CANCER COUNCIL SA BEAT CANCER PROJECT

COVID-19 HARDSHIP GRANT
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Closing Date for Applications: Friday 3rd July 2020 – 5pm ACST

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

The Beat Cancer Project is a joint initiative of Cancer Council SA, SA Health, the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI), the University of Adelaide, Flinders University and the University of South Australia.

BACKGROUND

The Beat Cancer Project (BCP) is aware of the various impacts recently caused by COVID-19 and understands that this has resulted in various strain on some projects. The BCP has allocated funds that can be utilised to assist researchers that have experienced unexpected or unforeseen impact to their research because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Applications are invited from current grant holders who may need additional financial support to ensure the successful completion of their research.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Current grant holders will be awarded up to $10,000 based on individual circumstances and demonstration of their research being impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. Funds to support the completion of current project milestones can be used in a way that is most suitable for the individual, including salary or non-salary expenses.

Funding will only be for the direct costs (as defined by the NHMRC Direct Research Costs Guidelines) of research activities and research workforce development. Items not covered will include, but not be limited to, office space and services such as telephones, internet and basic IT facilities such as computers, faxes.

The Beat Cancer Project reserves the right not to fund.

ELIGIBILITY

Only current holders of a Beat Cancer Project grant may apply for the COVID-19 hardship grant; however, recipients of Travel Grants cannot apply.

ASSESSMENT

Selection will be based on a one-page written application (submitted online) which addresses:

i) How COVID-19 has impacted their research.

ii) Requested budget including justification of how funds will be utilised to assist with achieving research outcomes. If requesting funds for salary, applicants must provide evidence and reason for the inability to work during this period. (maximum 1 page in total, including budget)

Please include supporting documents where needed (e.g. facilities or consumable quotes, and/or supporting letter from supervisor is required if requesting funds for salary).
KEY DATES

Applications Open: 10th June 2020
Applications Close: 3rd July 2020
Outcomes Notified: July 2020

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should address the selection criteria listed above using the online application form. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Only one grant per Chief Investigator (CI) will be funded.

Payment of funds
Grant payments will be made to the South Australian Administering Institution nominated in the successful grant application. Grants are paid in a single instalment on receipt of a tax invoice from the Administering Institution. Amounts granted are exclusive of GST.

Publicity
Successful applicants may be asked to assist with promotion of funded research and of funding partners. It is possible for example that there will be requests to provide media publicity through interviews or other means and we hope that successful applicants will be able to participate when these opportunities arise. We shall also ask successful applicants to advise the Beat Cancer Project secretariat if promotion of funded work is planned through host institutions.

Successful applicants
An agreement with successful applicants will be finalised setting out terms and conditions of funding.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application by email as soon as practical after the closing date.

Tobacco Policy
Funding will not be offered for individuals or institutions who receive support directly or indirectly from, or are involved with organisations 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.

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