



Scientific Discoveries Research RFP
Addendum 5
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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 February 6, 2025, to February 13, 2025. Please note this is anticipated to be the final Addendum that will be posted for this RFP.

Please check the CARE Fund website for [Scientific Discoveries Research RFP](#) future updates.

1. Question: (edited for clarity) Does the Scientific Discoveries Research (SDR) RFP support clinical research and testing of innovative new cancer diagnostic technology?

Answer: CARE Fund does fund clinical research, and we accept proposals that are responsive to the RFP across the cancer research continuum. CARE Fund encourages all applicants to review both the SDR and the Implementation and Outcomes Research (IOR) RFPs and application review criteria to assess suitability of their project to a particular funding opportunity 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.

2. Question: (edited for clarity) Given the uncertainty of federal research funding, our institution may not be able to generate a binding matching funds letter. Is it okay if the matching funds do not have documentation?

Answer: Documentation of the secured matching funds must be included as part of the application. Please follow your institution's guidance regarding matching funds of current awards planned to be used as match. See the Non-State Match and Allowable Costs Guidance document on the website for details on how to provide proof of a secured match.

3. Question: (edited for clarity) Is it okay to submit an application for less than \$250,000, given the current uncertainty involving availability of previously awarded federal funds?

Answer: Per the RFP, the minimum grant award amount is \$250,000.

4. Question: (edited for clarity) My company has invented and developed a new technology. We are now at the stage of clinical development and want to collect more clinical data, eventually entering pivotal clinical trials for FDA approval. Can we apply to the SDR opportunity by proposing the next phase of development and clinical work? While the company is headquartered in Washington State, can clinical support be used for patient accrual outside Washington State?

Answer: Headquarters location is not a stand-alone requirement, but applicants must have a substantial presence in Washington, as determined by the CARE Board, after consideration of relevant factors such as the number and type of staff in Washington; state of incorporation; location of headquarters, research, or manufacturing facilities in Washington. Additionally, the majority of the CARE Fund grant award and the majority of the non-state match contribution must be allocated to recipients conducting research in Washington State. 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.

5. Question: (edited for clarity) I see the Project Work Plan page limit is 8 pages which includes figures but does not include references. I do not see a separate upload link for references. The Project Work Plan upload states if we exceed the page limit, "the pages exceeding the limit will not be reviewed". Do we add references in the same attachment as the Project Work Plan?

Answer: Yes, the references should be part of the work plan attachment upload. Only the work plan content, including figures, will be counted against the 8-page limit. References will not be counted as part of the 8-page limit.