

Grant Awarding Process Guidance 2022-23

Document purpose

This guidance aims to provide information to our partners on how to request funding from the North Central London Cancer Alliance (NCLCA) for the 2022/23 financial year.

How to apply

Partner organisations who wish to apply for funding to deliver improvements aligned with our strategic priorities will need to complete two forms:

- Grant Proposal 2022/23 – Stage 1
- Grant Proposal 2022/23 – Stage 2

The first document is designed to signal your interest to the NCLCA and provide a brief overview of the change your organisation wants to achieve in order to improve patient experience and clinical outcomes. On receipt of this first document, we will assess whether this aligns with our priorities and whether we have the funds. Once this proposal has been reviewed by the NCLCA, the second (Stage 2) form will need to be completed to provide more information. This proposal will be reviewed by a Grants Panel comprised as a sub-group of the NCLCA Programme Board. Final sign-off will be given by the NCLCA Programme Board.

Note: If you are requesting less than 20k, only a Stage 1 document will be required.

Criteria

The proposal must set out an intervention which has the potential to be impactful. It will address the problem identified, and has the potential to do so in a way that delivers better outcomes than current or alternative interventions.

It must:

- Address the priorities of NHSE and/or the NCL ICS (Integrated Care System)
- Fall within one of the areas of focus signed off by the NCLCA Board in March 2022 (set out below)
- Include a clear plan for how funds will be spent
- Incorporate a plan for monitoring the delivery of outputs and evaluating outcomes

Criteria against which proposals will be scored:

- alignment with NCLCA priorities
- feasibility (the extent to which it is deliverable)
- acceptability (the extent to which it will be adopted by practitioners)
- budget (dependent on NCLCA funding availability and the extent to which the budget offers value-for-money, as defined by economy, efficiency, effectiveness and equity)

NCLCA areas of focus 2022/23

- **Operational recovery and transformation** E.g. addressing long-standing issues in performance in key pathways (colorectal, urology and breast).
- **Improving population outcomes for cancer** E.g. working with NCL communities identified as less likely to be aware of cancer symptoms, or to take up screening.
- **Implementing personalised care for cancer** E.g. complete roll-out of personalised stratified follow-up in designated pathways, improving patient experience and releasing outpatient capacity.
- **Enablers of transformation** E.g. embedding the refreshed clinical leadership model for NCLCA.

Timeline

21 September 2022	Grants process launched
28 September 2022	Stage 1 proposals submitted
6 October 2022	Clarification questions sent by NCLCA
10 October 2022	Responses to clarification questions
TBC	Grants Panel meets
TBC	Sign-off by Programme Board

Outside of the current grants cycle, ad-hoc grant requests will be considered so long as they are aligned with the criteria set out above.

Contact points

In the first instance, grant applicants should engage with their existing contacts within the NCLCA (Programme and Project Leads) and Clinical Network Directors.

For questions or clarifications on the process, please contact Jane East, Programme Manager (Planning and Resources) jane.east1@nhs.net

Submission

Proposals should be submitted by 5pm on 28 September 2022 to uclh.nclcanceralliance@nhs.net