Pfizer Announces an Independent Medical Education Grant RFP
Treatment of acute SARS-CoV-2 infection and management of post-COVID conditions in outpatient settings
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 general 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 knowledge gaps as outlined in the specific RFP.

For all **independent medical education 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 of the independent education program.

II. Eligibility

Geographic Scope:	European countries
Applicant Eligibility Criteria	- The following may apply: medical, nursing, allied health, and/or pharmacy institutions; 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.

III. Requirements

Date RFP Issued	7 April 2022
Clinical Area	COVID-19
General Area of Interest for this RFP:	The pandemic caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19) has a dramatic impact on healthcare systems, the global economy and social life. Moreover, the persistence of various clinical symptoms related to COVID-19 has been described in a proportion of patients who recovered from SARS-CoV-2 infection (post-COVID conditions). The overall goal of this Request for Proposals is to support innovative online/digital educational initiatives for healthcare professionals (HCPs) that raise awareness and understanding of the treatment of acute COVID-19 and the management of post-COVID conditions in outpatient settings Projects that will be considered for Pfizer support will address one or more of the following: 1. Further the understanding of the treatment of acute COVID-19 in outpatient settings 2. Increase understanding of post-COVID conditions in terms of epidemiology, management and outcomes in patients with

persistence of signs and symptoms

Projects that span multiple European countries and include multiple European languages are encouraged.

It is not our intent to support clinical research projects. Projects evaluating the efficacy of therapeutic or diagnostic agents will not be considered.

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Target Audience:	• HCPs involved in the management of COVID-19 patients in the community
Expected Approximate Monetary Range of Grant Applications:	• Individual projects requesting up to $100000 will be considered. The estimated total available budget related to this RFP is $600000.
Key Dates:	• RFP release date: 7 April 2022 • Grant Application due date: 13 June 2022 • Please note the deadline is 23:59 Eastern Standard Time (e.g. New

	York, GMT -5). • Anticipated Grant Award Notification Date: July/August 2022 • Grants will be distributed following a fully executed agreement. • Anticipated Project Start and End Dates: from September 2022 for period of 1 year

How to Submit:	• Please go to www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/knowledge and sign in. First-time users should click "Create your password". *[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.]*
	• Click the "Start A New Knowledge Gap Application" button.
	• In the application:
	    o For the question "What type of request are you submitting?" select Response to a Request for Proposal (RFP)
	    o For the question "Are you replying to a Request for Proposal (RFP) as part of the Competitive Grant Program?" select Yes
	    o Select the following Competitive Grant Program Name: 2022 HBU Europe: Treatment of acute COVID, management of post-COVID conditions in outpatient settings.
	• Requirements for submission:
	Complete all required sections of the online application and upload your project proposal (see Appendix) in the General RFP Submission field.
	• If you encounter any technical difficulties with the website, please click the "Technical Questions" link at the bottom of the page.
	IMPORTANT: Be advised applications submitted after the due date will not be reviewed by the committee.

Questions:	• If you have questions regarding this RFP, please direct them in writing to the Grant Officer, Ai Ping Lee (AiPing.Lee@pfizer.com), with the subject line "2022 HBU Europe: Treatment of acute SARS-CoV-2 infection and management of post-COVID conditions in outpatient settings, April 2022".
Grant Agreements:	• 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	• 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:	• All applicants will be notified via email by the dates noted above. • Applicants may be asked for additional clarification during the review period.

General RFP Submission Requirements

Project Proposals should be single-spaced using Calibri 12-point font and 1-inch margins. Note there is a 15-page limit exclusive of references. Please include the following:

Goals and Objectives	• Briefly state the overall goal of the project. • List the objectives you plan to meet with your project, in terms of learning and expected outcomes.
Needs Assessment for the Project	• Include a description of your organization's needs assessment for this proposed project which may include a quantitative baseline data summary, initial metrics, or a project starting point (please cite data on gap analyses or relevant patient-level data that informs the stated objectives) in your target area.
Target Audience	• Describe the primary audience(s) targeted for this project. 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	• Describe the planned project, the educational approach, and the way the planned methods address the established need.
Innovation	• Explain what measures you have taken to assure that this project 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.
Evaluation and Outcomes	• In terms of the metrics used for the needs assessment, describe how your organization will determine if the gap was addressed for the target group. Identify the sources of data your organization anticipates using to make the determination. Describe how your organization is expected to collect and analyze the data. Explain the method used to control for other factors outside this project (e.g., use of a control group or comparison with baseline data). Quantify the amount of change expected from this project in terms the target audience. Describe how your organization will determine if the target audience was fully engaged in the project.
Dissemination Plan	• Describe how the project may have extended benefit beyond the grant. Will the teaching materials be made available to others to use? Will there be tools or resources that are made publicly available beyond the initial project. Describe how the project outcomes might be broadly disseminated.

Anticipated Project Timeline	• Provide an anticipated timeline for your project including project start/end dates.
Additional Information	• If there is any additional information you feel Pfizer should be aware of concerning the importance of this project, please summarize here.
Organization Detail	• Describe the attributes of the institutions/organizations that will support and facilitate the execution of the project, the leadership of the proposed project, and the specific role of each institution in the proposed project.

Budget Narrative	• Please include a budget narrative that describes in greater detail the line items specified in the budget submitted within the application
	
	• While estimating your budget please keep the following items in mind:
	    ○ Independent Medical Education Grants awarded by GMG cannot be used to purchase therapeutic assets (prescription or non-prescription).
	    ○ Overhead rates of up to 28% of the total proposed project budget may be supported by Pfizer. Please click here for details.