

## ABC UK NURSING GRANTS PROGRAMME 2025 - Guidelines

ABC UK Nursing Grants is one of ABC UK's annual small grants programmes. We want to acknowledge the great contribution made by specialist nurses to improving patients' experiences and their treatment pathway. A specialist nurse may be the health professional a patient will see the most often - particularly for treatment, in follow up clinics, or providing support and advice. We want to encourage more nurses to participate in our Grants Programme and apply for funding for nurse-led projects and pieces of work that directly benefit bladder cancer patients.

The application process for a Nursing Grant is very simple and we can help with the application process. We are also happy to discuss any idea you may have for a project before you make a grant application.

We are looking for stand-alone projects that demonstrate clear outcomes and improve knowledge, facilitate change, explore different approaches and directly improve outcomes for patients or the patient experience. Applications may be made for different kinds of work – this might be a completely new project or an extension of work you've already piloted.

### YOUR PROJECT

Your project idea must be directly related to bladder cancer and demonstrate direct outcomes and/or benefits for bladder cancer patients. Projects must be UK based. Some ideas of potential project areas are shown below, although it could focus on any area which can make an impact on improving outcomes for bladder cancer patients or their experience of treatment.

#### What might your project focus on? Some examples of areas you might consider:

- A project of benefit to those with bladder cancer - improving outcomes or their experience;
- Patient experience at the point of first diagnosis;
- A project aimed at improving treatment, monitoring and follow up systems or practice within a hospital or clinic. These may be simple, nurse-led changes in practice (perhaps with patient input) which could demonstrate longer term patient benefit and improvement to patient pathways;
- Patient experience of the discussion of treatment options;
- Mapping and improving the patient experience or patient surveys;
- Or your project may be aimed at providing better support for patients or groups of patients;
- A small scale quality improvement, audit or research project with practical benefits for patients.

We are also open to applications for a scoping or pilot study for work which might lead to a larger project. We also consider applications which are an extension of research or patient-centred projects already being undertaken or completed, provided a defined project to be funded by ABC UK can be identified.

**Grant Amount:** Applications may be made for an Grant up to £5,000. In exceptional circumstances, we may consider an Grant over this level up to £10,000.

### WHO CAN APPLY

The ABC UK Nursing Grants Programme is open to Urology and Cancer Nursing Specialists. You can apply as an individual nurse, or with colleagues as a team. You might work with patients within urology services where patients are being diagnosed and tested or undergoing surgery. Or in other areas where bladder cancer patients are being treated - such as oncology or radiography, or in a follow up clinic where patients are monitored for recurrence or other issues.

## **SIMPLE APPLICATION PROCESS**

If you have an idea you would like to submit for an ABC UK Nursing Grant, you can contact us to talk about your idea. We can help and advise regarding the application form or with any questions you may have.

## **HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION**

We can support you throughout the application process, and are happy to discuss your ideas for an application and give objective comment on an outline application if this would be of help. Contact details are given at the end of these guidelines.

**PROJECT EXAMPLES:** There are some examples, which may give you an idea for a project to undertake at your own hospital, on the flyer on our grants page [www.actionbladdercanceruk.org/abc-uk-grants/](http://www.actionbladdercanceruk.org/abc-uk-grants/)

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

There is a simple application form on our website: [www.actionbladdercanceruk.org/abc-uk-grants/](http://www.actionbladdercanceruk.org/abc-uk-grants/)

- Applications should only be submitted on this form. You may include any necessary attachments, however all sections should be completed on the application form.
- Please ensure you use the correct application form – there are two ABC UK Grant application form on our website – one is for Primary Care, Research & Clinical and one for the ABC UK Nursing Grants.
- Guidelines given here and within the application form should be followed.

You may discuss project ideas with us and request assistance with your application. Please contact us on [info@actionbladdercanceruk.org](mailto:info@actionbladdercanceruk.org) with any questions about your application or the process. Projects should contain milestones and demonstrate specific outcomes. A reporting timetable will be agreed to provide information on progress of funded projects. Please also see the Application checklist.

## **TIMELINE**

Most projects run for a maximum period of 12 months. However, we will consider a longer period.

30 October 2024	Open for applications
01 March 2025	Deadline for applications and application Assistance
March/April 2025	Application review process
Grants awarded in full, partial or declined. Outcome published.	
July 2025– Jan 2026	Interim Reporting
March 2026	End Project date (unless otherwise agreed), Final Reporting

## **ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

All applications will be reviewed by the ABC UK Grants Panel for final decision. We will request any clarifications or additional information required. Panel members include representatives from nursing, urology, oncology, research, patients, primary and secondary care as appropriate.

## **GRANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Grants are not made to individuals. Grants are only made to an organisation (eg: NHS Trust etc). Please ensure you obtain permission, and fulfil any internal requirements of your organisation, before making a grant application. It is advised that you clarify any internal financial process/bank account details for grant payment with your relevant department as part of your application preparation.

Applications are invited up to £5,000 per project. Exceptionally a maximum amount of £10,000 will be considered. The maximum grant for any one project is £10,000.

Grants can be used to cover salary, expenses, consumables, equipment and other costs directly incurred by the project. Travel costs will be covered, although it is advisable that these are not viewed as excessive. Funding cannot be used to subsidise the applicant's normal activity. Applicants should submit a fully costed budget with their application. 75% of grant would be payable upon confirmation of grant/start date of project. 25% balance of grant would be payable upon receipt of approved final report.

### **Reporting**

Interim project progress report/s will be requested (usually six monthly), a timetable will be given on confirmation of grant. These are simple reports on progress.

Deliverable milestones should be included within the application so you can report against these. If any delays occur to the project, it is advised that ABC UK are informed as soon as possible.

The final report to be on the template provided, together with a breakdown of grant expenditure. ABC UK would retain the right to publish the final report both on ABC UK website and in external publications and to publicise by any appropriate means.

### **Acknowledgement of ABC UK Grants**

The Grant recipient should acknowledge ABC UK grant funding in any publication or publicity of their own with the following words: "This work has been funded by Action Bladder Cancer UK". This includes acknowledgement within presentations of the project work funded at conferences etc.

### **EXCLUSIONS**

Projects must be stand-alone. Applications for part of a larger project will only be considered if a discrete project area can be identified to be solely accredited to ABC UK grant funding. If you are considering requesting funding for an element of a larger project, please consult ABC UK for advice before submission.

### **PRE APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Things to check **before** submitting an application. If unsure of anything, please contact us.

- Please ensure the application form is signed by **both** the lead applicant and the appropriate person within your organisation.
- Applications cannot be formally accepted for assessment until this form is completed and signed.
- Budget details are included, with as much detail as possible.
- Ensure you have followed any internal processes relating to an external application for funding eg should your application be approved internally or checked with your finance department?

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your ideas for a project, contact us on: [info@actionbladdercanceruk.org](mailto:info@actionbladdercanceruk.org) Further information is on our website.

### **BLADDER CANCER PATIENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

Outside of our ABC UK Nursing Grants, we also offer an opportunity to apply for a start up grant towards setting up a support group for bladder cancer patients at your hospital. This is set at a maximum of £500. ABC UK would also support you in setting up the group and helping to sustain the running of the group. We also consider grants for one off events. Contact us for more information.