

# **BRAIN • MIND • PAIN**

**Patient-Centred Innovation**

# **GRANT**



*Applicant's Guide*

# WHAT

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## What is the grant about?

BMP Grant is an initiative of Pain Alliance Europe and Grünenthal Group to identify, stimulate and encourage patient-centric and scientifically robust innovation in the domain of chronic pain and neurological disorders, to stimulate research and access to innovative treatments, to promote prevention and self-management approaches, to decrease stigma, and to work together to improve quality of life for people living with these disabling conditions.

## Context

The further aim of the grant is to create an environment where patient-centricity is the basis for future initiatives, to foster innovation with direct impact on patients' needs, and to create awareness of chronic pain conditions and neurological disorders.

## What's in it for you?

The BMP Grant is allocated to the following three working streams according to the objectives of the EU Brain, Mind, and Pain Interest Group:

- Access to innovative treatments
- Prevention and self-management approaches
- Reduction of stigma and research into improvements of quality of life

The total amount representing the biennial BMP Grant funding is 90,000 EUR. This amount will be allocated amongst the three BMP Grant working streams based on the advice from the BMP Grant Jury for each work stream and edition. Besides financial support for the winners, there will be media exposure for all reviewed applications.

## Theme

Each edition of the BMP Grant will reflect one or a combination of the three working streams mentioned above, as decided by the BMP Grant Steering Committee. The theme for 2017-2018 is **'Overcoming problems in access to treatments'**.



# APPLICATION

## Who can apply

The BMP Grant welcomes applications from individuals and/or organisations based and operating in Europe (geographical region), constituted and functioning within either of the following Legal Identities:

- Patient Organisation
- Educational Organizations
- Non-profit Organizations
- Natural Persons\*
- Commercial Organizations

## Indicative Timetable

The grant is organised on a biennial basis and the following key dates apply:



The first edition is programmed for 2017-2018.

## How to apply

Applications will only be accepted if submitted online before 31<sup>st</sup> December. Applications received before 15<sup>th</sup> November will receive advice from the BMP Grant Secretariat, should the primary eligibility criteria not be met.

The submitted project must fulfil the following specific requirements:

- To be patient-driven
- To be patient-centred
- To be scientifically robust
- To respect the theme selected for each grant proposal
- To address the objectives of the Grant
- To be innovative
- To focus on European countries and be conducted in Europe

\*Check the call for proposals available on the website for further recommendations

# CRITERIA

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## Evaluation criteria

The submitted project should:

- meet the theme of this specific call
- improve the patients' quality of life
- be innovative
- be targeted at patients with neurological and/or chronic pain disorders
- involve patient organisations in its development
- involve patient organisations in its implementation
- be transferable to other countries and regions
- establish partnerships between stakeholders
- be sustainable and have an impact in the long-term
- have a defined deadline
- have a well-defined implementation plan

## Assessment of criteria

The BMP Grant Jury will have the final decision on whether or not and if yes, to what extent, an applicant meets the above evaluation criteria. Additionally, the evaluation will:

- assess if the planned outcome of the project will solve a problem for patients
- welcome applications which have considered involving patients in the realisation of their project

## Scientific evaluation

Scientific evaluation will ensure that the project is scientifically robust, and will be:

- done separately by two scientific evaluators, who will be free to ask advice from experts in specific fields
- expressed quantitatively by a global scientific score

## Financial terms

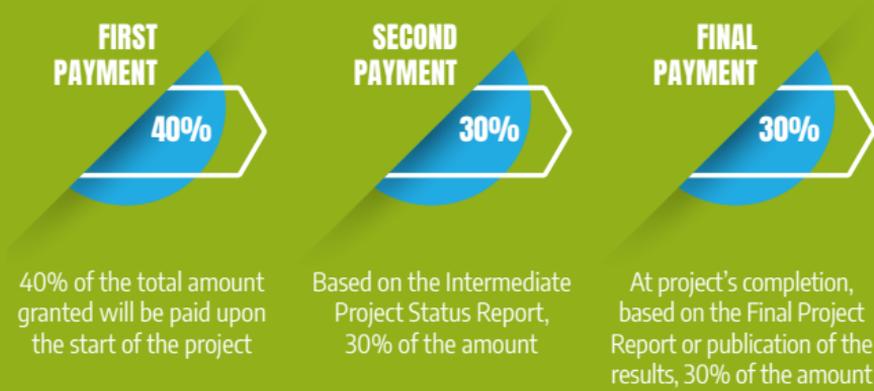
We require that the budget be transparent and sufficiently elaborated in the application, and that the periodical reports submitted if the project wins include a detailed financial overview.

Co-funding is accepted, provided the following criteria are met:

- The BMP grant should fuel the project significantly
- The BMP grant has full access to reports and analysis as well as the rights for publication as described above
- The communication takes place according to the terms included in the grant agreement
- The financial data and use of funds are transparent

## Reports and payment schedule

The BMP Grant Jury can advise on the payment and reporting schedule based on the schedule below for projects deviating from an 18-month schedule. Deviations need to be ratified by the BMP Grant Steering Committee.



The payment plan is in accordance with the project's control and reporting milestones.

The candidate will present the Final Project Report detailing the project in the circumstances agreed-upon with the BMP Grant Steering Committee in the grant agreement.

## Communication plan

The BMP Grant Steering Committee wishes to inform its partners of the projects it supports in the field of patient-centred innovation. The project(s) may be advertised via the BMP Grant website [www.bmp-grant.eu](http://www.bmp-grant.eu) and also in the communication of the BMP Grant authority with its partners, collaborators, and media via email communication, press releases, and other media channels.

## Publication rules

The winning project(s) will be recognised as BMP Grant project(s). Any publication concerning the winning project will contain the reference to the BMP Grant as defined by the conditions detailed in the grant agreement.

## What about compliance and transparency?

All submitted applications will be made publicly available to ensure full transparency, for future evaluation, public reporting and promotion of the BMP Grant. By submitting the application, the applicant grants a copyright to BMP Grant and its partners to use the submitted material for publication, promotion and documentation.

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\*The complete text for the Call for proposals detailing the requirements for the applications may be found on the website [www.bmp-grant.eu](http://www.bmp-grant.eu)

# WHERE CAN YOU FIND MORE INFORMATION

You may find the complete text of the call for proposals on:



[www.bmp-grant.eu](http://www.bmp-grant.eu)

In case you need further assistance with the application, do contact:



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