

# Grant Application Guidelines



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## Background

Perth Children's Hospital Foundation is the only dedicated fundraising body for Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) and is by far the largest entity for charitable giving to the hospital. The Foundation fuels the fight on the frontline to help children get well and stay well. The challenges we see every day directly influences the solutions we fund.

The Foundation funds:

- **Ground-breaking research** projects and researchers that will transform the future of child health by pioneering new ways of preventing, treating and managing life-threatening and life-limiting childhood disease.
- **World-class expertise** to ensure WA children have access to the best medical care possible, closer to home.
- **Innovative education and training programs** to enable staff to attend training programs, study new practices and learn from international professionals through seminars and conferences that will transform the healthcare available to WA children.
- **Advanced equipment and technology** that significantly improves diagnosis and treatment outcomes, shortens waiting periods for families, and allows for a better standard of paediatric care.
- **Positive patient and family experiences** such as music, play and art therapies to create positive memories for sick children and their families at the hospital.

Governed by a Constitution, all net income raised by the Foundation is made available to the hospital and entities associated with it such as CAHS Community Health (CACHS) and Mental Health (CAMHS).

The Foundation is the largest funder of Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) and the wider Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) after government. In the last 25 years the Foundation has contributed over \$100 million with a further \$20.9 million committed over the next five years-to support longer term projects for CAHS.

The Foundation is registered as a Health Promotion Charity by the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission (ACNC) and is endorsed as an income tax exempt entity and deductible gift recipient 1 by the Australian Tax Office (ATO). In addition to our actions being governed by our Constitution, we are also required to meet a number of guidelines and regulations set by the ACNC and the ATO.

## Primary focus

Our purpose is to fuel the fight on the frontline to help WA children get well and stay well. The challenges we see every day on the frontline at Perth Children's Hospital directly influences the solutions we fund in order to have a tangible impact where it counts most. As a registered ACNC Health Promotion Charity, the majority of funding provided by the Foundation aims to promote the control or prevention of disease in children. The Government funds Perth Children's Hospital to be a world-class Hospital; but additional funding moves the dial from great to outstanding, ensuring that future generations of WA children have access to the best healthcare possible.

## Who can apply for funding?

In accordance with Perth Children's Hospital Foundation's Constitution, the primary grant applicant must be a current PCH, CAHS, CAMHS, or CACHS employee. Projects may include co-applicants that have appointments outside of the wider CAHS system where required for project delivery, however all funds must be directly connected to driving positive paediatric healthcare outcomes from the work driven by PCH or the wider Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS).

## What can be funded?

The predominant use of funds raised by the Foundation will be applied to transformational and translational projects that:

- Provide children and young people up to the age of 16 with information and education on health promotion.
- Provide information on the prevention or the control of diseases in children.
- Promote community awareness of and community participation in issues and activities relating to the prevention or control of diseases in children.
- Assist organisations and facilities which care for, treat and rehabilitate children suffering with a disease.
- Provide relief and assistance to children suffering from a disease, including the provision of relief and assistance to their families and carers.
- Promote the prevention or the control of disease in children through the funding of research and provision of equipment to support that research.

All projects must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- The project/program must be led by a PCH, CAHS, CAMHS, or CACHS employee
- The project must be delivered within PCH, CAHS, CAMHS, or CACHS approved sites
- The project must not include requests to fund:
  - replacement, repair, or upgrade of core equipment
  - core clinical positions
  - personal academic studies
  - Purchase of personal devices such as iPads or personal laptops
  - projects or programs that are considered core to day-to-day operations of PCH, CAHS, CAMHS, or CACHS
  - Projects which have already been funded by other means
  - Research projects duplicating research already undertaken

Perth Children's Hospital Foundation strongly encourages prospective applicants to speak with a member of the Foundation's Grants team prior to completing an application to discuss project eligibility. To speak with the Perth Children's Hospital Foundation Grants Team, please email [grants@pchf.org.au](mailto:grants@pchf.org.au) or call (08) 6456 5550.

## **1. Ground-breaking research**

The Foundation is able to fund research that:

- Aims to transform the future of child health.
- Pioneers new ways to prevent, treat, manage and cure life-threatening and life-limiting diseases for children and adolescents.
- Will have an expected translational impact on future clinical practice and models of care within CAHS.
- Will be led by CAHS employees – it is accepted that research may be done in collaboration with CAHS approved tertiary education institutions and specialist research institutions across Australia and globally.

Applications for research must be transformational and translational and relate to an aspect of clinical research in newborns, children and/or adolescents. The Foundation is able to consider research projects associated with any paediatric health specialty areas (e.g. Aboriginal health, mental health, etc.) at any stage of the research continuum (e.g. ranging from seeding/pilot studies through to clinical trials and implementation projects).

Applicants do not need to have Governance and Ethics Committee approval for their project prior to submission, however governance and ethics approval must be in place before any funds will be released.

## **2. World-class expertise**

The Foundation is able to provide funding to help attract the expertise of highly trained researchers and clinicians who are the best in their fields from Australia and around the world, to ensure children and young people have access to the best medical minds available at PCH.

### **3. Innovative education & training programs**

The Foundation funds education and training for CAHS employees which:

- Relates to innovative models of care.
- Goes beyond core skill and knowledge requirements.
- Will have an expected direct impact on future clinical practice at CAHS.
- Is not for furthering personal academic studies – i.e. diplomas, undergraduate and/or higher degrees.
- Can include Fellowships aimed to advance state of the art care available to children and youth at PCH.

### **4. Advanced equipment and technology**

The Foundation is able to fund equipment that:

- Represents significant advances in technology and enables an improved standard of paediatric care.
- Will be used clinically to improve the prevention and/or control of disease in children.
- Will be used as part of a research project where the focus of the research is on the prevention of paediatric physical and/or mental diseases. Please note, Foundation funded research equipment must be used within CAHS facilities.

The Foundation is not able to fund routine replacement of equipment, or close gaps in the basic equipment available at the hospital or within CACHS or CAMHS.

### **5. Positive patient experiences**

The Foundation is able to fund a range of complementary services and projects that:

- Are designed to make the hospital, CACHS and CAMHS visits less daunting for patients and siblings and less stressful for their families.
- Make a child or parent's stay in hospital more comfortable.
- Provide moments of fun and distraction for patients, siblings and caregivers who spend significant amounts of time in hospital/at the health service.
- Provide relief and assistance to children suffering from a disease.

## **What cannot be funded?**

The ACNC requires a Health Promotion Charity such as the Foundation to ensure that the funds generated via its fundraising efforts complement, rather than substitute, the funding provided to the hospital and broader health service by Government.

As such, the Foundation is unable to fund:

- Items or projects that are core to the operation of Perth Children's Hospital and/or CACHS or CAMHS and are the responsibility of Government in order to provide a quality health service for the State.
- Routine replacement of equipment.
- Projects that are not being led by a CAHS employee.
- Personal academic studies such as diplomas, undergraduate and higher degrees.
- Services that will not be delivered at or by Perth Children's Hospital, CACHS or CAMHS.

## Funding considerations

Funding from the Perth Children's Hospital Foundation fuels the frontline to help children get well and stay well. The challenges we see every day on the frontline at Perth Children's Hospital directly influences the solutions we fund. Our efforts will enable PCH and the broader Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) to ensure sick children and young people have access to world-class healthcare in WA.

In light of the above, particular consideration is given to projects that demonstrate:

- community need, such as critical paediatric health needs or service gaps;
- solutions that effectively address the critical needs/problems in paediatric health and show capacity to deliver planned outcomes in a sustainable way;
- significant anticipated impact to the healthcare of children and youth, such as impact on policy, clinical practice, and experiences of children, youth and families in the healthcare system;
- innovation and significant advances in the relevant field; and
- those with a budget that clearly outlines all expenses associated with the project, and funding requested does not include items that the Foundation or the community should reasonably expect the government to fund/items that are considered core to the operations of the CAHS.

## Process for requesting funding

The Perth Children's Hospital Foundation accepts new grant applications all year around through the Foundation Annual Grants Rounds. Please refer to the Foundation's **Grant Application Process** – downloadable from the CAHS intranet – for further details on how to apply for funding via our grant application portal powered by SmartyGrants.

Please note, the privacy of patient information is very important to Perth Children's Hospital Foundation. All patient information provided in the application form will require explicit written consent from the patients' legal guardian for inclusion in the application.