



Breakthrough Seed Funding RFP Questions and Answers

Q. Is the CARE Fund interested in my project?

A. The CARE Fund's Breakthrough Seed Funding grant may fund any cancer-related projects. Please refer to the RFP for eligibility requirements and the review criteria to assess how the project proposal will be evaluated by the review committee.

Q. Can I use my National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant as match funding? If we do the same project using the NIH grant and Breakthrough Seed funding is there any overlap of the grants?

A. The NIH grant may be used as match funding. The matching funds must be work for that supports, extends, or facilitates the CARE Fund grant project.

Q. Do I need to establish and fund a special account for the non-state matching funds?

A. No. If a grant is awarded, prior to executing the award agreement, the grantee would need to provide proof of non-state matching funds. When the grantee submits an invoice to the CARE Fund for grant payment, they would need to provide supporting documentation, which includes the use of the non-state matching funds.

Q. In the one-to-one (1:1) non-state match requirement, does the "non-state of Washington funds" refer to state of Washington government funds, or any funds secured in the state of Washington?

A. The non-state of Washington funds refers to the state of Washington government funds. Funds secured in the state of Washington (but not government-sourced) could qualify as match.

Q. What is the success rate for this funding opportunity? How many projects will be funded for this cycle?

A. This is the first time that the Breakthrough Seed Funding grant opportunity has been available so there is no historical funding information. Up to \$3 million has been allocated, so up to 6 projects could be funded at the maximum grant award level.

Q. How much detail should be included in listing the project performance site?

A. List the name and location for the project performance sites, including those that may be used. Differentiate sites that may be used but that are not confirmed. This information will be used to help assess project eligibility and to avoid potential conflicts of interest in the review of the full application. Changes in the performance sites made between the LOI and full application (if invited) may affect eligibility and/or the review of the application.

Q. When do the non-state matching funds to the CARE Fund grant award need to be expended?

A. The non-state matching funds need to be expended during the CARE Fund grant period to qualify as matching funds.

Q. Can you clarify who would be an "end user" as asked in the application?

A. This question is open to the principal investigator to define the end-user, which will likely depend on the type of project being proposed. Depending on the project, the end user of the research, resource, or product could be patients, clinicians, policy-makers, etc. The general public may be an end user, but a specific population group may be more appropriate. The CARE Fund should not be considered an end user because it simply receives annual reports.