



BRAIN, MIND, AND PAIN PATIENT-CENTRED INNOVATION GRANT

HEALTHY SLEEP FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH BMP CONDITIONS

THIRD EDITION (2021-2022)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

1. BACKGROUND

Hundreds of millions of people of all ages across Europe struggle with Brain, Mind, and Pain disorders in their everyday lives. According to the European Brain Council (EBC), over 220 million people in the EU suffer from neurological disorders. In 2015, neurological disorders comprised 10.2% of global disability adjusted life years (DALYs), accounting for 16.8% of global deaths. Based on the Thematic Network on the Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) figures over 150 million people live with chronic pain. The personal impact of BMP disorders cannot be overstated, with these conditions causing enormous suffering and disability.

The Brain Mind Pain (BMP) Grant aims to support projects that will help improve the quality of life of people living with brain, mind, and pain conditions. While there are unique challenges to some BMP conditions more often the challenges overlap, therefore solutions will also overlap. It is desirable that project applications encompass at least one of the following BMP grant objectives:

- Increased awareness of the challenges faced by people living with BMP conditions, and/or how they should be treated
- Prevention of such BMP conditions
- Innovation of, and access to new treatments, and interventions. Novel interventions are not limited to entirely new approaches. An intervention may be innovative if it hasn't been applied to the BMP context or perhaps within a certain geographical



region.

- Development or implementation of self-management education
- Decreasing stigma towards BMP conditions

Patient centricity must be the core of any proposed project which meet the criteria further detailed below. Patients are most familiar with the challenges they face and the areas that they need assistance in. Patients and patient organisations must be collaborators in the full scope of the project i.e. from research, design, development to implementation and review.

2. FINANCIAL ALLOCATION PROVIDED BY THE BMP GRANT

The BMP Grant strives to attract projects which promote and sustain the chosen theme for each edition. The Grant is Pain Alliance Europe's (PAE) initiative co-sponsored by Boston Scientific, Janssen Pharmaceutical NV, and Grünenthal.

The biennial BMP Grant 2021-2022 fund totals **60,000 EUR**. This amount will be allocated according to the decision of the BMP Grant Steering Committee and granted to the winning proposals, following the decision of the BMP Grant Jury for each edition.

3. INDICATIVE TIMETABLE

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

Launch of the Call for Proposal	30 November 2021
Start of the Application Period	30 November 2021
End of the Application Period	31 March 2022
Evaluation period	April – June 2022
Notification of declination or success of submission	July/August 2022



4. RULES OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

4.1 Theme

The theme for the third edition of the grant is prevention and self-management. It has been decided to narrow the focus to self-management in a series of calls starting with 2021-2022 [Healthy sleep for people with BMP conditions.](#)

4.2 Specific requirements for eligibility

The submitted project must fulfil the following specific requirements:

- That the benefit and improvement in quality of life for those with BMP conditions is the basis of the project
- Address at least one of the objectives of the Grant outlined in the background of this document
- The focus, and design of the project is patient-centred where patients inform and are involved with each stage of the project
- Where relevant validated scientific measures and methods are applied and the results are reproducible. For example the project has been researched, has an aim, methodology, standardised measures of evaluation, and reproducible results.
- To respect the theme selected for each grant proposal in this case healthy sleep for people with BMP conditions
- To be based in the general European geographical region
- The BMP grant should be the primary source of funding for the prospective project i.e. significantly contributing to its design, and implementation. Co-funding is also acceptable (see 6.3)
- All parties involved in the project must be compliant with [EU GDPR and data protection regulations](#), Ethical consideration must also be reflected.



4.3 Who can apply?

Natural persons and /or organisations based and operating in Europe (geographical region) are eligible to apply for the BMP Grant.

4.4 Number of proposals per applicant

An applicant may submit up to 2 distinct projects.

5. DEFINITIONS

Applicant – an entity which submits a project proposal

When proposals are submitted by several applicants, one applicant will assume the role of lead-applicant and is called *Coordinator*. The Coordinator will introduce the other applicants as Partners and provide the data required by the application form. The Coordinator is responsible for submitting the proposal and signing the grant agreement.

The lead-applicant and the co-applicants (partners) shall agree upon appropriate internal arrangements, consistent with the provisions of the grant agreement, for the proper implementation of the action. A written proof of such agreement must be provided upon request.

Beneficiary – entity which signs the Grant Agreement with the BMP Grant Secretariat and are actively involved in the implementation

5.1 Legal identity of the applicants

The BMP Grant applicants must be constituted and functioning within either of the following Legal Identities:

Patient Organisation

Patient Organisation is a national or regional association with a legal identity, which helps patients by providing information about living with their conditions, raising awareness about



screening and prevention, and offering a number of supporting tools for improving their living conditions.

Educational Organisations

Independent educational institutions, public and/or state-controlled institutions, and private institutions of higher education.

Non-profit Organisations

Non-profit organisations, other than institutions of higher education.

Natural Persons

Natural Persons may submit applications for a funding opportunity on their own behalf (students, patients, carers, others). However, in order to create the basis for putting into practice the submitted project, it is requested that the respective natural person be associated with a patient organisation and/or other legal entity.

Commercial Organisations - partnership or body corporate that supplies goods or services and carries on all or part of its business in Europe

Partnerships

The BMP Grant encourages partnerships between different categories of applicants described here above (natural persons, non-profits, educational institutions or commercial organisations), believing that a good representation of interests is beneficial to the expected result, which is to improve the life of pain patients. We strongly recommend involving patients or patient organisations in an active role.

6. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

6.1 General remarks

It is required that the budget be transparent and sufficiently elaborated in the application. The periodic reports submitted if the project is selected will include a detailed financial



overview. If you are not a patient or patient organisation, we would also like to see the allocation of funds for the patients or patient organisations involved.

6.2 Cost eligibility

The submitted cost must include only expenditures related to the implementation of the project and should be incurred during the duration of the project. The budget should be reasonable, justified, and comply with the principal of sound financial management.

The elements of cost should be identifiable, verifiable and detailed in the estimated overall budget submitted in the application.

The grant may not cover ineligible costs like:

- Return on capital
- Debt and debt service charges
- Provisions for losses and debts
- Interest owed
- Exchange losses
- Excessive or reckless expenditure
- Contributions in kind: contributions which are not invoiced, such as voluntary work, equipment or premises made available free of charge

6.3 Co-funding

Projects that will be co-funded i.e. funding from multiple sources is welcome, provided the following criteria are met:

- The BMP grant should be the primary source of funding for the prospective project i.e. significantly contributing to its design, and implementation.
- The BMP grant has full access to financial reports and analysis as described in 6.2 and 9.3. Therefore the financial data and use of funds are transparent
- Communication takes place according to the terms included in the grant agreement



- GDPR regulations are outlined and compliant for data shared between all parties and partnerships within the project. Patients' data must also be gathered, stored and accessible in accordance to EU GDPR regulations.

7. HOW TO APPLY

7.1 Application support

The application should be submitted online using [this link on Google forms](#).

The applicant will receive a notification when the application has been submitted. If you haven't received this confirmation, please check your spam first, and if you can't find any confirmation there, please contact info@bmp-grant.eu

7.2 Application period

The application period starts on 30 November 2021 at 0h00 CET and ends on the 31st March 2022, at 23h59 CET.

7.3 Compliance and transparency

Applicants are informed that all submitted applications can 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 permission to the BMP Grant Secretariat the submitted material for publication, promotion, and documentation.

Furthermore, the BMP Grant Secretariat are entitled to publish the grant applications, the motivation of the jury, and the amount and conditions of the awarded grants according to EU transparency and compliance regulations.

PAE in accordance to its internal [privacy policy](#) and in compliance with the EU GDPR regulation may store any applicant information for up to 4 years in order to contact unsuccessful applicants in the future to reapply. Applicants can opt out of this at any time.



8. EVALUATION, SELECTION, AND NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS

8.1. Evaluation criteria

The project should meet all the eligibility criteria outlined in this call for applications which is also available on the [BMP Grant website](#).

8.2 Selection

The jury will have the final decision on whether or not and if yes, to what extent, an applicant meets the eligibility criteria. It is at the jury's discretion to determine how many successful projects will be awarded. In the 1st and 2nd Editions there were 3 winners of equal grant sums (the total grant sum was split into three equal parts among the three winners).

8.3 Grant Jury Composition

The grant will be evaluated by the grant jury which will be comprised of but not limited to: Representatives of Brain, Mind, and Pain organisations, Patient(s), Clinician(s) specialising in BMP conditions, Sleep specialist(s) and Member(s) of the European Parliament in support of the [BMP MEP Interest Group](#).

8.4 Notification of the Jury's decision

The applicants will be notified via email (info@bmp-grant.eu) of the evaluation results between July and August 2022.

The grant will be awarded to the winner(s) during summer 2022. A ceremony will be designed in accordance with the Covid 19 advice at the time.



9. POST FUNDING PROCEDURES

1. The Grant Agreement

Should a grant be awarded, a grant agreement setting out the conditions and the maximum level of funding will be concluded with the beneficiary. The agreement will detail specific obligations of the coordinator and the other beneficiaries, if applicable.

Successful applicants/coordinators will receive two original copies of the grant agreement for acceptance and signatures. Both of these copies should be sent back to the BMP Grant authority which will return one of them once it has been signed by both parties.

2. Reports and Payment Schedule

First payment	40% of the total amount granted will be paid upon the signature of the grant agreement
Second payment	Based on the Intermediate Project Status Report, 30% of the amount
Final payment	At the project’s completion, based on the Final Project Report or publication of the results, 30% of the amount

3. Reporting obligations

The payment plan is in accordance with the project’s control and reporting milestones. The candidate will be required to submit an Intermediate Project Status Report, 6 to 9 months after the date of the first payment and a Project Evaluation Report 18 months after the date of the first payment.

Should the submitted reports be deemed to be inadequate or of low quality, BMP Grant reserves the right to request additional information suspending the time limit for payment specified in the grant agreement.

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 candidate will present the results of the project under the conditions of the grant agreement established with the BMP Grant Secretariat. The deliverables must contain a video/PPT presentation of the project for which publication rights are given to BMP Grant Secretariat and Steering Committee.

The grant winner is responsible for reporting the grant income for tax purposes as required by law.

4. Communication plan

The granted project(s) will be highlighted and endorsed via the BMP Grant website www.bmp-grant.eu. The BMP Grant Secretariat will also highlight the grant and its winner(s) with its network of partners, collaborators, and media via email communication, press releases, and social media channels.

The Project Summary requested within the Application form may be used to publicise the projects within the BMP Grant communication plan and on all communication platforms.

In compliance with the rules of confidentiality and according to the grant agreement, the BMP Grant may propose to the grant winner the organisation of joint communications relating to the results of your work.

All the above will be detailed in the grant agreement.

5. Publication rules

The winning project will be recognised as a BMP Grant project. Any publication concerning the project will contain the reference to the BMP Grant as defined by the conditions of the grant agreement.