

What has already been funded by the MRFF?

In May-June 2017, \$65.9 million in medical research funding was announced in the Medical Research Future Fund's first round. The table below is a summary of what schemes have been funded and what we know about them.

Value	Announcement	What will the MRFF funds be used for?	Is there an applications process?	Who will administer the grants?	Funding timeline	
\$20 million preventative health & research translation	\$10m	Rapid Applied Research Translation	Awarded to Advanced Health Research Translation Centres (AHRTCs) and Centres for Innovation in Regional Health (CIRHs), which are National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)-accredited through a competitive process.	Yes, an internal application process based on key health priorities	Not yet clear, likely managed by AHRTCs and CIRHs	Applications from AHRTC partners - assessed & funded in 2017
	\$10m	Boosting preventative health research	For generating low-cost, translatable and scalable solutions that promote the adoption of good health practices, prevent disease and keep people out of hospital	No. TAPPC has some ready-to-scale projects in the pipeline	N/A	N/A
\$33 million clinical trials	\$13m	Lifting Clinical Trials and Registries Capacity - Grant Program	Targets public good clinical trials and Clinical Quality Registries (CQRs) that address areas of health burden and unmet need, innovative methodologies e.g. precision medicine.	Yes, competitive peer review via NHMRC's RGMS portal	Joint administration by NHMRC and Department of Health	Scheme open 24/8/17 Minimum data due 20/9/17 Applications close 4/10/17
	\$5m over 4 yrs	Lifting Clinical Trials and Registries Capacity - Clinical Trials Networks (CTNs)	To support the Australian Clinical Trials Alliance (ACTA) to coordinate and work with the Clinical Trial Networks (CTNs) to strengthen sector capability, maximise collaboration, embed clinical trial best practice and professional support.	No. Funds will be used by ACTA for CTN development over the next 4 years	N/A	N/A
	\$8m	Next generation of clinical researchers	Boosting three existing NHMRC fellowship schemes: • Career Development Fellowships (CDF) • Clinical Practitioner Fellowships • Translating Research into Practice (TRIP) Fellowships	Yes, the existing NHMRC peer-review system	Grants will be administered according to NHMRC guidelines	Successful applicants announced in late 2017
	\$5m	Accelerated Research Investment - Teen Cancer	To stimulate new targeted clinical trial activity for adolescents and young adults with cancer.	Yes, competitive research program	CanTeen	Expressions of Interest due August 27, 2017 (via CanTeen website)
	\$2m	Accelerated Research Investment - MND	To stimulate new targeted clinical trial activity for adults with Motor Neurone Disease (MND)	Yes, competitive research program	Cure for MND Foundation	TBA
\$12.9 million to accelerate research for new treatments and cures	\$5m	Biotech Horizons	• to move breakthrough discoveries towards proof-of-concept • open to innovative, multi-disciplinary and sector research teams and small and medium enterprises • initially for precision medicine and 3D anatomical printing	Yes, a biotechnology grant program	Administrator yet to be identified	Call for applications early 2017-18
	\$2m over 4 yrs	National Security against Pandemic Risk	• Australian contribution to the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) - new international initiative addressing research and development gaps in pandemic preparedness • Stimulate, finance and coordinate vaccine development for infectious disease epidemics, especially where market incentives alone do not achieve this outcome	No	N/A	N/A
	\$5.9m	Antimicrobial Resistance	To support research on antimicrobial usage and resistance in Australia consistent with the objectives of the National Antimicrobial Resistance Strategy 2015-2019	Yes, NHMRC Targeted Call for Research processes via RGMS portal	According to NHMRC Grant guidelines	Scheme open 24/8/17 Minimum data due 20/9/17 Applications close 4/10/17

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