

Research Development Fund Guidance Notes

Background

The BHF CRC has established a fund to support project development in clinical research. Research groups (RG) integrated into the BHF CRC are encouraged to bid for support.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of this fund is to support the development of clinical research projects. All ideas will be considered but examples of typical project ideas might include:

- Assessment of clinical research priorities (including service user reviews)
- Systematic reviews
- Grant targeting and preparation
- Supporting an educational session
- Acquisition or analysis of pilot study information

Funding Amount

Funding is available in the following amounts:

- Small grants of up to £5000
- Medium grants of up to £10,000
- Large grants of up to £20,000

Application Process

- Bids must be submitted through the principal RG involved, accompanied by a letter of support from the specialist society.
- In each funding round, an individual RG may sponsor applications up to a total value of £40k. If there is more than one application supported by an RG, the RG must prioritise the applications and indicate this on submission.
- Application forms to be sent to enquiries@bhfcrc.org. They will then be submitted to the BHF CRC steering group (SG) for assessment.
- There will be two funding rounds:

Round 1

- Open for bids on the 8th of February 2021 **with a closing date at 23.59 hours on the 16th of May 2021**
- Successful applicants will be notified by the 31st of June 2021 and will be eligible to receive their funding up to the 1st of October 2021.
- The total amount of funding available for round one is £40k.

Round 2

- Open for bids from the 4th of October 2021 with a closing date at **23.59 hours on the 19th of December 2021**
 - Successful applicants will be notified by the **14th of February 2022** and will be eligible to receive funding up to the 29th of April 2022
 - The total amount of funding available for round two is £40k.
- Unsuccessful proposals in round one may be carried forward for consideration in round two.
 - Funds not awarded in round one will be carried forward into round two.
 - The SG reserves the right to consider using round two funds in round one if applications are of sufficient quality.
 - Applicants may be asked to present their project bid to the SG and/or answer any questions relating to their bid.

Miscellaneous

- Projects must be completed within 12-18 months of being awarded funding.
- Projects teams must produce an end of project report.