

Cures Within Reach / CureAccelerator® – Request for Proposals Additional Instructions for Principal Investigators ReGRoW Program

Thank you for your interest in submitting a repurposing research clinical trial Proposal in response to Cure Within Reach’s ReGRoW Program funding opportunity. **All Principal Investigators (PIs) submitting a Proposal to the ReGRoW Program must be located in a low or lower-middle income country, as defined by the World Bank (see <https://data.worldbank.org/products/wdi-maps>).**

Submissions for this RFP will be reviewed, scored and ranked by an external grant review committee, and the top-rated Proposals will be invited to submit a Full Grant. PIs will be contacted approximately 6-8 weeks following the Proposal submission deadline with a decision, and those PIs invited to submit a Full Grant will be provided with the materials necessary to complete a Full Grant submission.

Proposals submissions typically have fewer scientific details than Full Grants. They should provide an overview of the proposed research idea, plan and impact, so that reviewers can generally understand the research background and experimental plan. They also should describe the repurposing and patient impact of the proposed research. Cost effectiveness, speed and patient impact are key ranking criteria for a successful Proposal submission.

PIs are asked to complete a number of fields about the proposed treatment, research plan, budget, disease background and other topics. Blue boxes on the right hand side of the page will provide additional information about the fields. Each field is designated as “Required” or “Optional.” You will not be able to submit your Proposal until all the required fields are completed. A thorough proposal submission should take between 1-3 hours to complete.

If you have questions about any your Proposal submission, email us at info@cureaccelerator.org.

PROPOSAL REVIEW CRITERIA INCLUDE:

- Innovation in the repurposing arena
- Feasibility of the research plan
- Relevancy to the disease and / or patient population
- Investigator and environment
- Potential clinical impact (speed, cost, safety, effectiveness)
- Philanthropic or commercial “value” of the research for the CWR funding amount

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR SOME KEY PROPOSAL SECTIONS:

While there are no formal limits to the number of words or characters for any of the Proposal fields, we do have recommended limits for some key fields:

- **Public Abstract (suggested 250 words max)** – An overview of your project written in non-scientific terms. This should be understandable to readers from a variety of backgrounds, and will be publically available on CureAccelerator, along with the Public Title.
- **Research Description (suggested 1,000 - 1,500 words max)** – Background support for your project, what you plan to accomplish during the funding period and the potential impact of your proposed research. Provide enough details for reviewers to understand your experimental plan, without going into the same level of detail as a Full Grant submission. Topics to address in this section could include:
 - What unmet medical need will be addressed and what repurposed therapy will be used to address this need?
 - What is the scientific and clinical support for this clinical trial? (*Briefly, full scientific details not required at this point*)
 - What is your research plan/experimental design? (*Briefly, full scientific details not required at this point*)
 - What are the top three specific aims of this research?
 - What are the top three key measurable outcomes for this research?
 - What is the potential scientific/medical impact?
- **Disease Background (suggested 250 words max)** – A description of the current state of the disease being studied, including number of patients affected, typical patient outcome / survival, current treatment options and limitations of current treatment options. You will be able to provide more detail on these topics in later fields.
- **Expected Health Impact on Patients (suggested 250 - 500 words max)** – A description of the potential patient impact of the proposed research, including the potential speed to patients, cost, safety and effectiveness of the repurposed treatment. Provide enough details for reviewers to understand the potential patient impact of the proposed research.

IMPORTANT FUNDING DEFINITIONS AND GUIDELINES:

For Proposal submissions from PIs at institutions in **low and lower-middle income countries** (as defined by the World Bank; see <http://bit.ly/worldbankcountrybyincome>), CWR's ReGRoW funding partners will provide the usual CWR required 20% institutional funding match. Therefore, CWR will be waiving the 20% match requirement for the PI's institution and will be providing 100% of the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING. Please contact us at info@cureaccelerator.org if you have any questions about the institutional match requirement.

All funding requests and amounts must be in US dollars.

Funding Definitions:

- Project Funding = total research budget for the proposed project (no set maximum)
- Remaining Project Funding = funding needed to reach the total research budget (no set maximum)
- Existing Project Funding = Project Funding minus Remaining Project Funding (no set maximum); this represents funding that is already designated for the proposed project, which may be 0
- Requested Project Funding = funding requested through this RFP (maximum = \$50,000)
- Budget Breakdown = breakdown of the Requested Project Funding (maximum total = \$50,000)
- Estimated Overall Project Costs = Requested Project Funding (see above)

Up to 20% of the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING may be used for Indirect Costs and up 10% of the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING may be used for Direct Project Administration Costs. However, the total amount of Indirect Costs and Direct Project Administrative Costs combined may not be more than 20% of the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING.

Funding Guidelines:

Cures Within Reach will accept REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING amounts that are within the minimum and maximum amounts indicated. We do not set an upper limit to the PROJECT FUNDING, or the EXISTING PROJECT FUNDING, but REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING amounts to Cures Within Reach are limited to the maximum amount specified in the Funding Information section of the RFP. Proposals may be submitted for which the PROJECT FUNDING is within the Cures Within Reach maximum, and for projects that already have EXISTING PROJECT FUNDING from another source and require REMAINING PROJECT FUNDING, when this additional funding from Cures Within Reach will help speed patient impact.

Cures Within Reach REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING must be sole, late or final funding for the project. REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING from Cures Within Reach cannot be the first funding raised for a project, unless the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING equals the PROJECT FUNDING.

REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING cannot be used for any indirect costs, although up to 10% of the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING can be used to cover direct project administrative costs. All funding amounts and requests are in US dollars.

Here are two examples of funding requests to help investigators and institutions understand the funding opportunity.

Example A: The maximum funding request to CWR is \$50,000, and the total research budget is \$50,000. The PI enters \$50,000 for PROJECT FUNDING, REMAINING PROJECT FUNDING, REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING and for ESTIMATED OVERALL PROJECT COSTS in the BUDGET

BREAKDOWN. The EXISTING PROJECT FUNDING is 0.

Example B: The maximum funding request to CWR is \$50,000, and total research budget is \$100,000. The PI enters \$100,000 for PROJECT FUNDING. The PI then enters \$50,000 for REMAINING PROJECT FUNDING, REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING and for ESTIMATED OVERALL PROJECT COSTS in the BUDGET BREAKDOWN, which will cover one-half of the \$100,000 entered for PROJECT FUNDING. The PI also enters \$50,000 for EXISTING PROJECT FUNDING, which has already been secured by the investigator and / or the institution.