



Scientific Discoveries Research RFP
Addendum 2
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Questions & Answers

Below are questions (generally verbatim unless otherwise noted) and answers regarding the RFP. The questions below were received from January 14, 2025, to January 20, 2025. Please check the CARE Fund website [Scientific Discoveries Research RFP](#) information for future updates.

1. Question [Edited for clarity]: We are wondering whether federal funding such as a NIH R01 grant for computational methods or RC2 grant that generates research resources can be counted towards Grant Matching Fund Requirements?

Answer: Grant funding from federal sources is eligible for the non-state match as long as it can be demonstrated that the federal funds are dedicated to the proposal being submitted or closely related work that supports, extends, or facilitates the proposal. See Non-State Match and Allowable Costs Guidance document posted on [website](#).

2. Question [Edited for clarity]: Can the Scientific Discoveries grant funds be used for a project where a significant portion will be outsourced to Contract Development and Management Organizations (CDMOs) or Contract Research Organizations (CROs) for manufacturing and toxicology studies? If so, are we restricted to using CDMOs/CROs in Washington State?

Answer: The majority of the CARE Fund grant award and the majority of any required non-state match contribution must be allocated to recipients conducting research in Washington State. Please see RFP and Non-State Match and Allowable Costs Guidance document for information related to eligibility and allowable costs.

3. Question [Edited for clarity]: Can CARE Fund funds or non-state matching funds be used to license the necessary Intellectual Property (IP)?

Answer: Licensing IP may be allowed if costs are fully justified and essential to the proposed research. Such costs are subject to final review and approval prior to executing an award agreement.

4. Question [Edited for clarity]: How should we demonstrate proof of non-state funding? We are currently in discussions with several angel investors and venture capital firms. Would a Letter of Intent (LOI) from investors indicating a commitment to invest \$X suffice? If not, is there a specific template or guideline we should follow?

Answer: As part of the application process, the applicant must submit a written, binding, enforceable agreement with proof of their secured, minimum one-to-one (1:1) match of non-state of Washington funds to requested grant funds. The agreement must contain a definitive statement that the matching funding is committed to the project and will be available during the grant period; the amount; acknowledgement that the CARE Fund award is contingent upon the non-match contribution; and signature of the authorized official from the contributing organization. Please see the RFP and Non-State Match and Allowable Cost Guidance document for a description of what the financial commitment agreement should include.

5. Question [Edited for clarity]: Our company is incorporated outside of Washington. As a growing company, we are focused on securing funding, expanding our team, and establishing our headquarters. If awarded the grant, we plan to relocate our headquarters to Washington State. Could you please clarify whether this relocation needs to occur at the time of submitting the application?

Answer: No, relocation alone is not a requirement to apply. However, organizations eligible to apply for and receive an award must have a substantial presence in Washington, as determined by the CARE Board, after consideration of relevant factors such as number and type of staff in Washington; state of incorporation; location of headquarters, research, or manufacturing facilities in Washington. Please see the RFP for specific information related to eligibility.

6. Question [Edited for clarity]: We are focused on the prevention of medical device infection(s). I am writing to see if the development of a novel device would be considered a viable topic (i.e., improving patient outcomes and quality of life by reducing side effects and enhancing patient well-being)?

Answer: CARE Fund encourages all applicants to review the RFP and application review criteria to assess suitability of their project before submitting an application. An independent scientific review panel will review and evaluate the applications considered for funding and make a recommendation to the CARE Board.