



Funding Partners and Gap funders for NHMRC Ideas Grants 2024

Background

- NHMRC offers Gap Funding arrangements to organisations that are interested in providing funding to support their own specific areas of research interest.
- As part of the Ideas Grants application, NHMRC allows applicants to indicate in their application in Sapphire whether they wish to be considered for funding from other organisations.
- Please note, NHMRC will only provide details to the funding organisations where applicants have selected 'yes' at 'Gap Consent' within the Privacy section of the Sapphire application form. This provides the necessary permission for NHMRC to provide the applications, snapshot reports and results of NHMRC's peer review to gap funding organisations.

In 2024, the Funding Partners¹ are:

1. [Cancer Councils](#)

and the gap funders² are:

2. [Cystic Fibrosis Australia](#)
3. [McCusker Charitable Foundation](#)
4. [Sanfilippo Children's Foundation.](#)

1. Cancer Council

Applications for Cancer Council funding are aligned with the National Health and Medical Research Council's Ideas Grants submission and review processes. Eligibility and selection criteria for Cancer Council funding varies state by state and is outlined below:

Cancer Council NSW

Cancer Council NSW Project Grants are:

- open to research projects on any aspect of cancer, including its causes, mechanisms, prevention, treatment and care, and the organisation and performance of cancer control services
- awarded for up to three years
- valued up to \$450,000 over three years
- open to all Australian cancer researchers

Researchers wishing to apply for Cancer Council NSW Project Grants must complete:

¹ It is mandatory for all applicants to select at least one [funding source](#) in their application form (NHMRC /Cancer Councils – note that more than one may be selected). Refer to the *Ideas Grants 2024 Guidelines* for further information.

² Selection of [gap funders](#) is optional – refer to the areas of research interest of each gap funder to determine if you want to be considered by any of them within your application form.



1. NHMRC Ideas Grant application. In the Sapphire application, applicants to select 'Cancer Council' as a funding source option
2. Supplementary Questions via CCNSW online grant submission form; and
3. Consumer Review Form to be uploaded when prompted as part of the CCNSW online grant submission form.

The Supplementary Questions online submission form as well as guidelines and instructions will be available on the scheme open date. Major changes to the questions and guidelines are not expected, however there is an added requirement for consumers to acknowledge their involvement. Applicants should make sure they are referring to the updated guidelines and submission processes which will be live on the [website](#) by the scheme open date (20 March 2024).

Cancer Council NSW Project Grants Guidelines and Cancer Council NSW Consumer Review Guidelines can be found on the [website](#). Information regarding online submission will be live by the scheme open date.

Information about consumer involvement in research and where to find a qualified consumer can be found [here](#).

For any enquiries, please email research@nswcc.org.au.

Cancer Council SA

Project Grants funded through the Cancer Council SA Research Program are open only to cancer researchers based in South Australia.

The Cancer Council SA Research Program accepts applications that are:

- Based on any aspect of cancer, including its causes, mechanisms, prevention, treatment and care, and the organisation and performance of cancer control services
- 1 year in duration
- Have an adjusted 12-month budget up to \$100,000
- Based in South Australia

Researchers wishing to apply to the Cancer Council SA Research Program must complete:

- NHMRC Ideas Grant application. In the Sapphire application, applicants to select 'Cancer Council' as a funding option
- Complete the Supplementary Questions via the CCNSW online grant submission form which will be accessible via the CCNSW [website](#).

Questions relating to the Cancer Council SA Research Program funding requirements can be directed to grants@cancersa.org.au

For more information about the Beat Cancer Project funding schemes, please visit: <https://www.cancersa.org.au/research>



Key Dates and Deadlines

20 March 2024	NHMRC Ideas Grant / CCNSW Project Grants / Cancer Council SA Beat Cancer Project open
17 Apr 2024	Minimum data due for NHMRC Ideas Grant via Sapphire
15 May 2024	Closing date for NHMRC Ideas Grant applications via Sapphire
29 May 2024	Closing date for submission of Supplementary Questions and Consumer Review responses via CCNSW online grant submission form

2. Cystic Fibrosis Australia

Cystic Fibrosis Australia (CFA) is the national not-for-profit organisation for people with cystic fibrosis (CF). CFA’s mission is to deliver research, advocacy and quality improvement outcomes for the CF community in Australia and be the peak body supporting our State/Territory members with their goal of enhancing the quality of life of people affected by CF.

CFA secures funds for the Australian Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust (ACFRT). The ACFRT uses the funds to support research in Australia that will benefit the CF community.

Further information can be obtained from www.cysticfibrosis.org.au

3. McCusker Charitable Foundation

The McCusker Charitable Foundation will consider applications for research funding in the areas of Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, Crohn’s disease, Colitis, Tourette syndrome, Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue.

Further information can be obtained from www.mccuskercharitable.com.au.

4. Sanfilippo Children’s Foundation

NHMRC /Sanfilippo Children’s Foundation Ideas Grants





The purpose of the Sanfilippo Children's Foundation is to drive research for a world without Sanfilippo Syndrome.

Sanfilippo syndrome (Mucopolysaccharidosis type III - MPS III) is an autosomal recessive lysosomal storage disorder. It predominantly affects the brain and is one of a group of conditions causing childhood dementia. Children initially experience developmental delay followed by severe hyperactivity, disordered sleep, loss of speech, progressive intellectual disability (dementia), cardiac issues, seizures and loss of mobility. Death usually occurs before adulthood.

Sanfilippo Children's Foundation will consider Ideas Grants applications for research projects that specifically aim to improve our understanding of and ability to treat Sanfilippo syndrome.

To be considered for funding from the Sanfilippo Children's Foundation, applicants must be conducting research that is highly relevant to the prevention, diagnosis, cure, better treatment or symptomatic management of Sanfilippo syndrome. We are particularly interested in research that aims to:

- halt disease progression through therapies such as enzyme replacement, gene and cell therapies and strategies to enhance the effectiveness of these therapies;
- repair, reverse or ameliorate the cell damage caused by Sanfilippo which could include the application of advances made for other neurodegenerative diseases;
- improve quality of life through targeted care and symptom management strategies.

Sanfilippo Children's Foundation requires regular progress reports and acknowledgment in all publications, presentations and media relating to the supported research

Further information on the Foundation's research strategy and priorities can be found here <https://www.sanfilippo.org.au/research/research-strategy>