

**Independent Medical Education
Request for Proposals (RFP)
Maintenance Therapy in HER2+ Metastatic Breast Cancer (MBC)
Competitive Grant Program – Pfizer Internal Review Process**

Date RFP Issued: August 13, 2025

I. Eligibility

Geographic Scope/Location of Project:

United States (US)

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

Applicant organizations to this RFP must be based in the United States

- The following may apply: medical, allied health, and/or pharmacy professional schools; hospitals and healthcare institutions (both large and small); professional organizations/medical societies; medical education companies; and other entities with a mission related to healthcare professional education and/or healthcare improvement.
- Only organizations are eligible to receive grants, not individuals or physician-owned medical practices or individual-physician-owned organizations.
- 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.
- The applicant must be the project/program lead or an authorized designee of such individual (e.g., project/program lead's grant coordinator).
- The project/program lead must be an employee or contractor of the requesting organization.
- Requesting organization must be legally able to receive award funding directly from Pfizer Inc. We strongly recommend that applicants confirm this with their organization or institution prior to submitting an application. Grants awarded to organizations that are subsequently found to be unable to accept funding directly from Pfizer Inc. may be subject to rescission.
- For projects offering continuing education credit in the US, the requesting organization must be the accrediting organization.

II. Requirements

General Area of Interest for this RFP:

With new trials further investigating treatment optimization in the first-line maintenance setting and the evolving MBC therapeutic landscape, understanding the role and value of maintenance therapy is critical for making informed treatment decisions.

Independent education projects should improve understanding and knowledge of:

- the role of maintenance therapy in the 1L HER2+ MBC setting, including the current standard of care approach introduced by CLEOPATRA
- maintenance therapy considerations with endocrine therapy for HR+/HER2+ MBC patients
- combinations in the 1L HER2+ MBC maintenance setting, including differentiation of therapy by HR status
- overall treatment paradigm and evolving first-line standard of care options for patients with HER2+ MBC based on latest clinical data updates

- safety profiles of available therapies and how they affect:
 - Adverse event management, including early identification and appropriate mitigation strategies
 - Sequencing of available therapies
 - Re-treatment algorithms

Examples of educational formats that will be considered under this RFP include but are not limited to:

- On-agenda educational sessions during live conferences
- Symposia or symposia series alongside major congresses such as SABCS, ASCO etc.
- Grand Rounds – single events or series – online or in-person
- Peer-to-peer education
- Online articles, newsletter articles, training courses, webinars
- Videos, podcasts, infographics, animations

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

Target Audience:

- Community medical oncologists, oncology nurses and nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals involved in the care and treatment of people with MBC.

Expected Approximate Monetary Range of Grant Applications:

- Individual projects requesting \$10,000 - \$250,000 will be considered. The estimated total available budget related to this RFP is \$500,000.
- Award amounts include direct costs, institutional overhead costs (capped at 28% per Pfizer policy), and indirect costs.

Key Dates:

- RFP release date: August 13, 2025
- Grant Application due date: Oct 3, 2025
Please note the deadline is 23:59 Eastern Standard Time (e.g., New York, GMT -5).
- Anticipated Grant Award Notification Date: Oct 31, 2025
- Grants will be distributed following a fully executed agreement.
- Anticipated Approximate Project Start and End Dates: Dec 2025 to May 2027
(18 months approximate preferred length; projects may be shorter or longer than 18 months)

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/knowledge 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 Knowledge Gap Application**” button.
- It is strongly recommended to log in before the submission deadline to ensure organization information is up-to-date (e.g. prior reporting requirements completed, tax ID number updated, etc.) Should this information not be current, it could prohibit submission through the portal.
- In the application:

- For the question “What type of request are you submitting?” select Response to a Request for Proposal (RFP)
- For the question “Are you replying to a Request for Proposal (RFP) as part of the Competitive Grant Program?” select Yes
- Select the following Competitive Grant Program Name: **2025 ONC US MBC Maintenance IME**
- Select the following Primary Area of Interest: **Oncology – Breast – KG**
- Requirements for submission:
Complete all required sections of the online application and upload your project proposal (see Appendix) in the General RFP Submission field.

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

Questions:

- If you encounter any technical difficulties with the website, please click [here](#) or the “Technical Questions” link at the bottom of the page in cybergrants.
- Please click [here](#) to view “Frequently Asked Questions” regarding the Competitive Grant Program.
- If you have questions regarding this RFP, please direct them in writing to the Grant Officer, Lori Carpenter (lori.carpenter@pfizer.com), with the subject line “2025 ONC US Maintenance MBC RFP”

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.
- Under Pfizer’s competitive grant program, modifications to grant agreements will not be reviewed unless a genuine conflict exists as between applicable law and the terms of the relevant grant agreement. Applicant is encouraged to share the core terms with counsel for approval prior to submitting an application.
- Except where prohibited by applicable law and, in any case, subject to review by Pfizer Legal, payment of grant funding may only be paid to the grantee organization.
- This RFP is supported by Pfizer Inc. and, if approved, payment will be sent from the United States.

Review and Approval Process:

- Grant requests received in response to a general RFP are reviewed by Pfizer colleagues 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 Grants

Pfizer 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 competitive grant program involves a publicly posted general Request for Proposal (RFP) that provides details regarding a general area of interest and sets timelines for review and approval. Organizations are invited to submit an application addressing the educational 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.

Appendix

General RFP Submission Requirements

Applications will be accepted via the online portal listed in the [How to Submit](#) section. 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. When uploading your Project Proposal please ensure it addresses the following sections:

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.
- Describe how the information will be updated or kept current over the course of the anticipated project timeline.

Innovation

- Explain what measures you have taken to ensure 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 of 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 / 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

- 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 ER&G 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. General organizational running costs such as legal fees, insurance, heating, and lighting etc. should be included in an Institutional Overhead (if required). These costs are not specific to a grant request and therefore should not appear as line items in budgets. However, costs that are specific to the study (e.g., some countries require insurance to be taken out on a per-study basis for clinical research) would be acceptable to be included as line items.