
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PILOT STUDIES EXPANDING CLINICAL TRIALS FUNDING MECHANISM

CYCLE 3 RELEASE DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

PRIORITY DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 2, 2026

AWARD NOTIFICATION: DECEMBER 4, 2026

FUNDING DATES: Funds will be disbursed upon execution of a research agreement with the partnering community oncology site.

Funding is available from the HICOR/Fred Hutch Clinical Trials Expansion program to support cancer-related pilot projects. Our goal is to support the launch of pilot studies in partnership with community oncology clinics that are directly responsive to clinic- and patient-identified needs. This mechanism will provide awards of up to \$75,000 direct costs for one year to support pilot feasibility studies. Funded studies should involve participant consent/enrollment.

Proposed projects should:

- Enroll participants from community oncology clinics within the CCSG catchment area, which encompasses the entire state of Washington.
- Focus on improving cancer care delivery and/or the care experience for patients
- Be designed in a way that minimizes start up burden for community clinics (e.g., fits into clinic workflow) and facilitates patient participation

Based on community clinic feedback, HICOR is particularly interested in submissions that address the following topics:

- Palliative and End of Life Care
- Health-Related Social Needs
- Surveillance/Survivorship

PI of the application must have some measurable effort on the project for direction and supervision. Consortium leadership recommends the PI include some salary on the project.

Primary Site Fred Hutch:

- Hutch Grants routing will be required only after an award is made.
- UW or Children's collaborators are allowable and a subaward should be budgeted.

Primary Site UW or Children's:

- Institutional sign-off should be received prior to submission of pilot application.
- An LOI must accompany the pilot application.
- Per UW OSP, submit an e-GC1 anticipating that if awarded, only direct costs will be received.

Primary Site UW or Children's with a FH budget component:

- A FH co-investigator (or administrative PI) needs to be named to maintain financial oversight of the work taking place at FH. This person should have a measurable amount of effort; salary

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support is not required.

- Funds to be spent at FH will be deducted from the award amount prior to issuing the subaward; the balance will be issued via subaward to UW or Children's.
- FH direct cost budget and UW/Children's direct budget should not exceed \$75,000 combined.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Background & Rationale: If interventional, comment on whether clinics and/or patients benefit from the intervention.

Specific Aims & Activities: Include the primary study question, a description of the intervention (if applicable), the primary outcome and study timeline. Comment on timeline for pre-enrollment activities, enrollment, and analysis phase. Comment on feasibility considerations for clinic

Data Sources and Sample Population: Eligible population, number of community clinic(s) anticipated to establish feasibility. Describe any previous experience recruiting patients from this population or other research in this setting.

Feasibility Considerations: Comment on the overall anticipated impact on the clinic workflow. This can include the anticipated training required for clinic staff, recruitment procedures, whether clinic or Consortium personnel will administer the intervention, and method for collecting outcomes.

Budget and Justification: Submit a NIH-style budget and 1-page justification for project expenses.

REVIEW CRITERIA

HICOR leadership and the Trials Expansion Advisory Board will review each proposal and assign scores in the following categories: Alignment with program goals (as described in RFA), Feasibility, Appropriateness of methods, and Potential to inform future research.

TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION or for questions about the Trials Expansion Program, contact Talor Hopkins (thopkins@fredhutch.org).

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PROJECT TITLE:

Does the proposed study have other sources of funding? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Other funding source(s), if applicable: _____

IRB Number, if already approved: _____ Approval date, if applicable: _____

(IRB approval must be obtained if this grant is awarded and before any funds will be activated.)

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

SPECIFIC AIMS & ACTIVITIES

DATA SOURCES AND SAMPLE POPULATIONS

FEASIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS

[Please attach a project budget and 1 page justification, templates are included below]

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NAME	ROLE ON PROJECT	Cal. Mnth	Acad. Mnth	Summer Mnth	INST.BASE SALARY	SALARY REQUESTED	FRINGE BENEFITS	TOTAL
	PD/PI							
SUBTOTALS →								
CONSULTANT COSTS								
EQUIPMENT <i>(Itemize)</i>								
SUPPLIES <i>(Itemize by category)</i>								
TRAVEL								
INPATIENT CARE COSTS								
OUTPATIENT CARE COSTS								
ALTERATIONS AND RENOVATIONS <i>(Itemize by category)</i>								
OTHER EXPENSES <i>(Itemize by category)</i>								
CONSORTIUM/CONTRACTUAL COSTS					DIRECT COSTS			
SUBTOTAL DIRECT COSTS FOR INITIAL BUDGET PERIOD <i>(Item 7a, Face Page)</i>							\$	
CONSORTIUM/CONTRACTUAL COSTS					FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS			
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS FOR INITIAL BUDGET PERIOD							\$	

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION *(1 page maximum)*