**CANCER COUNCIL SA BEAT CANCER PROJECT**

***InFRASTRucture SUPPORT***

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**

**Closing Date for Applications:** There is currently no closing date for this funding scheme.

**Cancer Council SA Beat Cancer Project**

The Beat Cancer Project is funded by Cancer Council SA and the SA Government (through SA Health) and administered by the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI). Further details are available on the Beat Cancer Project [website](https://www.sahmriresearch.org/research-support/beat-cancer-project).

**Aim of Infrastructure Funding Scheme**

Beat Cancer ProjectInfrastructure Funding will be directed towards research infrastructure that could make an important difference to cancer prevention, treatment and knowledge across the research spectrum including applied clinical, health services and population health research fields and biomedical science. Applications from researchers in applied fields are encouraged.

Support services such as data management, biostatistical and health economics services will be eligible for Infrastructure Funding. A wide range of non-workforce infrastructure items will also be eligible, including items related to bioinformatics, clinical trials and advanced technology platforms (e.g., as might apply in relation to genomics, proteomics, metabolomics, crystallography and two-photon imaging). Funding will not be provided for infrastructure already purchased, although funding for important enhancements may be considered.

**Funding Available**

Under the Beat Cancer Project a pool of funds is available for Infrastructure Funding. Researchers and managers of research infrastructure platforms are invited to submit proposals where they can attract matched funding. Funding of up to $250,000 will be available per proposal. A letter of support can be provided for researchers and research infrastructure managers, if required, to enable them to apply for matched funding from other organisations. This will need to be specified in proposals submitted.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for Infrastructure Funding, applicants and the Administering Institution must both be based in South Australia.

**Assessment**

Selection will be based on a written application which addresses the selection criteria (outlined below) and clearly shows how the funding will support the replacement and/or expansion of equipment and infrastructure within the state and its apparent relevance to cancer control.

Where the matched funding source has a highly credible peer-review process for assessing the Infrastructure Funding application, the Beat Cancer Project will accept this peer-review decision. For those without a peer-review process i.e. such as philanthropic organisations, the Beat Cancer Project will conduct its own peer-review process. Interviews of short-listed applicants will occur for final selection if necessary. Additional information may be requested prior to making funding decisions.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Applicants are required to submit a full application addressing selection criteria and using the online application form.

*Note: It is suggested that applicants prepare their Selection Criteria in a word document first, before pasting into the online application form.*

Proposals must address the following criteria:

1. the requested infrastructure must fill a demonstrable gap in South Australia
2. the requested infrastructure must add value to and strengthen existing research infrastructure used by research teams and programs, including those supporting early career researchers
3. the requested infrastructure ability to be available to other researchers and health-service agencies as a state-wide resource
4. strong collaborations must exist between other researchers, policy makers and service providers
5. there must be potential for additional leveraged funding
6. clear plans must exist for supporting research translation and evaluation

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTATIONOCUMENTATION**

**Infrastructure Proposal**

Applicants are required to include an infrastructure proposal which outlines:

*(maximum 1000 words excluding references)*

Description of the infrastructure to be supported, its intended use and expected outcomes, including information relating to:

* increased research and innovation outputs
* numbers of positions supported and trained, including early career researchers
* estimated cost and any commercial value/potential
* a clear timeline in which research objectives and outcomes will be achieved relevant to infrastructure
* information regarding where the item will be based and who will have access
* additional applications for further support for the same infrastructure
* its importance to cancer control

**Curriculum Vitae**

Applications should include a current CV of the CIA outlining:

*(maximum 5 pages including publications)*

* record of publications in peer-reviewed journals
* record of research grant success
* record of speaking invitations at conferences
* record of prizes and awards
* record of professional qualifications gained

**Budget**

Applicants must provide a detailed budget which clearly details expenditure associated with this Application.

The budget must include current quotes detailing matched funding sources, possible charging policies for other researchers and health agencies to use the infrastructure and the department/institution where they will be located.

Amounts granted are exclusive of GST.

**Supporting Letter from Matched Funding Source**

A letter must be attached to the application from the Faculty/Division/College Head of any matched funding body indicating that they support the application in the manner outlined in the proposal, including the provision of matched financial support.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Matched Funding**

Matched dollar-for-dollar funding must be from sources external to Cancer Council SA and SA Health. Supporting documentation outlining details of the matched funding must be included in the application in the form of a letter of support from the matched funding body signed by an individual with the authority to act on behalf of the Institution.

**Other Sources of Funding**

Funding from further additional sources would be welcomed during the term of the package. CI’s must advise the Beat Cancer Project of additional funding and be able to demonstrate its complementary value.

**Payment of Funds**

Payments will be made to the South Australian Administering Institution nominated in the grant application and will be paid in quarterly instalments upon receipt of a tax invoice.

**Ethics, Compliance and/or Safety Approvals**

If Ethics, Compliance and/or Safety Approvals are required, the applicant must ensure their Administering Institution has received all clearances required for the research activity before invoicing of funds can commence. Copies are to be provided to the Beat Cancer Project upon request.

**Publicity**

Successful applicants may be asked to assist with promotion of funded research and of Funders of the Beat Cancer Project. The applicant's capacity to act as an ambassador for the Cancer Council SA’s Beat Cancer Project will be considered. There will be requests to provide media publicity through interviews or other means and we ask that successful applicants participate when these opportunities arise.

Successful applicants will be required to:

* Include the following statement in all communication activities relating to the funded research:

*‘Undertaken with the financial support of Cancer Council SA’s Beat Cancer Project on behalf of its donors and the State Government through the Department of Health.’*

Successful applicants must ensure that the support of the Funding Parties in relation to the Project is acknowledged. The Funding Parties have specific requirements in regards to the form and content of the acknowledgement (details available from SAHMRI).

Successful applicants cannot make any public announcement in respect of the Project or the Beat Cancer Project without the prior written approval of SAHMRI (and acknowledges that SAHMRI may need to obtain the approval of the Funding Parties for any such announcement), unless such announcement is required by law or a regulatory body.

Successful applicants are required to adhere to all obligations required of SAHMRI by the Funding Parties with regard to acknowledgement and announcements, and shall use their best endeavours to assist SAHMRI to adhere to any contractual obligations in this regard.

**Changes to Applications**

Modifications to applications after final submission will not be allowed. The Beat Cancer Project must be notified of any changes that may impact on the application such as withdrawal of matched funding. If the CIA’s employment circumstances change the Beat Cancer Project must be notified immediately.

**Reporting Requirements**

The Beat Cancer Project Manager will liaise with researchers to provide further details on reporting requirements. A final report will be required, plus other reports on research progress and financial status. Failure to submit requested reports may make researchers ineligible for future funding. The information provided in reports will be made available to SAHMRI and the Funders.

**Successful Applicants**

An agreement with the administering institution will be finalised setting out terms and conditions of funding including specific reporting requirements.

The Beat Cancer Project reserves the right not to fund.

**Tobacco Policy**

Funding will not be offered for individuals or institutions that receive support directly or indirectly from, or are involved with organizations that are part of or funded by, the tobacco industry. Applicants are asked to disclose any current or recent relationship with the tobacco industry. Unless counter-evidence is supplied, such relationships will be taken as conflict of interest and render applicants ineligible.

**Unspent Funds**

At the completion or discontinuation of the funding term, unexpended money must be returned to SAHMRI to manage on behalf of the Beat Cancer Project.

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Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The online application form will be available [here](https://redcap.sahmri.com/surveys/?s=LRRPYMJNY9) from 31st July 2017.

To ensure equity for all applications please follow the guidelines below for your research proposal.

* Layout
  + portrait orientation on A4 paper
* Font
  + minimum 11 point Arial

Applications must include:

* An online application form including answers to the Selection Criteria
* Infrastructure Proposal
* CV
* Budget, which includes clear evidence of matched funding sources
* Letter of support from matched funding body

**Contact for further information**

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