

**Fiscal Year 2026 Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs  
Hearing Restoration Research Program (HRRP)  
Reference Table of Award Mechanisms and Submission Requirements**

Award Mechanism	Eligibility	Key Mechanism Elements	Funding	Submission Deadline
<p><b>Focused Research Award</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Announcement</li> <li>• General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p>HT942526HRRPFRA</p>	<p>Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>The HRRP requires submission of a letter of intent prior to full application submission.</i></b></li> <li>• Supports promising basic through translational research that accelerates drug discovery and therapeutic development for hearing restoration after military-relevant auditory system injury.</li> <li>• May be used to support preclinical studies and clinical research but not clinical trials.</li> <li>• <i>Different research levels based on the scope of the research are available. It is the responsibility of the applicant to select the level that aligns with the scope of the proposed research. The Funding Level should be selected based on the research scope and not on the amount of the budget.</i></li> </ul> <p>The following are general descriptions, although not all inclusive, of the scope of research projects that would be appropriate to propose under each Funding Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Funding Level 1</b> supports exploratory, high-risk and high-reward research in the earliest stages of development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Research must have the potential to yield new avenues of investigation, such as new approaches, research tools or paradigms.</li> <li>○ Preliminary data allowed but <b><i>not required.</i></b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Funding Level 2</b> supports the advancement of research toward clinical translation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applications may address any phase of research from basic through translational.</li> <li>○ Applications <b><i>must</i></b> include preliminary data.</li> <li>○ <b><i>New for FY26: Partnering Principal Investigator (PI) Option*</i></b>: Supports meaningful and productive partnerships between two investigators, termed the initiating PI and partnering PI, collaborating on a single application, each of whom will be recognized as a PI and receive a separate award.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Funding Level 1</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <b>\$400,000</b> for total costs. **</li> <li>• The maximum period of performance is <b>2</b> years.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Funding Level 2</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <b>\$1.2 million</b> for total costs. **</li> <li>• The maximum period of performance is <b>3</b> years.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):</b> August 25, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p><b>Application:</b> September 10, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

\*If choosing the Partnering Principal Investigator Option, the cost cap applies to the combined total costs budgeted for the entire period of performance in the applications of the Initiating PI and the Partnering PI.

\*\*Total costs include direct and indirect costs.