

FLOYD WIGLER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT POLICY

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A research and development fund was established by a unanimous vote of the WNYHPA Inc. membership on August 12th, 1989. As a result, WNYHPA Inc. Constitution Article VII Research and Development was approved. The fund is named the Floyd Wigler Research and Development Fund, in memory of the time and dedication which a former president gave to our organization and the beekeeping industry.

The purpose of the Floyd Wigler Fund is to establish a fund separate from the organization working fund, in which the organization can sponsor and support the much-needed research for our industry. The principal from this fund will not be used, but the interest/dividends generated by the fund will be distributed to research projects, which will directly benefit our industry or hobby.

The Board will be empowered to invest the principal and distribute interest/dividends from the fund. A two-third's majority vote of the full Board of Trustees shall carry decisions on investments and disbursements.

Regarding the Floyd Wiggler Fund, it is the policy of the WNYHP, Inc.:

To offer grants for production research into beekeeping concerns. Production research is defined as any research that helps honeybees survive and thrive in health.

1. The grants will be derived from interest or profits earned on principal amounts donated to the fund.
2. Grants will take the form of monetary awards given directly to the researcher, or, whenever possible, research materials or equipment.

3. To consider projects to be funded a research committee with a minimum of 3 members of WNYHP, Inc. is to be seated with no term limit.
4. This research committee will advertise for proposals, vet the applications, generate a critique of any acceptable application, determine the size and form of the grant to be offered and submit the package to the Board of Directors for final acceptance or rejection.
5. WNYHPA Inc will maintain a grant application, preferably interactive, on the club's website to which potential applicants may be directed. Alternatively, someone familiar with WNYHP Inc (not necessarily a club member; the intention is to solicit worthy projects) may print and mail an application to prospective applicants.
6. The application will include, but not necessarily be limited to: Name of applicant; home address; phone number; email address; name of research institution affiliation, if any; research director or major professor, if appropriate; brief description of the project with expected time frame.
7. Grantees are expected to share a copy of any publication resulting from the research with WNYHP, Inc. If the research is not published, at least share a summary including method, results, and questions for future research.