

Helping Patients to Prepare for and Continue with Cancer Care: 2026 Patient Advocacy Grant Programme

Frequently asked questions

1. 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.

2. 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 provided would be contingent on the remaining funds being secured within six months of the date AstraZeneca confirms the contingent grant.

3. Can I apply for funding for activities that have already started?

No, AstraZeneca cannot fund activities retrospectively.

4. 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.

5. Will AstraZeneca continue to fund my project after the initial grant period?

No. Receiving a grant through the *Helping Patients to Prepare for and Continue with Cancer Care* 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 provided under this programme.

6. 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 provide or support cancer prehabilitation or rehabilitation services.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. Can I submit a project that has a reach and impact beyond the types of cancer listed in the ‘[Funding guidance](#)’ section, for example a pan-cancer approach?

We are open to considering projects with a pan-cancer approach; however, this grant programme will prioritise applications that support areas of oncology which align to AstraZeneca’s scientific expertise.

Where an application is submitted that takes a pan-cancer approach, we recommend highlighting how the people with cancers of the bladder, blood, breast, liver, lung, ovaries, prostate, and stomach will be invited to participate in the programme.

We cannot fund proposals that focus exclusively on cancers outside AstraZeneca’s areas of scientific expertise.

10. 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 *Helping Patients to Prepare for and Continue with Cancer Care* 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.

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

Yes, you are welcome to apply again this year if the project fulfils the criteria for the *Helping Patients to Prepare for and Continue with Cancer Care* programme grant. The grant

application must be resubmitted through CyberGrants before the deadline of 1 July 2026, as we cannot reroute applications which have already been rejected.

12. 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 August 2026. If there are any delays, organisation will be notified as soon as is feasible.

13. 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.

14. 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 cardiovascular, renal and metabolic disease, and respiratory and immunology.

For any grants related to Oncology, we kindly request that these be submitted from August 2026 onwards, as teams will prioritise review of applications for the *Helping Patients to Prepare for and Continue with Cancer Care* programme.

If you are selected 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.

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

Should for any reason any monies provided 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 grant recipient cannot apply such monies to other projects or activities.

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

Please contact Emma Purdy, Oncology Patient Advocacy Lead, with any questions at emma.purdy@astrazeneca.com.