

Transforming Cardio-Renal Health: Accelerating Early Diagnosis and Optimising Care Pathways

2026/27 Patient Advocacy Grant Programme | **FAQs**

Do I need to apply for the full £20,000?

No. Grant requests can be considered for amounts up to £20,000. Grant requests should be proportional to the scope, complexity, and reach/impact of the programme, while reflecting reasonable, good faith estimates of the true operational costs related to the proposed project. This should be clearly detailed in the Budget template attachment.

What if £20,000 is not sufficient to complete my project? Would AstraZeneca consider co-funding my project with another organisation?

AstraZeneca may consider co-funding projects that have an overall budget greater than £20,000. Applications could either state:

- Which specific activities the grant funding from AstraZeneca will be used for (for example, Phase 1 of a longer-term project), or
- What proportion the £20,000 will cover (for example, 25% of a programme of work that is £80,000 total).

Where possible, other funding sources should be secured prior to submission of the application. However, where additional funding has not yet been confirmed, any AstraZeneca funding awarded would be contingent on the remaining funds being secured within six months of the date AstraZeneca confirms the contingent award.

Can I apply for funding for activities that has already started?

No, AstraZeneca cannot fund activities retrospectively.

Am I guaranteed funding by applying?

No. Completing the application process does not guarantee that funding will be provided. Each application would be reviewed on its own merit based on the inclusion criteria.

Will AstraZeneca continue to fund my project, if it is proven to be successful?

No. Receiving a grant through the *Transforming Cardio-Renal Health: Accelerating Early Diagnosis and Optimising Care Pathways* programme does not imply or guarantee any future funding.

AstraZeneca is not liable for funding any additional phases, future years, or extensions of multi-year or multi-phase projects beyond the scope of the grant awarded under this programme.

Do I need to be a registered charity to apply?

We will consider applications from organisations that are registered with The Charity Commission for England and Wales, OSCR (the Scottish Charity Regulator) or the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

We will also consider applications made by Community Interest Companies (limited companies which operate to provide a benefit to the community they serve), if they are involved in the care and support of people with cardio-renal conditions.

Can I apply as an individual or do I need an organisation?

Grant applications can only be made through an organisation; AstraZeneca cannot provide funding to individuals.

Can a group of organisations apply?

Yes. However, one organisation must take responsibility for completing the application, managing the funds and reporting on impact as lead partner. The applicant organisation cannot provide sub grants to the other organisations in the consortium.

There should be a written Memorandum of Understanding between the organisations stating roles and responsibilities, and this should be uploaded within “*Additional Attachments*” in the “*Attachments & Executed LOA*” section of the CyberGrants process.

I've already received funding from AstraZeneca. Can I still apply?

AstraZeneca cannot provide grant funding if another grant is already in progress. Once the reconciliation report has been received by AstraZeneca for any other grants, your organisation is welcome to apply through the Transforming Cardio-Renal Health: Accelerating Early Diagnosis and Optimising Care Pathways grant programme.

You may apply through this programme if you have live sponsorships or consultancy agreements with AstraZeneca.

The amount requested through this programme, when combined with any other grants, sponsorships or consultancy fees provided by AstraZeneca in this calendar year, must not exceed 30% of your organisation's annual project income.

I have previously applied for funding for a project but was not successful. Can I apply again through this programme?

Yes, you are welcome to apply again this year if the project fulfils the criteria for the *Transforming Cardio-Renal Health: Accelerating Early Diagnosis and Optimising Care Pathways* programme grant. The grant application must be resubmitted through CyberGrants before the deadline of 27 October 2026, as we cannot reroute applications which have already been rejected.

When will I be notified of the outcome of my full application?

It is anticipated that applicants will be notified of the grant outcome by the end of November 2026. If there are any delays, organisations will be notified as soon as is feasible.

Can I submit supporting documents (e.g. letters of support, data, or appendices)?

No. Please only submit the five-slide proposal and the budget template.

The five-slide proposal should be uploaded within "Additional Attachments" in the "Attachments & Executed LOA" section of the CyberGrants process.

The budget template should be uploaded within "Budget Schedule / Cost Breakdown" in the "Attachments & Executed LOA" section of the CyberGrants process.

Can my project focus on only one condition, such as CKD or heart failure, rather than the full cardio-renal pathway?

Yes, provided the proposal clearly fits the aims of the programme and supports earlier diagnosis and/or optimised care pathways within cardio-renal health. Projects may focus on a specific condition, risk group, pathway stage, or under-served population, as long as the rationale and intended impact are clearly explained.

Can I apply to AstraZeneca for grant funding in 2026, outside of this grant programme?

Yes, the CyberGrants portal will remain open throughout 2026 for grants related to oncology, respiratory and immunology.

For any grants related to cardiovascular, renal and metabolic diseases, we kindly request that these be submitted from November 2026 onwards, as teams will prioritise review of applications for the *Transforming Cardio-Renal Health: Accelerating Early Diagnosis and Optimising Care Pathways* programme.

If you are successful in your application for funding through this programme, you would not be eligible to receive further AstraZeneca grant funding until the project funded in this grant programme is completed.

What if I do not spend all of the awarded grant on the specified project? Will I be able to utilise that money for a different project?

Should for any reason any monies awarded as part of this AstraZeneca grant programme not be used to fund the project subject of the application, those unspent funds must be returned to AstraZeneca. The award recipient cannot apply such monies to other projects or activities.

What if I have additional questions that have not been addressed here?

Please contact Marta McGrath, Patient Advocacy Manager, with any questions at marta.mcgrath@astrazeneca.com.