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2026 Grant Cycle Update

The 2026 KidneyCure research grants application cycle closed last November. The grants included:

- Ben J. Lipps Research Fellowship Program
- Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Program
- Transition to Independence Grants Program
- William and Sandra Bennett Clinical Scholars Program

Volunteers serving on the [Grants Review Committee](#) (Ben J. Lipps Fellowship Program and Transition to Independence Grants Program), the Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Review Panel, and the Bennett Review Panel are currently reviewing 170 applications. The KidneyCure Board of Directors will assess the committees' recommendations at the end of the month and award grants to up to 24 investigators. KidneyCure grant recipients, both new and continuing, will conduct more than \$3.2 million worth of research into kidney diseases in 2026. KidneyCure will share more details this summer.

KidneyCure also provided more than \$1 million to help sustain researchers affected by federal funding cuts through the Bridge Grant Pilot Program earlier this year.

Transition to Independence Grants Program Evaluation

A recent independent evaluation of the Transition to Independence Grant (TIG) Program found that recipients accelerated their careers by generating independent research funding, earning promotions, and obtaining leadership positions in the American Society of Nephrology. The first-ever evaluation of the program found that recipients earned \$1.2 billion in follow-on funding. Additional highlights, as well as the full report, are available [here](#).

Grant Recipients at Work

Current and former KidneyCure grant recipients work across the research spectrum to advance community understanding and treatment of kidney diseases. Find recent publications and press coverage highlighted by KidneyCure grant recipients [here](#).

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