

Grants Development Programme

The theme for this programme is the translation of published, beneficial research into novel service developments. This can be interpreted as follows:

- That there is a gap between the end of the research process and the implementation of a service development which this programme attempts to bridge. This may be because a small scale service development arising from a research project has been shown to be beneficial but has not yet been robustly developed and evaluated in the 'real world'.
- That evidence based services are provided in other parts of the world, but have not been piloted and evaluated in the UK.

Applications are encouraged that address these gaps. However, please bear in mind that this is not a research programme. The research must already be published.

The intention of the two side outline application process is to enable you to submit an idea for a service development with minimal effort. If your application is not taken forward you will not have expended too much effort at this early stage of the process.

The Charity recognises that many people do not have the time or experience to submit robust funding applications. This programme will help by:

- Providing support and advice from clinicians who have previously secured funds from the Charity, and from the Charity's grants team
- Helping you apply for a Small Grant, in the first instance, to carry out a feasibility or scoping exercise. This might be used to pay for your time or a researcher's time to develop the proposal, or perhaps to go and investigate how such services are provided elsewhere.
- Introducing you to people who might need to be consulted as part of the development of the project e.g. GPs, health service commissioners, community organisations etc.

- Assist you in developing an evaluation strategy and a business case.

If you wish to submit a 2 side application then you are advised to adopt this format, addressing each point in turn:

- Background/context
- Hypothesis
- How you intend to do it
- Why you believe it will work / evidence base
- How the population might benefit from the project
- Estimated inputs that might be needed i.e. the cost over what period.

Please use plain English in writing the outline avoiding technical jargon and, if necessary, use a third side of A4 to reference statements made in your application.

The application does not need to be signed off at this stage of the process. However, it is very important that you let your manager know that you are intending to submit an application before actually doing so.

Completed outline applications should be emailed to grants@gsttcharity.org.uk by **November 1st 2008**.

At the closing date the Charity will consider the eligibility of all the applications, and make an assessment on the best way of dealing with each of them. Charity staff may suggest ways in which the application might be modified to better state the case for investing in the project. Some, perhaps with a bit of help from the Charity, may be ready to go directly to one of the Charity's funding committees. Some may need the support that the Grants Development Programme is designed to offer. Others may stand little or no chance of being successful and will not be taken forward. In all cases the Charity will give you feedback on the reason for its decision.

Once the applications have been reviewed, then those that fit the 'call' for funding that are likely to benefit from the support the programme can offer will be considered by a Reference Group of people experienced in health service developments and innovations. This Reference Group will

prioritise the applications it wishes its members to help develop and those which it feels the Charity can help develop directly.

In all cases the eventual destination of the applications, once developed, is the Charity's existing funding committees. Although there is no guarantee, it is expected that applications coming through the Grants Development Programme route will be in a strong position to secure funding.

If you wish to discuss an idea before submitting an outline application then you are more than welcome to contact David Jones by email: David.Jones@gsttcharity.org.uk or by calling 0207 188 1207.