

ALIVE WELL Cherish Women's Cancer Foundation Grants Program

Guidelines

Description and purpose of the award

The Cherish Women's Cancer Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to advancing research, education, and awareness around gynaecological cancers. Founded in 2012, Cherish supports initiatives that improve outcomes for women through funding innovative research, fostering collaboration, and promoting consumer involvement in healthcare solutions. Cherish's goal is to find causes, prevention and gentler treatment options for future generations of women. As a contribution to the Centre of Research Excellence ALIVE WELL, Cherish has provided financial support to the sum of \$200,000 which will be awarded in the form of this grants program.

The ALIVE WELL Cherish Women's Cancer Foundation Grants Program aims to provide opportunities for ALIVE WELL trainees, consumer representatives / research partners, and ANZGOG members to support the objectives and priority areas of ALIVE WELL and the Cherish Women's Cancer Foundation mission.

The grants program aims to:

- Empower emerging researchers with hands-on experience in grantsmanship, budget management, and research delivery.
- Encourage collaboration with consumers to ensure research is aligned with patient-identified priorities.
- Facilitate national and international exposure through conference presentations.
- Build strong networks across clinical, industry, and consumer sectors to accelerate innovation and impact.

Funding and duration

Awards of up to \$10,000 are available, approximately 20 will be funded over the life of the Centre of Research Excellence. Applications can be submitted at any time during ALIVE WELL (April 2025 – March 2031). Applicants may request the funds over a long period, but requests for further funding must not be submitted until the previous grant has been exhausted and related activities concluded.

Applicants must intend to use the grant for one or more of the following purposes:

- Research project development (including pilot studies or feasibility work) – Seed Funding Grant
- Training and development in grantsmanship, budget management, and research delivery – Activities Support Grant
- Presentation at national / international conferences (including travel and registration) – Activities Support Grant
- Networking and collaboration with clinical, industry, or consumer partners – Activities Support Grant

Eligibility criteria

To be considered for the grant, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be an ALIVE WELL trainee (e.g. MPhil/PhD student, early- or mid-career researcher, clinician research fellow), ANZGOG member, or a consumer representative / research partner actively engaged or interested in gynaecological cancer research.
- Proposed research projects and activities must align with the objectives and priority areas of ALIVE WELL and Cherish Women's Cancer Foundation Mission, particularly in areas that address consumer-identified needs.
- Applicants should be willing to engage in peer exchange, mentorship and promotional activities (e.g. feature in social media posts about awardees) related to ALIVE WELL.
- Must have support from their host institution (except for consumer applicants for non-research project activities)
- For seed funding grants where the applicant is not a consumer, it is expected that a consumer is involved in the development and conduct of the research.
- Where the host institution provides funding for research activities (i.e. PhD travel scholarships) or the event provides financial support, these opportunities must have been exhausted before applying for this grant.
- Not currently hold an active ALIVE WELL Cherish Women's Cancer Foundation Grant, i.e. end date of previous grant awarded has passed.

Budget eligibility

Funds can be used to pay any category of expenditure consistent with the proposed activity. Requested total funding requested should not exceed \$10,000.

Funding is provided on the assumption that the basic facilities required for the proposal activity will be available from the relevant host Institute.

Where a consumer research partner or ANZGOG member is applying for a research project to be funded, they should pair with an ALIVE WELL Chief Investigator or trainee to support the project's development and execution.

Eligible expenses include:

- Staff and/or consumer time
- Small equipment and laboratory consumables
- Costs associated with accessing biospecimen and data collections
- Charges associated with access to data, data processing or data analytics services
- Hardware or software that are an integral component of research project
- Expenses associated with workshop and seminar attendance, including economy travel and accommodation
- Professional development activities
- Publication and open access costs
- Any specialist sub-contract work
- Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) application fees, regulatory or licensing fees that are specifically incurred in relation to the approval of the funded research project
- Costs incurred for participant involvement in research activity

Items not supported under the grant program:

- Health or travel insurance, travel agency fees, Frequent Flyer or club memberships
- Insurance policy premiums
- Chief Investigator salary

As this Grants Program is under the NHMRC Centres of Research Excellence program, **institute overheads and indirect costs will not be funded.**

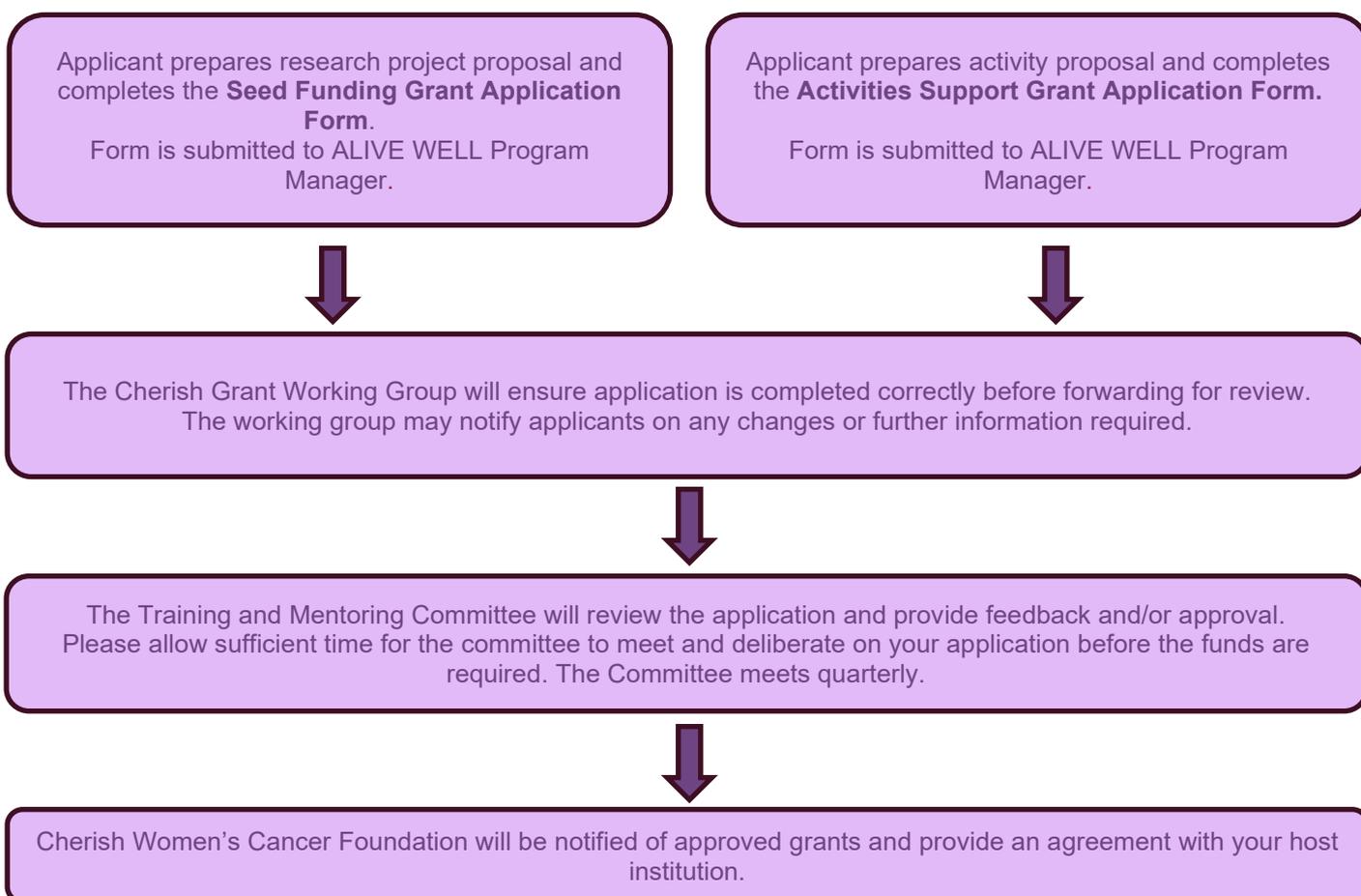
Funding of up to \$20,000 will be provided in exceptional circumstances only, subject to ALIVE WELL Steering Committee approval.

Ethics

All research projects funded through the ALIVE WELL Cherish Grants Program must comply with relevant human research ethics and biosafety requirements. This includes activities such as interviews, surveys, clinical data collection, secondary use of identifiable data, or laboratory work involving human samples.

Where ethics approval is necessary, the applicant must obtain approval from a registered Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) before commencing any research activities. A copy of the final ethics approval (or a formal exemption letter, where applicable) must be provided to the ALIVE WELL Program Manager.

Application process



Post-award process

The ALIVE WELL Program Manager will notify the Cherish Women's Cancer Foundation of approved grants. An agreement will be established between Cherish and your host institution. Once the agreement is signed by both parties and an invoice / quote for the required funds is provided, the funds will be transferred to your institution.

In the case of consumer representatives awarded the grant for activities other than a research project, no agreement is required, and expenses will be reimbursed upon providing the ALIVE WELL Program Manager with all relevant invoices.

Expenditure of funds

Funds must be expended within the activity period stated in the application. Requests to carry funds forward, beyond the original term of the award, will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Reporting requirements

Following expenditure of all funds, the recipient is required to submit a final report, within three months of the end date of the activity. The report should include an overview of the research and/or activities and how these have delivered on ALIVE WELL objectives and the Cherish Women's Cancer Foundation mission.

Where applicable, recipients will be required to present their findings and outcomes at an ALIVE WELL hosted event (i.e. seminar series, annual symposium, patient/community event).

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