



FIFTH DISTRICT AHEPA FAMILY · CANCER RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

Small Grants. Big Leverage.

How catalytic grants become clinical impact

"Give me a place to stand
and I can move the
world."

— Archimedes

The Foundation exists to help promising ideas survive long enough to change patients' lives — providing catalytic funding at the earliest, most critical moments in a researcher's journey.

THE LEVERAGE PRINCIPLE



TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH PIPELINE



★ AHEPA GRANTS ACTIVE AT STAGES 01 & 02

PORTFOLIO IMPACT

~100K

Combined Citations
Peer-reviewed scientific impact

12+

Active Pipelines
Biomarkers & therapeutics

2

Cancer Centers
Weill Cornell · NYU Langone

5-20x

Funding Leverage
Seed unlocks larger resources

AREAS OF FOCUS



HOW OUR GRANTS WORK

- 1 Seed a promising idea**
Catalytic grants reach researchers at the earliest, most underfunded moment — when a hypothesis needs its first proof.
- 2 Generate peer-reviewed evidence**
Early results become published findings, establishing credibility that attracts the broader scientific community.
- 3 Unlock institutional funding**
NIH grants and major research awards follow early proof — a small investment activates resources 5-20x larger.
- 4 Reach patients**
Discoveries translate to diagnostics, therapies, and treatments that improve and extend patients' lives.

FUNDED RESEARCHERS

David C. Lyden, MD PhD
Weill Cornell Medicine

Cancer Spread

Liquid Biopsy

Immunotherapy

Shridar Ganesan, MD PhD
NYU Langone Perlmutter Cancer Center

Treatment Resistance

Precision Medicine

AI Diagnostics



Support Cancer Research

Your gift funds catalytic grants that give researchers the early support they need — turning promising ideas into discoveries that reach patients. Every contribution, at any level, moves science forward.

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