COVID-19 Top-Up Grant

Aim

The COVID-19 Top-Up Grant aims to provide Expenditure on Manpower (EOM) and Other Operating Expenses (OOE) funding for ongoing NMRC-funded projects that are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Application Eligibility

- The applicant must be the Lead Principal Investigator (PI)/Corresponding PI of an ongoing NMRC project with start date before 1 Jan 2021 (i.e. not applicable to recently awarded projects) and end date after 31 Dec 2021.

- The ongoing NMRC project must be awarded under NMRC competitive research project grants based on the programme list on next slide.

Award Details

- The requested top-up amount should not exceed $300K per application, and to support only EOM and OOE vote. No indirect cost will be provided.

- Existing project details including project objectives, methodologies, deliverables and grant T&Cs should remain unchanged.

List of Programmes Eligible for COVID-19 Top-Up Grant

- Bench & Beside Grant (B&B)
- Cooperative Basic Research Grant (CBRG) , Cooperative Basic Research Grant New Investigator Grant (CBRG-NIG)
- Clinical Trial Grant (Including CTGCoD, CTGIITE, CTGIITL, CTGICT, CTGIIT)
- Health Service Research Grant (HSRG), Health Service Research Grant New Investigator Grant (HSRG-NIG)
- MOH Industry Alignment Fund (MOHIAF Cat1 and Cat2)
- National Innovation Challenge (NIC) Ageing
- Translational Clinical Research Flagship (TCR) Programme
- Clinician Scientist-Individual Research Grant (CS-IRG), Clinician Scientist-Individual Research Grant New Investigator Grant (CS-IRG-NIG)
- Open Fund Individual Research Grant (OF-IRG), Open Fund Young Individual Research Grant (OF-YIRG)
- Open Fund Large Collaborative Grant (OF-LCG)
- Singapore Translational Research (STaR) Investigator Award
- Clinician Scientist Award (CSA SI & INV)
- Transition Award (TA)

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Additional Criteria/Points to Note

- Top-up funding must be utilised within 2 years or before the project end date, whichever is earlier. No extension request for the top-up funding will be allowed.

- Applicants and institutions should take into consideration other similar supplementary or top-up schemes such as the Job Support Scheme (JSS) to ensure that there is no overlap/double-dipping of funds.

- Applicants should provide strong justifications on how their projects were affected by the pandemic and the top-up amount requested.

- The top-up funding is not meant for PI to pursue additional work that is not approved in the original project proposal.

- Reporting for the top-up component will be done as part of the reporting mechanism of the existing project which the top-up is tied to.

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Review Process

- The review process will take about 2-3 months after application closes

Assessment Criteria

- Compelling Justifications provided to demonstrate how the project was affected by COVID-19

- Reasonableness of the requested budget, taking into consideration the
  - Awarded project budget
  - Budget balance
  - Remaining project duration