

High Impact Cardiovascular Disease Interventions

Introduction

The Burdett Trust for Nursing is an independent charitable trust that makes grants to support the nursing contribution to healthcare through nurse-led¹ projects. The Trust aims to use its funds to empower nurses and through this make significant improvements to the patient care environment.

To mark its 20th anniversary the Trust is launching a new funding strategy focused on reducing death and the impact of longer-term disability related to non-communicable diseases (NCDs). The epidemic of NCDs is straining health systems across the world and the United Nations General Assembly's '2030 Sustainable Development Goals' includes a target for reducing these premature deaths by one-third. Over the next five years, the Burdett Trust will run a series of grant programmes targeting one of the four main categories of non-communicable diseases. The first programme invites applications for effective, impactful interventions focused on reducing the effects of cardiovascular disease (CVD).

High impact cardiovascular disease interventions

Despite being highly preventable, NCDs kill over 40 million people each year, the equivalent of 71% of all deaths globally². Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is one of the four main NCDs and is the single leading cause of death and disability. CVD deaths caused by conditions such as ischemic heart disease and stroke, can be greatly reduced through good management of high blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes and related conditions and lifestyle and behavioural changes relating to tobacco use, diet, obesity and physical inactivity. The Burdett Trust believes that nurses have a central role to play in significantly reducing and reversing the progression of CVD through evidence-based research, education, policy, peer support and advocacy. The Burdett Trust also believes that nurses can work effectively alongside members of the public to assist them to adopt healthier lifestyles that are designed to reduce the physical and psychosocial challenges and impact associated with CVD. Nurses are well-placed to identify patients at highest risk of developing CVD and provide advice and support to those already diagnosed to help manage their conditions. The transformative power that nurses can bring is predicated on their provision of holistic, people-centred care that is responsive to the needs of the individual and the community. Nurses stand on the frontline, caring for and guiding neighbourhoods, communities and social groups towards better health.

¹ Where the term nurse is used in this document it includes midwives, health visitors and allied health professionals

² WHO figures 2019

Grant Guidelines for Applicants

The Trustees are keen to support innovative, nurse-led initiatives that will decrease hospitalisation and reduce morbidity and mortality in cardiovascular disease patients. All projects **must be nurse-led** and have the nursing contribution to healthcare at their core.

Proposals must be well-argued and demonstrate why the project is needed, what benefits and impacts it will deliver and describe how it will generate learning that can be shared, disseminated and adopted more widely. All successful grant holders will be expected to take part in a half-day conference in central London to share their learning and publicise the outcomes of this programme.

Eligibility

Applicant organisations must be:

- properly constituted bodies in the public or voluntary/charity sectors; or
- a university or other charitable educational body that provides health-related education, training or research and development.

Projects must be:

- nurse-led
- demonstrate an innovative approach to strengthening nursing leadership

Salary costs are normally excluded; the only exception is the additional cost of locum cover, staff to provide training, support, research and development, or to undertake project management or evaluation, which are an integral part of the project proposal and would not otherwise be funded by the applicant organisation, which may be included in an application for funding.

Exclusions

The Trust will not fund:

- salary costs, posts, services or direct care costs that are regarded as the core funding responsibilities or statutory responsibility of Government or a public body.
- projects developed and undertaken by individuals, or personal study
- private sector organisations
- the costs of laptop computers and mobile phones
- projects that are part of established improvement programmes or projects which are already funded by other bodies.
- projects concerned with the statutory elements of staff transfer or the mandatory retraining or orientation of staff to new organisations.

Funding & Awards

Grants awarded within this programme will typically be between £50,000 and £200,000.

Terms and Conditions

- Projects are likely to be completed within a twelve-month period.
- Progress reports will be required at six monthly intervals with a final report submitted within two months of the project completion date.
- The award will usually be paid in equal instalments linked to the reporting cycle, and upon receipt of a satisfactory progress report.
- Applications for projects with a significant educational element will be required to demonstrate evidence of a strong service-academic partnership.
- in addition to their own plans for dissemination and knowledge transfer, successful applicants will be expected to contribute to a Burdett Trust conference in Central London.

What will Trustees look for in applications?

Trustees anticipate a large number of project proposals. The Applicants are advised that project proposals will be evaluated on a competitive basis to ensure that funds are used to support projects that best meet the Trust's objectives.

Trustees aim to fund projects that:

- are innovative, offering new ways to strengthen and improve nursing leadership and multi-agency collaboration
- provide evidence of direct user and patient involvement and the co-production of self-care solutions
- will generate learning or new practices that can be shared with others and which have the potential to be disseminated and adopted more widely
- will promote collaborative working among health and social care professionals, and partnerships within and across organisations
- have the support and backing of key stakeholders
- have sound arrangements for project management and monitoring, and robust plans for evaluation
- focus on patient/service user safety and the promotion of dignity and respect
- are succinct, well-argued and demonstrate clearly why the project is needed and what benefits it will deliver.

Application Process and Deadlines

The Trust recognises that developing grant applications is time consuming and can result in disappointment. To minimise the burden on applicants the application process has been designed to be as user-friendly as possible, using online application technology. Applicants are advised to download the questions in advance and prepare their answers carefully before attempting to complete the application form online. All applications will be acknowledged, and applicants will be contacted during the assessment process to answer any questions relating to their application.

Applicants must download a copy of Burdett Trust's Grant Contract prior to making an application to ensure their organisation can agree to its terms in the event of a grant being offered.

Applicants are ***strongly advised*** to apply well in advance of the deadline: **midnight, 11 March 2022**

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within four months of the closing date.

Please note: the Trustees' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into in relation to them.

Data Protection Act

To comply with this Act, we require your consent to use personal data supplied by you in the processing and review of your grant application. This includes transfer to and use by such individuals and organisations as the Trust deems appropriate. The Trust requires your further assurance that personal data about any other individual is supplied to the Trust with his/her consent. Submitting an outline proposal to the Trust confirms this consent and assurance.