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Dear Colleagues!

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now accepting grant proposals for Round 11 of Grand Challenges Exploration, a US\$100 million in initiative to encourage unconventional global health and development solutions. Anyone can apply, regardless of education or experience level.

Grant proposals are being accepted online at www.1idea2pages.org until May 7, 2013 on the following topics:

- One Health
- New Approaches in Model Systems, Diagnostics, and Drugs for Specific Neglected Tropical Diseases
- Labor Saving Strategies and Innovations for Women Smallholder Farmers
- Increasing Interoperability of Data for Social Good

Initial grants will be \$100,000 each, and projects showing promise will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of \$1 million or more. Full descriptions of the new topics and application instructions are available at www.lidea2pages.org

We are looking forward to receiving innovative ideas. We are sending you some material to distribute to your network. We appreciate it if you could post the poster in a public place.

Thank you in advance for your partnership and commitment to solving the world's greatest health and development challenges.

Grand Challenges Team

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The Grand Challenges for Global Health Team

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In developing countries, it focuses on improving people's health and giving them the chance to lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty. In the United States, it seeks to ensure that all people- especially those with the fewest resources- have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life. Based in Seattle, the foundation is led by CEO Jeff Raikes and co-chair William H. Gates Sr., under the direction of Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett.