

What has already been funded by the MRFF?

The Medical Research Future Fund's first round of funding was announced in May-June 2017. The table below summarises the MRFF funding announcements to date 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	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 Applications closed 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 under review (closed August 27, 2017)
	\$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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to move breakthrough discoveries towards proof-of-concept • open to innovative, multi-disciplinary and sector research teams and small and medium enterprises • 2017 round - \$3M for precision medicine and \$2M for 3D anatomical printing 	Yes, the BioMedTech Horizons grant program	MTPConnect will administer the grants (see details on their website)	Expressions of Interest open: 1 Nov, 2017 Closes: 10 Dec, 2017 Announced: Feb 2018
	\$2m over 4 yrs National Security against Pandemic Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian contribution to the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) - new international initiative addressing research and development gaps in pandemic preparedness 	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	According to NHMRC Grant guidelines	Scheme open 24/8/17 Applications closed 4/10/17
\$100m for brain cancer	\$50m over 10 years Australian Brain Cancer Mission	\$50m from the MRFF matched with \$50m from philanthropy, other governments, private sector and industry. Large scale initiative aiming to double the survival rates and improve the quality of life of patients with brain cancer over the next 10 years	Yes. Some funds will be contestable - for basic research, clinical trials, PhD scholarships and fellowships for all career stages.	Cancer Australia will administer the Mission	Details are yet to be released