**Targeted Request for Research Proposals**

**for SIDS biomarker development**

 **Grant Guidelines – 2022**

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| **Opening Date:** | **Friday 5th August 2022** |
| **Closing Date & Time:** | **Friday 2nd September 2022 at 5.00pm (AEST)** |
| **Grant administering entity:** | Red Nose Limited |
| **Selection Process:** | Targeted Competitive |
| **Grant Activity Timeframe:** | October 2022 to October 2024 |
| **Total Amount Available (AUD):** | $100,000 (+GST) over 2 years ($50,000+GSTper year). |
| **Enquiries** | Applicants requiring further assistance should direct enquiries to Lacey Fitzgerald, Education and Research Manager – Red Nose on 03 9034 1260, laceyfitzgerald@rednose.org.au or research@rednose.org.au Questions should be submitted no later than **5pm** **Friday 26th August** **2022.** |

**Research brief:** **SIDS Biomarker Development Grant**

In this round of funding, Red Nose Limited is committed to funding AU$100,000 (+GST) over 2 years to research relating to the development of a Sudden Infant Death (SIDS) biomarker that can be used for population screening.

There has never been a specific biomarker test for SIDS and Red Nose Limited understands that this is the ultimate goal in the fight and prevention of SIDS deaths.

1. **Eligibility**

Applications must satisfy all the requirements set out in these Red Nose Research Grant Guidelines and application form. Applicants must nominate a Principal Investigator who will take the lead role in submitting the application, conducting the research, and reporting as required under the grant agreement.

1. **Application Instructions**

Applicants are advised to read these Guidelines and application form thoroughly.

Applications are to be submitted using the application form template, which can be [downloaded here](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Frednose.org.au%2Fdownloads%2FRed_Nose_Research_Grant_2022_SIDS_Biomarker_application_form_3_Aug_2022.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK), no later than **Friday 2nd September 2022 at 5.00pm (AEST)**

Email your completed application form in MS Word (no signatures required) and PDF format (scanned original with signatures) to research@rednose.org.au by the submission deadline.

Post or courier a hardcopy of the signed and completed application form to the address below. Hardcopies must be received within **5 days** of the submission deadline.

**Red Nose Australia**

**Attn: Lacey Fitzgerald**

**Suite 4 670 Canterbury Road**

**Surrey Hills VIC 3127**

1. **Grant Selection Process**

Applications will undergo a thorough review by representatives from the Red Nose National Scientific Advisory Group (NSAG) and external peer reviewers. In addition to scientific excellence, reviewers will consider the following evaluation criteria:

1. Potential of the proposed research to address the research brief (30% weighting)
2. Suitability and adequacy of study design, including appreciation of methodological issues (30% weighting)
3. Applicant’s training and experience relevant to the research (20% weighting); and
4. Justification of resources requested and access to infrastructure to complete the project (20% weighting).
5. **Notification of Application Outcome**

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application by email by **7th October 2022.**

If successful, you will also be advised about specific conditions attached to the grant (if any), including the timing of any public communications you make regarding being awarded the funding.

All applicants will be provided with feedback on the outcome of their application, which may consist of individual scores and an overall score against the technical assessment criteria, and a rating against the non-technical assessment criterion.

1. **Funding Agreement**

If successful, your institution must enter into a legally binding funding agreement with Red Nose Limited before Red Nose Limited can make any payments. You must not start any project activities until the funding agreement is executed. Execute means both the parties have signed the agreement.

The approval of your grant application may have specific conditions determined by the assessment process or other considerations made by Red Nose Limited. Red Nose Limited will identify these in a separate offer of funding.

1. **Reporting**

If successful, your institution is required to report to Red Nose Limited on the progress of the research and use of funds in accordance with the funding agreement. Where an institution fails to submit reports (financial or otherwise) as required, Red Nose Limited may act under the provisions of the funding agreement.

Reports must be submitted in line with the funding agreement. The successful applicant will be expected to report on:

* progress against agreed project milestones and evaluation criteria and include evidence to demonstrate progress against the outcome/s and result/s identified in project milestones;
* risks arising during the project and how these are being managed to ensure project outcomes; and
* project expenditure incurred to date and include evidence of expenditure.

The amount of detail provided in reports should be relative to the project size, complexity and grant amount. Red Nose Limited will monitor the progress of the project by assessing the reports submitted and may seek further information or request an independent audit of claims and payments. Red Nose Limited will only make payments when Red Nose Limited receives satisfactory progress reports.

1. **Probity**

Red Nose Limited will make sure that the funding opportunity process is fair, according to the published guidelines, incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct and is consistent with the governance processes of the NSAG.