

**Budget Justification:**

The grant will be for a 3 year period. Either side has the right to terminate the project. The Blazeman Foundation may also increase the funds for the grant at their discretion. Funds may be used for travel for ALS related activities only after prior consultation and approval by the Blazeman Foundation.

Cost for the recovery of the brain and spinal cord ranges between \$1,000 and \$1,800. Transport of the donor to and from the collection site may cost \$200 - \$500. A neuropathology report is required for the proper diagnosis of ALS. The cost of preparation of slides and evaluation by a neuropathologist ranges from \$500 to \$800. It is estimated that direct costs for collection of tissue from one donor will range from \$1,700 to \$3,100. This does not include the service of the Brain and Tissue Bank staff involved in tissue recovery, processing and storage. The latter costs will be part of the overall operating expenses of the University of Maryland Brain and Tissue Bank. An average of \$2,000 per case will be used to calculate the recovery cost of donated tissue from one ALS donor.

Due to budget cuts by NIH the Bank is requesting that \$10,000 of the requested budget be used to cover salary expenses for Project Coordinator who interacts with the donor families and makes arrangement for tissue donations.

**BUDGET for 3 years**

Personnel:

Salary for a Project Coordinator (10%)	\$10,000
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Services and Supplies:

Recruitment of ALS tissue donors:	\$ 2,000
Recovery charge (estimated 20 cases at \$1,500 @)	\$30,000
Histology and neuropathology report (20 at \$400@)	\$ 8,000

Total	\$50,000
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As noted in the attached letter, the Blazeman Foundation is unable to provide indirect funds for this project and none is request