Pfizer Quality Improvement RFP

Quality Improvement Grants to Improve Identification and Management of Patients with ATTR Amyloidosis

Competitive Grant Program –Pfizer Internal Review Process

Overview

This competitive grant program seeks to support quality Improvement (QI) initiatives that lead to measurable improvement in health care services, the ways care is delivered to patients and the health status of ATTR patients.

Geographic Scope

Spain

Project Types and Area of Interest

Projects will focus on one or more of the following areas of interest:

- Exploring integrated strategies for improving the delivery of care to patients with known or suspected ATTR through establishment of an integrated pathway for disease recognition and patient diagnosis and management.
- Supporting the development of strategies that provide leadership, support of HCPs within a multidisciplinary team environment to improve the management of ATTR patients.
- Standardization of ATTR diagnosis, treatment, and management through the development of protocols.

Key Milestones

- Application submission deadline: ***9 May 2024***
- Anticipated decision notification date: ***June 2024***
- Anticipated project start date: ***September 2024***

Funding Range

Individual projects requesting up to 15,000€ will be considered. Pfizer anticipates funding 2 projects.

I. Eligibility

Geographic Scope:

- Spain

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- Only organizations are eligible to receive grants, not individuals or medical practice groups.
- 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.

II. Requirements

Date RFP Issued

- 21 March 2024

Clinical Area

- Transthyretin Amyloid Cardiomyopathy

General Area of Interest for this RFP:

Projects that will be considered for Pfizer support will focus on Quality Improvement (QI) initiatives that lead to measurable improvement in health care services, the ways care is delivered to patients and the health status of ATTR patients. Aspects for consideration include clinical competence, outcomes and process assessment, program evaluation, quality indicators, and quality assurance using methodologically rigorous protocols with an endpoint goal of readiness for application to practice.

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- Exploring integrated strategies for improving the delivery of care to patients with known or suspected ATTR through establishment of an integrated pathway for disease recognition and patient diagnosis and management.
- Supporting the development of strategies that provide leadership, support of HCPs within a multidisciplinary team environment to improve the management of ATTR patients.
- Standardization of ATTR diagnosis, treatment, and management through the development of protocols.

Projects which entail systematic and continuous actions, demonstrating measurable outcomes via methodologically rigorous methods in areas of unmet medical need will be given the highest priority.

It is not our intent to support clinical research projects. Projects evaluating the efficacy of therapeutic or diagnostic agents will not be considered. Projects that involve the creation of a new Registry or support for an existing Registry are also out of scope.

Target Audience

Healthcare professionals (for example, nurses or pharmacists), medical specialists (Cardiologists, Interventional Cardiologists, Internists, Neurologists, Echocardiographers, Nuclear Cardiologists, Primary Care Physicians, Geriatricians) and other healthcare professionals involved in the care of patients with ATTR disease.

Expected Approximate Monetary Range of Grant Applications:

- Individual projects requesting up to 15,000 € will be considered. Pfizer anticipates awarding 2 grants.
- Award amounts include direct costs, institutional overhead costs (capped at 28% per Pfizer policy), and indirect costs.

Key Dates:

- RFP release date: 21 March 2024
- Grant Application due date: 9 May 2024
- Anticipated Grant Award Notification Date: June 2024
- Grants will be distributed following a fully signed agreement.
- Anticipated Project Start Date: on or after 1 September 2024.

How to Submit:

Note: Please read this section carefully since applications submitted not following these instructions will not be accepted and will be cancelled.

- Please go to www.cybergrants.com/pfizer/QI and sign in. First-time users should click “Create your password”. *[Note: there are individual portals for each grant application type. Please be sure to use the URL above.]*
- Click the “Start a New Quality Improvement Application” button.
- In the application:
  - For the question “Competitive Grant?” select Yes
  - Select the following Competitive Grant Program Name: 2024 RD Spain QI Cardiac Amyloid
- 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.

IMPORTANT: Be advised applications submitted after the due date will not be reviewed.

Questions:

- If you have questions regarding this RFP, please direct them in writing to the Grant Officer, Amanda Stein (amanda.j.stein@pfizer.com), with the subject line “2024 ATTR QI RFP Spain.”
- Please click here to view Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Competitive Grant Program

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.

- Payment will only be made to requesting Institution.

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.

About Pfizer Global Medical Grants

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.

Appendix

Quality Improvement Project Proposal

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

Goals and Objectives

- 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 overall 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

- 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 your 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

- 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

- 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.
- Please describe how the project submitted supports diversity, equity, and inclusion either through the study population targeted or through the project team that is directly involved.

Innovation

- 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

- 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.
- Describe how the project outcomes will 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 / 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

- The budget amount requested must be in euros.
- While estimating your budget please keep the following items in mind:
  - 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.