

# **Roche 125 Year Anniversary Health Charity Grants**

## **PROGRAM CHARTER**

### **Article 1 - Object**

1. As part of its 125-year anniversary celebrations in 2022, Roche is seeking to award 2 x 125 Year Anniversary Grants totalling \$125,000, to projects aimed at stimulating patient benefit, to be delivered by Health Consumer Organisations (HCOs) or other Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) that work in the following therapy areas: Oncology, Haematology, Diabetes, Neuroscience, Ophthalmology, Cardiology, Infectious Diseases or Women's Health.
2. Submission of an application for a 125 Year Anniversary Grant implies acceptance of and agreement to the Program Charter.

### **Article 2 - Applicants**

1. Health Consumer Organisations (HCOs) or other Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), registered as a charity under Australian law, may apply for a 125 Year Anniversary Grant if:
  - a) The organisation's primary purpose or mission relates to improving the health outcomes of Australians;
  - b) The organisation's annual turnover is such that the value of the 125 Year Anniversary Grant provided will not exceed 25 per cent of that turnover.

### **Article 3 - Applications**

1. Applications for a 125 Year Anniversary Grant should be accompanied by the following documentation:
  - a) Full identification of the Applicant, containing the following elements: Name, Address, ABN/ACN; Primary point of contact and contact details.
  - b) Project proposal containing the following elements: Project Title; Abstract; Rationale; Objective; Detailed description of the activities to be developed including intended beneficiaries and number of Australians likely to benefit; Materials and methods to be used; Allocation of technical and human resources; Execution schedule; Budget and evaluation outline.

2. Applications should not exceed 2 pages + cover letter.

#### **Article 4 – Exclusion of Applications**

1. Applications that are not accompanied by all the documents listed in Article 3.1 of the Project Charter will be excluded.

2. Applications which are submitted after the deadline laid down in Article 5 of the Charter will also be excluded.

3. Roche reserves the right to exclude any application that does not adhere to Roche's internal policies or meet the requirements or objectives of the 125 Year Anniversary Grants.

#### **Article 5 – Deadline and Method of Submission for Applications**

1. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Friday 29 July 2022.

2. Applications must be submitted via email to: [Anniversary.Grants@roche.com](mailto:Anniversary.Grants@roche.com)

3. It is anticipated that successful applicants will be notified by Wednesday 21 September 2022.

#### **Article 6 – Evaluation of Applications**

1. Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

a) Innovation and pioneering spirit; the project may be a pilot, but cannot be a continuation of an existing initiative;

b) Number of people likely to benefit from the project;

c) Magnitude of benefit and ability to measure and demonstrate that benefit;

d) Alignment to the themes described in Article 12;

e) The project must be linked to one of the following therapy areas: Oncology, Haematology, Diabetes, Neuroscience, Ophthalmology, Cardiology, Infectious Diseases or Women's Health.

f) The project must adhere to the Medicines Australia Code of Conduct, not provide any direct or indirect commercial benefit to Roche, nor encourage, directly or indirectly, the use of any Roche product or service, nor any prescription medicine.

## **Article 7 – Independent panel of judges**

1. An independent panel of judges will evaluate the applications and propose a decision for awarding the Anniversary Grants.
2. The Panel will be made up of a minimum of 5 members, who have been selected by Roche to bring a range of healthcare perspectives to the decision-making process. Roche will have no influence over the Panel's decisions (subject to adherence with Roche's internal policies).
3. The Panel will evaluate the applications with total independence.
4. The Panel's decisions are made by majority vote.
5. The Panel may request information and/or clarifications about the applications, if it deems appropriate for their proper evaluation.
6. The Panel may propose that 125 Year Anniversary Grants not be awarded if none of the applications meets the requirements or the objectives of the Program Charter, without the need to invoke any type of reason or justification for its decision.

## **Article 8 – Disclosure of Panel of Decision**

The Panel's decisions regarding the awarding of grants will be communicated to all the applicants.

## **Article 9 – Value of the Grants**

The Anniversary Grants to be awarded by Roche will be awarded respectively to the two organisations whose applications are deemed by the panel of judges to have the greatest merit, considering the criteria. The 125 Year Anniversary Grants will have the following values:

- (a) \$75,000 for the winning application;
- b) \$50,000 for the runner-up application.

## **Article 10 – Project implementation**

1. The successful applicants are obliged to communicate to Roche the effective starting date and anticipated finish date of the project.
2. Projects must begin within six months of the Grant being awarded.

3. At the mid-point of the project's execution, the successful applicants are obliged to provide Roche a report on the progress and financial execution of the project.
4. At the end of the project's execution, the successful applicants will provide Roche with a final report on the project's execution.
5. Roche and successful applicants must comply with all legal declarations in force that regulate support to HCOs or health-related NGOs that operate for the benefit of patients.

#### **Article 11 – Clarifications and final provisions**

1. For any clarifications, applicants should send an e-mail to [Anniversary.Grants@roche.com](mailto:Anniversary.Grants@roche.com)
2. Roche reserves the right to amend, at any time, this Charter, including the members of the Panel and the deadlines provided in the Charter.

#### **Article 12 – Preferred projects and themes**

The preferred projects and themes for projects are those that:

1. Inform patients of their rights to access to information and involvement in individual healthcare decisions; or
2. Increase the participation of citizens and patients in health decision-making processes; or
3. Contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of patients and their carers; or
4. Promote health gains for Australians; or
5. Increase the health literacy of Australians; or
6. Increase equity of access to healthcare for Australians.