

Research Development Fund Guidance Notes

Background

The BHF CRC has established a fund to support project development in clinical research. We encourage bids from UK based research teams to help develop future projects that are of sufficient importance to have attracted the support of at least one of our national Research Groups.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of this fund is to support the development of ideas or gather pilot data in preparation for a larger clinical study program. Examples might include:

- Assessment of clinical research priorities (including service user reviews)
- Systematic reviews
- Grant targeting and preparation
- Collecting meaningful pilot data
- Study development - collaborative work to develop a study protocol, optimise a study design and analysis plan

Please note that this fund is not intended to fund the performance of independent clinical research and should be used to aid the development of future larger scale clinical research activity.

Funding Amount

Funding is available in the following amounts:

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

Application Process

- Applications must be accompanied by a letter of support from a lead research group (RG) of an integrated BHF CRC society as listed on our [website](#) and application form. Other RGs may also offer support, but one RG must act as the main supporter.
- An RG can choose to support up to 3 applications; if an RG acts as the main supporter for more than one application, that RG must prioritise the applications and indicate this on their letter of support.
- Application forms and supporting letters should be sent to enquiries@bhfcrc.org. They will then be submitted to the BHF CRC steering group (SG) for assessment.
- Round 2 is open from the 13th October 2021 **with a closing date at 23.59 hours on the 19th December 2021**. The total amount of funding available for round two is £30,000. Successful applicants will be notified by the 4th of **February 2022** and will be eligible to receive funding up to the 29th April 2022.

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