



APPLICATIONS FOR THE MEDICALLY RELATED DONATIONS PROGRAMME

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

The purpose of the programme is to support innovation in the provision of:

- infrastructure for medical research in universities and hospitals, and
- original models of care.

The programme is open to registered or exempt charities operating within the UK and provides funding for capital expenditure.

The Trust's priorities for the programme are to provide capital expenditure to support innovation:

- a) In the field of medical research, by funding infrastructure development in universities and/or hospitals, which will be used to improve healthcare. The Trust's focus is on the physical facilities in which translational science is undertaken, which may involve laboratory space or patient facilities.
- b) In the provision of care. The Trustees will define a specific theme which will apply for three years. For 2018-2020 inclusive, that theme is **"the provision of an original care model for the severely disabled"**.

Further [information](#) about both of these categories and [examples of previous awards](#) are available from the Trust's web-site.

The Trust is not prescriptive in defining the nature of bids which may qualify for funding but, where applicable, applicants will be expected to explain clearly and convincingly:-

- How their project meets the key criterion of being innovative
- The evidence of the need for the project
- How it will have a transformational impact for those whom it will support
- How it will provide a catalyst for change
- How it will be sustainable
- How it could be replicated for the wider benefit
- What milestones must be met, with timescales
- How the outcomes will be measured
- How the level of the applicant's reserves as influences the plans for funding the project

Depending on the availability of resources, the Trustees hope to allocate up to £1.5m in total annually to this scheme. It is likely that approximately four awards will be made each year, across the two areas of priority. The Trust may fund a project completely, or make a contribution towards the funding of a larger project. Where the Trust is considering a contribution towards a larger project, the Trustees will take a particular interest in the criteria concerning innovation and the transformational impact of any specific elements of the project that might be funded by the Trust.

HOW WE FUND

Awards are made annually by the Trustees at their autumn meeting, usually held in November.

There is a two-stage application process:-

1. Preliminary proposals – using the online Expression of Interest application form available through our website – should be submitted to the Trust by 31st March. The Trustees will undertake short-listing at their summer meeting, usually held in May or June.
2. Applicants whose proposals are shortlisted will be invited to make a fully detailed submission by 31st August. This should be the applicant's own "case for support" which, together with the Expression of Interest form and attachments submitted at the preliminary stage, should provide the Trustees with a comprehensive picture of the project, its financing, and the justification for the Trust providing support. In addition to covering fully the issues specified in the bullet points above, the submission should include:
 - An update on information in the original Expression of Interest form, if relevant
 - The latest budget, plus cash flow forecast (income and expenditure)
 - Projections for revenue sustainability post completion of the project

The "case for support" should not exceed 10 sides of A4 with maximum font size 11. All submissions to the Trust should be made via the online form, a link to which will be sent directly to short-listed applicants.

The Trust may wish to visit the applicant as part of the assessment process, or to invite comments from independent reviewers.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

1. Potential applicants should note that it is not possible for the Trust to make donations to:
 - a. Beneficiaries who do not have registered charity status,
 - b. Overseas organisations, or to organisations based in the UK who are seeking support for a project overseas,
 - c. Faith-based charities.
2. The Trust does not accept new applications from organisations which have received an award under the Medically Related Donation Programme within the past 2 years. Applications which have been previously rejected cannot be re-considered.
3. Please note that:-

Substantial demand for the Trust's limited and finite resources means that application for a medically related donation is a competitive process. Submission of an Expression of Interest does not guarantee shortlisting or the award of funding.

For sums below £1500 the Ann Rylands Small Donation Programme application process should be used.

4. Applicants should contact the Trust if they have any further questions:

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