

# THERAPEUTIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The FY07 **Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research Program (ALSRP)** Therapeutic Development Award supports the preclinical assessment of therapeutics for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). The overall goal of this award mechanism is to promote the introduction of improved therapies for ALS by encouraging ALS investigators to undertake preclinical studies of novel and existing agents. The Therapeutic Development Award is restricted to research in ALS. The proposed studies are expected to be empirical in nature and product-driven, but they may have a hypothesis-driven approach provided the focus is on therapeutics. It is anticipated that the agents and/or data generated from these awards will lead to the advancement of therapeutics for ALS.

Please note that the Therapeutic Development Award mechanism is designed to support preclinical testing of therapeutics for ALS. Studies focused on basic science research (i.e., not therapeutic studies) do not meet the intent of the award mechanism. The preclinical drug development process may require resources beyond those available at a single institution. Therefore, Therapeutic Development Awards are open to investigators participating in synergistic collaborations focused on identifying and/or testing lead agents for the treatment of ALS. As the focus is on preclinical drug development, clinical trials will not be supported. Proposals must include preliminary data relevant to the phase(s) of the preclinical development process covered by the proposed research. Funding for a Therapeutic Development Award can be requested for up to \$4,370,000 inclusive of direct and indirect costs for up to a 4-year performance period. Priority will be given to smaller-scale, cost-efficient projects with well-defined endpoints.

**Pre-applications are due by November 7, 2007**  
**Invitations sent for full proposals by November 21, 2007**  
**Proposals are due by January 23, 2008**

*This document is a synopsis of details specific to the ALSRP Therapeutic Development Award. A detailed description of this award mechanism including eligibility, specific evaluation criteria, submission requirements, and deadlines is available in the FY07 ALSRP Therapeutic Development Award Program Announcement found at:*

**<http://www.grants.gov>**

