

A hand is shown from the bottom, holding a glowing blue hexagonal grid. Inside the grid are various medical icons: a syringe, a pill, a location pin with a cross, a virus, a first aid kit, a water drop with a cross, a folder with a cross, a person in a wheelchair, and an ambulance. The background is a world map with a hexagonal grid overlay.

Pfizer Announces a [Quality Improvement Grant RFP](#)

Improving COVID-19 Outpatient Management

Competitive Grant Program - internal Pfizer review process

I. Background

Pfizer Global Medical Grants (GMG) supports the global healthcare community's independent initiatives (e.g., research, quality improvement, or education) to improve patient outcomes in areas of unmet medical need that are aligned with Pfizer's medical and/or scientific strategies.

Pfizer's GMG competitive grant program involves a publicly posted Request for Proposal (RFP) that provides detail regarding a general area of interest, sets timelines for review and approval, and uses an internal Pfizer review process to make final grant decisions. Organizations are invited to submit an application addressing the practice gaps as outlined in the specific RFP.

For all independent quality improvement grants, the grant requester (and ultimately the grantee) is responsible for the design, implementation, and conduct of the independent initiative supported by the grant. Pfizer must not be involved in any aspect of project development, nor the conduct or monitoring of the quality improvement program.

II. Eligibility

Geographic Scope:	Latin America, Africa, Middle East, and Asia Pacific Countries (except China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, and New Zealand)
Applicant Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following may apply: medical, dental, nursing, allied health, and/or pharmacy professional schools; healthcare institutions (both large and small); professional associations and medical societies; medical education companies; and other entities with a mission related to healthcare professional education and/or healthcare improvement. • If the project involves multiple departments within an institution and/or between different institutions / organizations / associations. All institutions must have a relevant role and the requesting organization must have a key role in the project. • For projects offering continuing education credit, the requesting organization must be accredited.

III. Requirements

Date RFP Issued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 15th, 2022
Clinical Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19
General Area of Interest for this RFP:	<p>Pfizer invites Health Care Organizations based in the countries listed in the Geographic Scope to submit quality improvement (QI) initiatives focused on improving the outpatient management of COVID-19 patients by providing leadership, best practices, novel clinical data, technological support, and/or training initiatives for frontline Health Care Providers (HCPs) within a multidisciplinary team environment.</p> <p>Of particular interest are projects that focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving COVID-19 disease management including, but is not limited to, disease diagnoses, patient risk stratification and leveraging new and emerging data to improve outpatient management. • Increasing HCP awareness to successfully implement interventions to improve detection, testing, stratification and follow up of non-hospitalized patients to avoid progression to severe illness. • Understanding health care disparities among COVID-19 patients with a special emphasis on improving health care standards, timely access

to testing resources and patient management.

- Projects implementing health care technologies (mobile or web-based tools) to guide HCPs on COVID-19 patient risk characterization progressing to severe diseases, will be given higher priority.

- The institution requesting the Grant **should be based in a country within the defined geographical regions**, but collaboration with international centers located outside the region would be considered.

- Projects may be implemented within large and small hospitals, academic medical centers, community hospitals, ambulatory care settings, and other healthcare facilities. Those set within resource limited settings will be given higher priority.

- We are interested in supporting programs that can be quickly implemented, with a duration of up to one year, inclusive of development period.

IMPORTANT: we are seeking to support Quality Improvement initiatives; it is not our intent to support any type of educational programs or clinical research projects. Projects evaluating the efficacy of therapeutic or diagnostic agents will not be considered.

References:

- **An International Virtual COVID-19 Critical Care Training Forum for Healthcare Worker**
Alexander Cypro et al. ATs Scholar Vol 2, Iss 2 Jan.2021 , pp 278-286
<https://doi.org/10.34197/ats-scholar.2020-0154IN>
- **Community Health Workers in the COVID-19 Response and Continuation of Primary Health Care**
Ami Waters, et al. In : Primary Care in the COVID-19 Pandemic Improving access to high-quality primary care, accelerating transitions to alternative forms of care delivery, and addressing health disparities. Edited By Sanjay Basu, MD, PhD, & Jessica L. Alpert, MD, | Harvard Medical School Center for Primary Care
<https://www.carequest.org/system/files/Primary-Care-in-the-COVID-19-Pandemic-Harvard-Report.pdf#page=169>

Target Audience:

- Primary care clinicians, emergency and urgency room health care physicians, specialized or professional nurses, pharmacists, and other relevant HCPs that are involved in COVID-19 management inside and outside the hospital.

<p>Expected Approximate Monetary Range of Grant Applications:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual projects requesting between \$50,000 - \$100,000 will be considered. Final determination of project funding will depend upon the internal review panel’s evaluation of the proposal and the costs involved. The total available budget related to this RFP is \$500,000.
<p>Key Dates:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFP release date: March 15th, 2022 Grant Application due date: May 3rd, 2022 Please note the deadline is 23:59 Eastern Standard Time (e.g., New York, GMT -5). Anticipated Grant Award Notification Date: June 30th, 2022 Grants will be distributed following a fully executed agreement. Anticipated Project Start and End Dates: July 2022 upon contract execution, for a duration of 1 year.
<p>How to Submit:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please go to www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/QI and sign in. First-time users should click “Create your password”. <i>[Note: there are individual portals for each grant application type (e.g., knowledge, LOI, research full proposal, and QI full proposal). Please be sure to use the URL above.]</i> Click the “Start A New Quality Improvement Application” button. In the application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the question “Competitive Grant?” select Yes Select the following Competitive Grant Program Name: <i>2022 HBU EM: Improving COVID-19 Outpatient Management</i> Select the following Primary Area of Interest: Vaccine Preventable Disease – COVID- 19 Requirements for submission: Complete all required sections of the online application and upload your project proposal (see Appendix) in the Full Proposal Submission field. If you encounter any technical difficulties with the website, please click the “Technical Questions” link at the bottom of the page. <p>IMPORTANT: Be advised applications submitted after the due date will not be reviewed by the committee.</p>
<p>Questions:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have questions regarding this RFP, please direct them in writing to the Grant Officer, Miguel Briceno (Miguelangel.briceno@pfizer.com), with the subject line “Improving COVID-19 Outpatient Management.”

Grant Agreements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If your grant is approved, your institution will be required to enter into a written grant agreement with Pfizer. Please click here to view the core terms of the agreement.• Pfizer has drafted the terms of these agreements to be balanced and reasonable and to further the goals of both parties. Negotiating grant agreements requires significant resources, so please ensure that your institution (including your legal department) is able and willing to abide by these terms before proceeding with submission of your application as they will need to be accepted in their entirety.
Review and Approval Process:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant requests received in response to a general RFP are reviewed by Pfizer to make final grant decisions.
Mechanism by which Applicants will be Notified:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All applicants will be notified via email by the dates noted above.• Applicants may be asked for additional clarification during the review period.

Appendix A

Quality Improvement Project Full Proposal

Applications will be accepted via the online portal. Full Proposal documents should be no longer than 10-15 pages in length (12-point font and 1-inch margins) excluding Organization Detail and References. When uploading your Full Proposal please ensure it addresses the following*:

Goals and Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefly state the overall goal of the project. Also describe how this goal aligns with the focus of the RFP and the goals of the applicant organization(s). List the <i>overall</i> objectives you plan to meet with your project both in terms of learning and expected outcomes. Objectives should describe the target population as well as the outcomes you expect to achieve as a result of conducting the project.
Assessment of Need for the Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please include a quantitative baseline data summary, initial metrics (e.g., quality measures), or a project starting point (please cite data on gap analyses or relevant patient-level data that informs the stated objectives) in <i>your</i> target area. Describe the source and method used to collect the data. Describe how the data was analyzed to determine that a gap existed. If a full analysis has not yet been conducted, please include a description of your plan to obtain this information.
Target Audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the primary audience(s) targeted for this project. Also indicate whom you believe will directly benefit from the project outcomes. Describe the overall population size as well as the size of your sample population
Project Design and Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the planned project and the way it addresses the established need. If your methods include educational activities, please describe succinctly the topic(s) and format of those activities
Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain what measures you have taken to assure that this project idea is original and does not duplicate other projects or materials already developed. Describe how this project builds upon existing work, pilot projects, or ongoing projects developed either by your institution or other institutions related to this project.
Evaluation and Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In terms of the metrics used for the needs assessment, describe how you will determine if the practice gap was addressed for the target group. Describe how you expect to collect and analyze the data. Quantify the amount of change expected from this project in terms of your target audience.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe how the project outcomes will be broadly disseminated.
Anticipated Project Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide an anticipated timeline for your project including project start/end dates
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there is any additional information you feel Pfizer should be aware of concerning the importance of this project, please summarize here
Organization Detail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the attributes of the institutions / organizations / associations that will support and facilitate the execution of the project and the leadership of the proposed project. Articulate the specific role of each partner in the proposed project.
Budget Detail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While estimating your budget please keep the following items in mind: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General organizational running costs such as insurances, heating, lighting, rent, building maintenance may be included. Pfizer does not provide funding for capital purchases (infrastructure expenses such as equipment, purchases of software or software licenses, technology or bricks and mortar). Equipment hire/leasing is acceptable and may be included in project budget. The inclusion of these costs cannot cause the amount requested to exceed the budget limit set forth in the RFP. It should be noted that grants awarded through GMG cannot be used to purchase Pfizer therapeutic agents (prescription or non-prescription). Pfizer maintains a company-wide, maximum allowed overhead rate of 28% for independent studies and projects. Please click here for details.

*The online application also includes the fields noted above. The text in those fields should be the same text that is included in your Full Proposal document.