HCM. Cytokinetics continues its over 20-year history of pioneering innovation in muscle biology and related pharmacology focused to diseases of muscle dysfunction and conditions of muscle weakness.

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