Child prosthetics POC – Guidance and FAQ's

PURPOSE

The child prosthetics proof of concept award will support early stage collaborative projects that may require initial work to validate the clinical need and develop associated technology solutions including the development of prototypes.

AWARDS

- Applicants may apply for funding up to a maximum value of £50,000 (inc. VAT).
- Projects funded will typically last 6-9 months and will be monitored against agreed milestones.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECT ARE ELIGIBLE?

Projects will be eligible for funding if they meet the following criteria:

- The technology developed will have the potential to improve prosthetics for children.

- There is evidence of an understanding of where the technology will have an impact within the NHS and the patient pathway

- Where more than one organisation is involved in the development of the product or service, IP ownership is clearly defined and revenue sharing arrangements are planned amongst the relevant parties.

WHAT CAN THE FUNDING BE USED FOR?

The funding can be used to pay for anything that is clearly related to progressing the innovation to a stage where it can attract further investment or development funding or to attract a commercial partner, including the following:

- Production of prototypes.

- Clinical Evaluation (e.g. bench or clinical testing) including application for MHRA approval to conduct a clinical trial.

- Third party professional fees (e.g. expert opinions, market research).

- Activities that will enable pilot studies or early stage revenue generation (e.g. limited production, business plan development).

The funding cannot be used for:

- Retrospective costs.

- Capital costs (e.g. buying equipment) other than in exceptional circumstances.

- Development of innovative ideas for the applicant organisation's benefit only – the intention must be to commercialise the technology for the wider benefit of the NHS and other healthcare organisations with the ultimate aim of improving health and wellbeing.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants will be required to register and use the D4D Innovation manager portal.

Applications will only be accepted using the online application form on the D4D funding competition portal.

Applications must be completed and submitted before the advertised closing date.

All applications will be treated as confidential.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

The Awards Panel will appoint a D4D Project Monitor for each award who will be responsible to track and monitor the project progress.

The successful applicant will be required to designate a Project Manager who will be responsible for liaising with the D4D Project Monitor and submitting reports and project updates as set out in the funding agreement.

Awards may be made in instalments linked to the attainment of agreed milestones.

PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY

Successful applicants will be required to agree to D4D publicising the awards and outcomes of the funded work in publicity materials and press releases. Care will be taken to ensure that no confidential information is released.

CONDITIONS OF FUNDING

- The fund does not require any direct financial Return on Investment (ROI). The applicant should acknowledge the source of funding and commit to reporting to D4D as set out in the funding agreement (final report within 3 months of end of project).

- There will be no appeal process.

- D4D will retain the right to reclaim part of or the entire award if it is not used in accordance with the project plan and funding terms. Any assets purchased can be similarly clawed back if the project does not complete according to the agreed work plan.

- When two or more organisations are involved in the project, applicants will be required to provide (before the project begins) a copy of a collaboration agreement or suitable contract that sets out the relationship and obligations between the parties and the terms agreed for IP ownership and revenue sharing.

General FAQ's

When will we be notified if our application has been successful?
We hope to let you know during December 2017, we would expect projects to commence February 2018.

Can a single University, company, charity or lone individual apply for these funds?
No, the Starworks funding call must have at least 2 organisations involved. Only one of these will be defined as lead applicant.

Do I need to include service users within my application?
We would expect children and families or charities to either be named or involved in the application (as a team member) or to have been consulted throughout the process.

- **I do not know any services users…**
  Please email Nathaniel.mills@nihr.ac.uk for support with this

When does the project end?
We would expect the project to take 6-9 months from the date of the funds being allocated.

Does my project have to cover the themes highlighted within the Starworks child prosthetics brief v1.0?
We would expect the innovation proposed to address the issues identified.
Please email Nathaniel.mills@nihr.ac.uk if you would like to check whether your idea is in scope.

How do I submit my application?
Further details and application forms can be found at http://devicesfordignity.org.uk/starworks_cp/
Applications must be submitted to http://fundingcalls.innovationmanager.uk/ before 12 noon on Friday 27th October

Will we be called to interview for this process?
This is to be confirmed and you will be notified within a reasonable time frame.

How will the successful applications be chosen?
Proposals will be selected by an expert group of selected assessors and a final assessment panel.

When will I find out if my application has been successful?
All applicants will be informed shortly after the assessments have been concluded.

Who owns the Intellectual Property generated by the Project?
Intellectual property rights are retained by the applicant although certain rights of usage may be applied by the funding authority including royalty-free, non-exclusive licence rights and the right to require licenses to third parties, at a fair market price.

Should Project Costs include VAT?
Yes, VAT is the responsibility of the invoicing business, and it is required that applications will list total costs inclusive of VAT. Should you consider you are VAT exempt then you may quote without VAT but you will not at a later date be able to increase invoice values to cover VAT.

Can Overheads be Included in Project Costs?
An element of overheads may be included in project costs, however such an element must be realistic. Assessors will consider financial costs in terms of 'value for money' at the assessment stage. Projects showing costs that are considered unreasonable will be rejected on these grounds.

Who should I contact if I have any further questions?
Questions on the overall programme should be sent to Nathaniel.mills@nihr.ac.uk