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**Beatson Cancer Charity Grants Fund 2024**

**Guidance and Application Form**

**Background**

Beatson Cancer Charity helps to enhance the experience, treatment and outcomes of cancer patients at the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre and Beatson satellite sites across the West of Scotland. Our services offer practical and emotional support to patients and families from diagnosis, through treatment and beyond, to help them cope with the challenges of living with cancer and to live a full and meaningful life.

We fund items **above NHS provision** which enhance the treatment and care provided by the Beatson. We are also committed to improving cancer survival rates by supporting advances in technology and research.

The charity is keen to provide opportunities for developing projects and initiatives within the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre and support its wider reach across the West of Scotland. As a result, Beatson Cancer Charity, has launched this Open Call Grants Fund to help drive progress within the charity’s three priority areas:

**1.0 Clinical Excellence**

**2.0 Practical Care & Support**

**3.0 Research & Innovation**

Given the limited pot of funds at our disposal, we aim to invest these as wisely as possible to leverage the greatest impact. Our grant-making will be guided by our three priority areas and sub-priorities below:

**1.0 Clinical Excellence**

Under this priority, the charity is looking for projects/initiatives which support the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre’s commitment to advancing clinical excellence in all areas of cancer care and treatment.

The charity is open to all types of requests which fall under clinical excellence, but we are particularly interested in state-of-the-art **medical equipment**, **enhanced treatment options** and **specialist staff skills**.

Previous and current Beatson Cancer Charity grants in this area include:

* **£150,000** for a Posijet shielded radiopharmaceutical auto-injector.
* **£66,950** for a HIPEC machine to develop a new West of Scotland Cytoreductive Surgery and Hypthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy service for treating colorectal cancer peritioneal metastases.
* **£80,000** for rectal spacer devices to enable prostate cancer patients to safely benefit from SABR radiotherapy with minimal side effects.
* **£8,406** for a two-month work experience placement focusing on the use of HIPEC chemotherapy, SABR radiotherapy and MRI at the NHS Christie.
* **£1,750** for an MSc dissertation research project exploring how nurses recognise and address health literacy needs of Scottish cancer patients.

**2.0 Practical Care & Support**

Under this priority, the charity is looking for projects/initiatives which help cancer patients and their families to cope better during the cancer journey.

This charity is open to all types of requests which fall under practical care & support, but we are particularly interested in projects/initiatives which improve **patient environments, patient safety, patient comfort and patient flow within hospitals**.

Previous and current Beatson Cancer Charity grants in this area include:

* **£10,000** for upgrading the West of Scotland PET scanning centre with new waiting area furniture, artwork within patient uptake bays and a TV system for displaying information about a PET/CT appointment.
* **£1,000** for delivering a BWOSCC annual audit and research event.
* **£800** for producing a pre-habilitaton information film designed to reduce anxiety in patients scheduled for radiotherapy treatment.
* **£28,900** for 20 Airglove vasodilatory thermal devices for improving cannulation procedures and reducing patient distress.
* **£30,000** for a portable echo machine to improve patient comfort.
* **£44,000** for upgraded chemotherapy chairs.

**3.0 Research and Innovation**

Under this priority, we are committed to funding scientific research that has the potential to save lives in Scotland and beyond.

The charity is open to all types of requests which fall under research & innovation, but we are particularly interested in **clinical trials infrastructure**, **translational research, research equipment, and research involving patients and the Beatson’s new MRI scanner.**

Previous and current Beatson Cancer Charity grants in this area include:

* **£111,662** for developing 3D augmented reality patient information leaflets for breast cancer patients scheduled for reconstructive surgery.
* **£139,786** for AI imaging software at the Glasgow Tissue Research Facility
* **£150,000** for supporting the BARITONE MRI research study.
* **£30,000** for a PhD research project aiming to make Photodynamic Therapy more effective as a treatment for glioblastoma brain tumours.
* **£61,279** for a CytAssist spatial transcriptomic analysis machine.
* **£98,799** for an extension of the IMAGINE genomics study.
* **£44,000** for two additional clinical trial research nurses (12 months).
* **£53,280** for a clinical research fellow in multiple myeloma (12 months).

In 2024/25, our research investments will focus on four themes:

**3.1: Growing local research output**

By investing in initiatives that enhance research capacity, we believe we can help local institutions leverage larger investments from UK Research Councils and other grant-makers that will grow the overall output in the city. We will also invest in enhancing infrastructure that is needed to attract Clinical Trials to the Beatson to increase the availability of innovative and emerging treatment options for patients in the West of Scotland.

*Priorities:*

* *Supporting access to novel treatments by delivering clinical trials*
* *Supporting key enabling equipment/posts*

**3.2: Accelerating the pace of discovery**

We will continue to make modest but carefully considered investments in promising lines of enquiry at the proof of concept/early-phase stage to accelerate the pace of discovery of new therapies, technologies and techniques. It is hoped that this will provide the evidence required to leverage more significant funding from larger grant-makers.

*Priorities:*

* *Developing and incubating new approaches*
* *Proof of concept research projects*

**3.3: Refining existing clinical practice**

Generating incremental advances by adding to the body of knowledge on the effectiveness of emerging and existing clinical practice and treatments.

*Priorities:*

* *Reducing toxicity and side effects of treatment*
* *Achieving efficiencies in the delivery of services*
* *Increasing the personalisation of treatment*
* *Improving the adaptability of treatment*

**3.4: Developing future leaders**

We aim to help develop the discoverers and leaders of the future by supporting early-career researchers. By focussing on early career researchers, we can also support the development of a stimulating research environment in Glasgow that attracts the brightest talent, bringing new advances close to local patients. In addition, giving talented individuals the opportunity to develop higher level skills will support future workforce needs.

*Priorities:*

* *PhD studentships*
* *Equipment/project grants for early-career researchers*

\*Notwithstanding this priority, we welcome applications from individuals at all stages of their career.

**Who can apply?**

Healthcare professionals, postgraduate students and researchers who are currently working at the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre, CRUK Scotland Institute, University of Glasgow or Beatson Satellite Sites. The charity is looking to award funding to a broad range of applicants, and we are particularly interested to hear from:

* Applicants who have never applied for a Beaton Cancer Charity grant.
* Early-career clinicians and researchers supported by senior colleagues.
* Applicants who have secured contribution funding for their project.

**What is the maximum amount I can apply for?**

Applicants can apply for a maximum of **£150,000**

**Can I submit more than one application?**

You can only be the **lead applicant** in one application, but you are free to be a co-investigator or collaborator on more than one application.

**What can the funding be used for?**

The charity welcomes applications for clinical fellowships, translational research projects, PhD research projects, research equipment, medical equipment, ward enhancement projects, specialist work experience placements/visits, clinical practice audits and patient education projects.

This funding can be used to support small, medium and large projects.

**What can the funding not be used for?**

The funding cannot be used to replace statutory funding or used to pay for anything which health boards have a non-discretionary duty to fund. The charity will only fund items which enhance or provide a level of **additionality** to NHS provision.

\*The charity also offers small education grants (max £1,500) to support the professional development of staff at the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre and Beatson Satellite Sites. For more information on these grants including the application and guidance form, please contact the charity.

**Research Projects**

Applications requesting funding for a research project or PhD studentship must provide information on the background (i.e knowledge gap and evidence base), research question(s), aims, methodology, study design, pilot data, dissemination plan, follow-up strategy (i.e next steps after the research), collaborators and whether ethical approval has been secured.

Please tell us about your experience and support in place to carry out the research project.

Applications requesting funding for a PhD studentship should be made by the prospective supervisor. Such applications can be made with or without a named student. If you are applying with a named student, please state why the named student is best placed to lead the project. If you are applying without a named student, then the position must be competitively awarded through open advertisement.

**What makes a good application?**

We are looking for applications which:

* Explain the difference this funding will/could make to Beatson patients.
* Clearly articulates the need for the initiative that the funding will deliver.
* Clearly demonstrate alignment with the priorities of the fund.
* Include a clear lay summary.

**Submitting your application**

Please submit your completed application form and any supporting documents to: [opencall@beatsoncancercharity.org](mailto:opencall@beatsoncancercharity.org)

We will send you an email to acknowledge your application. If we have any questions or require additional information, we will contact you.

**Please check**

Before returning your application form, please check you have:

* Answered every question.
* Included a clear lay summary.
* Attached your supporting documents.
* Ensured the management authorisation section is signed.
* Signed the form (Typed signatures and e-signatures are acceptable).

**When is the deadline?**

**The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 23rd August 2024.**

**How will my application be processed?**

Following the closing date, your application will be initially reviewed by Beatson Cancer Charity and then formally assessed by our Strategic Advisory Council (SAC).

The charity’s Strategic Advisory Council comprises of senior clinicians and researchers. It plays a crucial role in contributing to service development and implementation, as well as providing guidance for our grant making.

Quality of application, value for money, potential impact for patients and level of additionality will be taken into consideration during the assessment.

Applications which receive a recommendation for funding by the SAC will then be assessed by our Board which will make the final funding decisions.

If a member of the SAC or Board knows the applicant or a has a conflict of interest, they will not be present when the application is discussed and when the funding decision is made.

\*Beatson Cancer Charity reserves the right to request an internal review process regarding the efficacy of projects between £50,000 and £100,000.

\*Research projects requesting £100,000 and above will be subject to an external peer review process.

**Timeline**

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| **Dates** | **Stage** |
| 27.05.24 | Funding opportunity opens |
| 27.05.24 – 23.08.24 | BCC staff available to provide information, answer enquiries and discuss potential ideas.  **Information Drop-In Sessions**  BCC staff will run information drop-in sessions within the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre (Education Suite) on the following dates:  28.05.24 [10.00am – 2.00pm] - Room ED013  11.06.24 [10.00am – 2.00pm] - Room ED013  02.07.24 [10.00am – 2.00pm] - Room ED013  20.08.24 [10.00am – 2.00pm] - Room ED013 |
| 23.08.24 | Funding opportunity closes at 5pm |
| 11.10.24 | SAC reviews applications and makes funding recommendations |
| 27.11.24 | Board reviews SAC recommended applications and makes decisions |
| Dec 2024 | Applicants informed whether they have been successful or not |
| Jan - Feb 2025 | Grant award letters issued |

**Contact**

Please contact us using the details below if you have any questions or would like further support or advice before completing your application.

Email address: [opencall@beatsoncancercharity.org](mailto:opencall@beatsoncancercharity.org)

Office number: 0141 212 0505

**Application Form**

**Overview**

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| **Application Title** |  |
| **Total Amount Requested** |  |
| **Anticipated Start Date** |  |
| **Duration** |  |

**Lead Applicant Details**

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| **Work Address** |  |
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| **Role in project** |  |

**Co-applicant Details (If applicable)**

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| **Job Title** |  |
| **Department** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
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**Outline**

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| **Please tell us about the project/activity/resource you would like us to fund.** |
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| **Why is this project/activity/resource needed?** |
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| **What are your key objectives and outcomes?** |
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| **Project timeline and milestones** |
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| **How will Beatson patients potentially benefit?** |
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| **Activities you will carry out** |
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**Lay Summary**

Please note that this section is **critically important**. It will enable our Board to assess the quality and importance of the application.

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| **Lay Summary of grant application** |
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**Beneficiary Numbers**

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| **Number of Beatson patients likely to benefit** |  |

**Financial Details**

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| **Item** | | **Cost £** | **VAT £** | **Total £** |
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| **Registration Fees**  **If applicable:** |  |  |  |  |
| **Travel Costs**  **If applicable:** |  |  |  |  |
| **Accommodation Costs if applicable:** |  |  |  |  |
| **Staff Costs including employers costs if applicable (please state agenda for change or equivalent salary band):**  **\*Please include annual pay awards within your cost figures\*** |  |  |  |  |
| **Annual Revenue Costs if applicable:** |  |  |  |  |
| **Total £** | |  |  |  |

**NHS Funding**

Please detail other funding options that you have considered and details of the outcomes.

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| **NHS Core Funding:** |  |
| **NHS National Services Division (NSD) Funding**  **if applicable:** |  |
| **NHS Endowment Funds**  **If applicable:** |  |
| **NHS Other:** |  |

**Other Funding**

Please list all other funding sources that have been explored and details of the outcomes.

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| **Funding Source** | **Outcome** |
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| **If funding is sought from a specific Restricted Fund please detail:** |  |

**Management Authorisation**

To be completed by the applicant’s line manager

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| **First Name** |  |
| **Second Name** |  |
| **Manager Job Title** |  |
| **Department** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Work Address** |  |
| **Work Email** |  |
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| **Manager Signature** |  |
| **Date** |  |

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