Pfizer Quality Improvement Request for Proposals

Competitive Grant Program – using Pfizer Internal Review Process

Optimizing Clinical Care Delivery for Patients with Multiple Myeloma Receiving Bispecific Antibodies

Overview

This competitive program seeks to support independent quality improvement (QI) initiatives focused on optimizing and standardizing routine clinical practices for patients **with Multiple Myeloma (MM).**

The goal is to improve the health status and quality of life of MM patients receiving Bispecific Antibodies (BsAb) through the enhanced and more effective use of existing healthcare services, tools, and care pathways, or through the optimization of local healthcare circuits within specific care settings.

Geographic Scope

Spain

Project Types and Area of Interest

Proposed projects should be aimed at solving current healthcare delivery challenges to ensure that all MM patients receive optimal treatment and support. Topics of highlighted interest include, but are not limited to:

- *Improving integration, continuity, and communication of care delivery, including coordination across care settings, primary–specialty care integration, mentorship between centers, and effective teamwork to reduce variation in routine practice.*
- *Standardizing care processes to enhance safety and system performance, such as caregiver support, robust adverse event management and reporting, and the use of routinely collected data to identify and close performance gaps at local or national level.*
- *Optimizing implementation of existing tools and technologies, including remote monitoring and established care pathways, to improve patient outcomes and support consistent, high-quality care.*

Key Milestones

Submission Deadline	Anticipated Grant Award Notification	Anticipated Project Start Date/Duration
8 MAY 2026	JUN 2026	SEP 2026

Funding Range and Project Length

Total available budget related to this RFP is approximately 130,000€.

The maximum grant amount for each project will be up to 40,000€ for initiatives with large potential reach and impact. Smaller projects are also encouraged (e.g. 20,000€). Projects are encouraged to begin from September 2026 onwards, for a maximum duration of 18 months.

I. Eligibility

Geographic Scope/Location of Project:

- Spain

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- The following may apply: healthcare institutions; professional associations, medical societies, and patient advocacy groups (PAGs) involved in the assistance of MM patients.
- Only organizations are eligible to receive grants, not individuals or medical practice groups (i.e., an independent group of physicians not affiliated with a hospital, academic institution, or professional society).
- Collaborations within institutions (e.g., between departments and/or inter-professional), as well as between different institutions / organizations / associations, are encouraged. Please note all partners must have a relevant role and the requesting organization must have a key role in the project.
- The applicant must be the Project Lead/Principal Investigator (PI) or an authorized designee of such individual (e.g., Project Lead/PI's grant/research coordinator).
- The Project Lead/PI must be an employee or contractor of the requesting organization.
- Requesting organization must be legally able to receive award funding directly from Pfizer International LLC. 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 International LLC may be subject to rescission.

II. Requirements

Primary Area of Interest:

- Oncology - Hematologic - QI

General Area of Interest for this RFP:

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

This competitive program seeks to support independent QI initiatives for HCPs involved in the care and treatment of MM patients. The program is focused on optimizing and standardizing routine clinical practice through the implementation of practical, locally adapted solutions that apply existing evidence, standards, and best practices to improve patient care.

The goal is to improve the health status and quality of life of MM patients receiving BsAb through the increased use of health care services, tools or the incorporation of new healthcare circuits.

Projects that will be considered for Pfizer support will focus on:

- Ensuring continuity of care across inpatient and outpatient settings.
- Caregiver readiness & support programs
- Primary & Specialty care integration programs, and data-driven projects for systematic improvement at local or national level.
- Robust processes for adverse event (AE) management and reporting, including CRS, ICANS, and infections.
- Mentorship networks between academic and community centers for optimal patient selection and therapy management.
- Innovative communication strategies among care teams.

- Technology solutions such as remote monitoring to improve patient outcomes.
- Approaches to guarantee equitable access to BsAb regardless of geography or socioeconomic status.

Target Audience

- The primary audience(s) targeted for this project will be HCPs focused on MM (for example hematologists, specialty nurses, psychologists, pharmacists) and/or MM patient advocacy organizations.

Expected Approximate Monetary Range of Grant Applications

IMPORTANT: Grants will be distributed following a fully executed agreement and submission of Final Protocol, Documentation of IRB/IEC Approval, Regulatory Approval (if applicable), Exemption or Waiver.

- Projects requesting **up to 40,000€ per project** for initiatives with large potential reach and impact will be considered. Smaller projects are also encouraged (e.g. 20,000€).
- The total available budget related to this RFP is approximately 130,000€.
- Award amounts include direct costs, institutional overhead costs (capped at 28% per Pfizer policy), and indirect costs.

Key Dates:

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

*Please note the deadline is 23:59 Eastern Standard Time (e.g., New York, GMT -5)

How to Submit:

IMPORTANT: 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.
  - Note: there are individual portals for each grant application type. Please be sure to use the URL above.
  - First-time users should click “Create your password”.
- Click the “**Start A New Quality Improvement Grant Application**” button.
- Requirements for submission:
  - Complete all required sections of the online application
  - **IMPORTANT: Upload proposal (see Appendix) in the Proposal/Protocol field.**

- In the application:
  - For the question "**Competitive Grant?**" select "**Yes**"
  - Select the following Primary Area of Interest: **Oncology - Hematologic - QI**
  - Select the following Competitive Grant Program Name: **2026 ONC ES Optimal Clinical Care in Multiple Myeloma QI**

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, Nicola Fenderico (Nicola.Fenderico@Pfizer.com), with the subject line "**2026 ONC ES Optimal Clinical Care in Multiple Myeloma QI**"

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.

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 International LLC and, if approved the payment will be issued by a Pfizer US based legal entity.

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 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 research gaps as outlined in the specific RFP.

For all 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.

About Pfizer QI Grants

Quality improvement (QI) projects are systematic, data-guided, sustainable activities designed to bring about immediate, positive changes in the delivery of healthcare in particular setting (1,2). Quality improvement seeks to standardize structure and processes to reduce variation, achieve predictable results, and improve outcomes for patients, healthcare systems, and organizations. Structure includes things like technology, culture, leadership, and physical capital. Process includes knowledge capital (e.g., standard operating procedures) or human capital (e.g., education and training) (3).

QI projects systematically apply what is already known into the local practice, intended to quickly improve patient care within a specific setting. The goal of QI projects is to close a gap in performance at a specific health care system. The "performance" is a standard in health care that is not efficiently/appropriately/consistently being done (4). For these reasons, QI focuses on translating existing knowledge into programs or practices to immediately improve the quality of services to individuals and populations within a local institution or setting (5). The risk of participation in QI is the same as the risk of receiving standard clinical care (6) since the standard of care remains the same for all patients.

In contrast, research projects use a systematic approach to discover something that is unknown. Research projects add new knowledge to what was previously unknown in literature through testing of a hypothesis or a scientific question (4). Research aims to generate knowledge with broad applications, often through controlled studies. The subjects may or may not benefit directly from the knowledge gained. Research studies aim to evaluate an innovation, study something new, or analyze a process not yet rigorously studied (6).

References

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4. Jackson C, Research Quality Manager, Office of Research and Scholarship University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Nursing.
5. Columbia University Institutional Review Board Guidance for the Classification of Quality Improvement Activities Versus Research with human Subjects, 2023.
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Appendix

IMPORTANT: RFP Submission Requirements

Applications will be accepted via the online portal listed in the How to Submit section. Project Proposals/Protocols 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 Full 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.

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 EURO (EUR).
- While estimating your budget please keep the following items in mind:
- 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.
- The inclusion of these costs cannot cause the amount requested to exceed the budget limit set forth in the RFP.
- 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.
- It should be noted that grants awarded through ER&G 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.

Required Documents

- Project Plan or Proposal