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Dear Researcher:

The California Table Grape Commission (commission) is pleased to announce its request for Letters of Intent to submit a proposal for its 2021-22 Health Research Grant Program. Letters of Intent are sought for \$35,000 grants toward clinical research on any relevant health issue in which grape consumption may have a beneficial impact. Of particular interest is the impact of grapes on eye health and on GI health.

All details concerning the submission of a Letter of Intent can be accessed on the commission website at <https://www.grapesfromcalifornia.com/HRG21>. Available documents include the Letter of Intent Solicitation Letter, the Letter of Intent Guidelines, the Freeze-Dried Table Grape Powder Overview, the Guidelines for Use of California Table Grape Powder in Health Research Studies, Grape and Eye Health Studies Summary, Grapes and GI Health Studies Summary, and the Funded Research Studies 1999-2020. Where available, published studies or final reports resulting from previously funded research can be accessed for review by the applicant, if planning research in a similar area. The purpose of making this information available is to help ensure that new proposals in an area previously studied appropriately continue and expand on that work, with effective doses and protocols.

The major goal of this program is to fund studies that examine the potential health benefits of grape consumption. To facilitate such studies, the California Table Grape Commission developed a freeze-dried table grape powder made from fresh California table grapes that is to be used for work funded by this grant program. It is not an extract. The powder is a composite of seeded and seedless red, green, and black California grapes. As with fresh grapes, the powder is known to contain simple phenolics, resveratrol, flavans (including catechins), flavonols (including quercetin), and anthocyanins.

Following the review of submitted Letters of Intent, finalists will be invited to submit a complete proposal to the commission. Please note: the Letter of Intent must be submitted electronically, in a single PDF file.

Deadline for submission of a Letter of Intent is Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST). For the Letter of Intent Guidelines please visit <https://www.grapesfromcalifornia.com/HRG21>.

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The commission Health Research Grant Program is overseen by a scientific advisory panel of distinguished scientists who will be reviewing the Letters of Intent. In the meantime, inquiries regarding this process should be directed to [healthresearch@grapesfromcalifornia.com](mailto:healthresearch@grapesfromcalifornia.com).

Thank you for expressing interest in the health benefits of California grapes.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Courtney Romano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Courtney Romano, MBA, RD  
Health Research Grant Program Director  
For the California Table Grape Commission

cc: Kathleen Nave, president