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ATTACHMENT 1

Dear Minister

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING APPLICATION OF FUTURE HEALTH RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ACCOUNT MONEYS DURING (2023-24) AND FUTURE FINANCIAL YEARS

I, John Van Der Wielen, on behalf of the Future Health Research and Innovation Fund Advisory Council, of which I am the Chairperson, recommend that Future Health Research and Innovation Account moneys be applied to the Programs and Initiatives listed in this document in the (2023-24) and future financial years.

The number of annual rounds has been indicated for each proposed Program and Initiative.

I also recommend that the National Reconstruction Fund – Medical Manufacturing Capability Building Program is discontinued and redesigned to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in achieving success for WA.

This recommendation is made in response to your direction, dated 20 April 2022, which is in accordance with section 4D of the *Western Australian Future Health Research and Innovation Fund Act 2012*.

Yours sincerely

John Van Der Wielen

CHAIRPERSON

FUTURE HEALTH RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL

19 December 2023

2023-24 Recommended Programs and Initiatives

Programs and Initiatives (description)	Refreshed Strategy alignment	Priority Goal alignment	Annual rounds
The Collaborative Centres Program - provide funding for WA researchers to undertake world-leading research and strengthen national and international partnerships and collaborations, based on a set of criteria that ensures benefits to WA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 3: Platforms: support new or existing infrastructure to elevate WA as an international leader in research and innovation • Theme 3: Platforms: Expand the health and medical innovation ecosystem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance clinical trial capacity and expertise to improve the quality of clinical trials in WA and make the State more attractive to funders of clinical trials (grant funding and commercial sponsors) • Target high-performing researchers in WA to maintain and/or advance the State's position as a leader in health and medical research. 	2023/24 2024/25 2025/26 2026/27
Research Infrastructure Support (RIS) - provide a secure and predictable source of State Government support for the systemic costs of research in Western Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 3: Platforms: support new or existing infrastructure to elevate WA as an international leader in research and innovation • Theme 3: Platforms: Expand the health and medical innovation ecosystem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance clinical trial capacity and expertise to improve the quality of clinical trials in WA and make the State more attractive to funders of clinical trials (grant funding and commercial sponsors) 	2023/24 2024/25 2025/26 2026/27
FHRI Fund Enabling Scheme - provide State Government co-investment for infrastructure costs to undertake high quality health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 3: Platforms: support new or existing infrastructure to elevate WA as an international leader in research and innovation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance clinical trial capacity and expertise to improve the quality of clinical trials in WA and make the State more attractive to funders of clinical trials (grant funding and commercial sponsors) 	2023/24

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<p>and medical research and innovation Selection Process: applications will be assessed by high level expert panel against assessment criteria and top ranked applications will be funded until pool exhausted</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 3: Platforms: Expand the health and medical innovation ecosystem 		
<p>Translation Fellowships – BOD & Genomics - provide three-year fellowship funding and a research allowance to support high quality early- to mid-career researchers in the areas of Burden of Disease and/or Genomics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 1 (People): Provide opportunities for researchers and innovators to build long, productive and diverse careers in WA • Theme 1 (People): Support and empower outstanding and emerging researchers and innovators to achieve sustained excellence and to drive the research and innovation agenda in WA • Theme 2 (Partners): Work with partners to secure new funding for research and innovation in WA • Theme 2 (Partners): Enable researchers and innovators to form partnerships that will 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the development of early- and mid-career researchers, helping them to achieve an independent and self-sustaining career. 	<p>2023/24</p>

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	increase translation and implementation. • Focus Area B: Burden of diseases.		
NCRIS Partner Program - provide co-funding to support WA-based health and medical research and innovation infrastructure facilities, equipment and technical expertise that are funded and supported through the Commonwealth NCRIS program.	• Theme 3: Platforms: support new or existing infrastructure to elevate WA as an international leader in research and innovation	• Provide cash commitments for submission to major competitive co-funding programs, making Western Australian-led applications more competitive and, therefore, increasing the State's share of national and international competitive funding. • Target high-performing researchers in WA to maintain and/or advance the State's position as a leader in health and medical research	2023/24 2024/25 2025/26 2026/27
Targeted Call – Health System Solutions – provide funding to facilitate the development of innovative solutions to ‘Business Challenges’ identified by the Western Australian public Health Service Providers (HSPs).	• Theme 3: Platforms: Expand the health and medical innovation ecosystem	• Establish innovation P&Is to support topical and/or early stage ideas and enable opportunities for these innovative ideas to secure follow-on funding from commercial/other funders.	2023/24
VC Partnerships Program – provide funding to facilitate the establishment of partnerships with one, or	• Theme 3: Platforms: Expand the health and medical innovation ecosystem	• Establish innovation P&Is to support topical and/or early-stage ideas and enable opportunities for these innovative ideas to secure follow-on funding from commercial/other funders	2023/24

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more, of the firms successful through the VC EOI process, and potentially with other firms that may subsequently be identified as being potential partners.			
Innovative Solutions – Digital Health – provide funding to to proactively build the capacity and capability of the Western Australian (WA) innovation sector to leverage the strengths and opportunities in the area of digital health technologies in improving the health and wellbeing of the WA population and financial sustainability of the health system (IML3-6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 3 (Platforms): Expand the health and medical innovation ecosystem. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish innovation P&Is to support topical and/or early-stage ideas and enable opportunities for these innovators to secure follow-on funding from commercial/other funders. 	2023/24
R&I Capacity and Capability Building Program – support capacity and capability building activities within the WA health and medical research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities for researchers and innovators to build long productive and diverse careers in WA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance clinical trial capacity and expertise to improve the quality of clinical trials in WA and make the State more attractive to funders of clinical trials (grant funding and commercial sponsors). 	2023/24

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<p>and innovation sectors by providing funding to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> organisational capacity and capability building requirements of eligible entities sector wide capacity and capability building initiatives. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance health and medical research literacy, skills and experience of consumers so that they engage more in research. Enhance skills in innovation (including commercialisation), which will advance the quality and capacity of innovation in WA and help WA innovators to obtain funding to support their work. Support the development of early- and mid-career researchers, helping them to achieve an independent and self-sustaining career. 	
<p>Co-FPP RPH MRF Proposal to Partner - co-funding partnership proposal to maximise the impact of the RPH MRF Innovation and Impact Grants Program which supports innovative research projects that will make a significant contribution to the medical research landscape in WA, making WA more competitive in the national and international arena and thus building the reputation of Research in WA. The program will be administered by RPH MRF.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme 1 (People): Provide opportunities for researchers and innovators to build long, productive and diverse careers in WA Theme 1 (People): Support and empower outstanding and emerging researchers and innovators to achieve sustained excellence and to drive the research and innovation agenda in WA Theme 2 (Partners): Work with partners to secure new funding for research and innovation in WA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority 6. Establish innovation P&Is to support topical and/or early-stage ideas and enable opportunities for these innovative ideas to secure follow-on funding from commercial/other funders. Priority 8. Target high-performing researchers in WA to maintain and/or advance the State's position as a leader in health and medical research. 	<p>2023/24 2024/25 2025/26</p>

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CRF Fellowships extension – proposal to extend for 3 rounds the co-funded (Raine Medical Foundation) Clinician Research Fellowships Program which provides the opportunity for clinicians employed by WA Health Service Providers (HSPs) to undertake high quality research of direct relevance to the WA public health system, while maintaining a clinical role.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 1 (People): Provide opportunities for researchers and innovators to build long, productive and diverse careers in WA • Theme 1 (People): Support and empower outstanding and emerging researchers and innovators to achieve sustained excellence and to drive the research and innovation agenda in WA • Theme 2 (Partners): Work with partners to secure new funding for research and innovation in WA • Theme 2 (Partners): Enable researchers and innovators to form partnerships that will increase translation and implementation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the development of early- and mid-career researchers, helping them to achieve an independent and self-sustaining career. Clinician Research Fellowships 2024/25 – 2026/27 3 Paper No: 2.10 Meeting Date: 7/12/2023 • Establish co-funding partnerships that will secure genuinely new nongovernment funding for research and innovation aligned with Priorities for the FHRI Fund. 	2024/25 2025/26 2026/27
MRAS extension – provides funding commitment to support submissions to national and internationally competitive external	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 2: (Partners) Work with partners to secure new funding for research and innovation in WA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide cash commitments for submission to major competitive co-funding programs, making Western Australian-led applications more competitive and, therefore, increasing the State's 	2024/25 2025/26 2026/27

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programs where a co-funding partnership model is mandatory.		share of national and international competitive funding	

Previously approved FHRI Fund programs and initiatives with potential expenditure in 2023-24

Programs and Initiatives
Clinician Research Fellowships 2024
Co-Funding Partnerships Program
Consumer and Community Involvement in Research Workforce Advancement
FHRI Focus Grants: COVID-19
FHRI Distinguished Fellows
FHRI Translation Fellows 2021: Aboriginal health; Country and regional WA health; Mental health
Innovation Challenge – Child and Youth Mental Health
Innovation Fellowships 2022
Innovation Seed Fund 2021
Innovation Seed Fund 2022
Innovation Seed Fund 2023
Major Research Application Support Program 2021-22 - Ozgene
Medical and Health Research Infrastructure Fund 2021
Research Translation Projects 2021
WA Near-Miss Awards 2021
WA Near-Miss Awards 2022
WA Near-Miss Awards 2023
The Challenge – reimagining regional and remote health care – Stage 2
Innovation Challenge 2023 - Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)
WA Cohort Studies Operational Support Program 2023
WA Cohort Studies Research Support Program
Grant Management System - implementation
State Health and Medical Research Strategy resources - implementation