

**High Impact Interventions - Chronic Respiratory Diseases (CRDs)**

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**Introduction**

The Burdett Trust for Nursing is an independent charitable trust that makes grants to support the nursing contribution to healthcare through nurse-led<sup>1</sup> 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 launched a funding strategy focused on reducing morbidity and the impact of longer-term disability related to non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Despite being highly preventable, NCDs account for the death of over 40 million people each year, the equivalent of 71% of all deaths globally. Over the next five years, the Trust will run a series of grant programmes targeting the four main categories of non-communicable diseases. This latest programme invites applications for effective interventions focused on reducing the prevalence and effects of chronic respiratory diseases.

***High impact interventions - chronic respiratory diseases***

The incidence of chronic respiratory diseases (CRDs) is rising globally, with the most prevalent being chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma. CRDs affect over 8 million people in the UK and although often preventable, they account for one in five deaths annually. As well as their association with significant morbidity and mortality, they cause serious socio-economic problems both directly in terms of healthcare costs and indirectly through work absenteeism and premature invalidity. Risk factors for CRDs are well-documented with environmental and occupational pollutants, previous childhood respiratory infections, tobacco use, lack of physical activity, poor housing conditions and poor nutrition being the leading causes.

The Trust is pleased to invite proposals for nurse-led interventions that will support a reduction in hospitalisation, morbidity and mortality due to CRDs. Nurses are at the forefront of the delivery of care and support to individuals with CRDs throughout the entire course of their disease from prevention to the provision of end-of-life care. The Trust believes that nurses are well-placed to deliver respiratory research that is firmly embedded in clinical practice and to lead, deliver and coordinate inpatient, outpatient, and community-based interventions that are designed to prevent and reduce the impact and consequences of respiratory disease. They are ideally placed in practice to identify new and better therapies for the many respiratory diseases where outcomes remain poor, and to develop evidence-informed strategies to educate patients and support their self-management to enable them to continue to live more fulfilled lives.

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<sup>1</sup> Where the term nurse is used in this document it includes midwives, health visitors and allied health professionals.

## Grant Guidelines for Applicants

The Trust is keen to receive proposals for effective nurse-led interventions that will improve early diagnosis, access to treatment, smoking cessation and generally assist members of the public to manage CRDs to improve their quality of life.

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.

All applications from an overseas institution must be partnered with a UK not-for-profit organisation. Any awards will be funded through the UK Institution.

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.

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- 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 £100,000.

### Terms and Conditions

- Projects are likely to be completed within a 12-month period.
- Progress reports and financial statements will be required at six monthly intervals, with a final report and financial statement 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 and financial statement.
- 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 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 measurement and evaluation

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- 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, if necessary, applicants will be contacted during the assessment process to answer any questions relating to their application.

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

Applicants are **strongly advised** to apply well in advance of the deadline: **midnight, 30 September 2023**  
Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within three months of the closing date.

**Please note: the Trustees' decisions are final and unfortunately we do not have the resources to provide reasons why applications are declined.**

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### ***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.*