



19 April 2017

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:  
SMALL GRANTS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Dear RHD Community Partner:

RHD Action was launched in September 2015 to amplify global efforts to control rheumatic heart disease (RHD). RHD Action was formed by the World Heart Federation and RhEACH, with demonstration projects led by Case Western University in Uganda and Touch Foundation in Tanzania with the leadership and support of Medtronic Foundation.

RHD Action has recently released a Priorities Pyramid representing the major work areas of the group. Many stakeholders across the RHD community are working to support elements of the Pyramid. This request for proposals for small grant funding provides the first opportunity for RHD Action to support groups who are already addressing these goals and bring the work of key RHD stakeholders under the RHD Action banner.

Please see the Priorities Pyramid appended to this Request for Proposals. The projects should support one of the following areas in the Pyramid:

***People and Communities***  
***Medicines and Technologies***  
***Systems and Services***

We are looking for small innovative projects with well-defined outcomes and timelines that correspond with the RHD Action Priorities Pyramid. An **amount of US\$2,000** is available to fund each successful application. We are looking to fund projects such as an educational, awareness-raising or advocacy event designed to achieve one or more of the objectives in the Priorities Pyramid

Possible projects include:

- Usage or local adaptation of the RHD Action technical and policy resources, including the Needs Assessment Tool and RHD Roadmap
- Community and/or school-based awareness projects
- Empowerment of PLWRHD through awareness events and/or PLWRHD support group
- Efforts directed to Ministries of Health, from the local to the national levels, to increase awareness and incorporate RHD into national health agendas
- Integration of RHD into existing platforms such as HIV/AIDS, TB, Reproductive, Maternal, New born, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) and broader global health systems strengthening.
- Innovative approaches to improve medication adherence to secondary prophylaxis
- Innovative approaches to improves access to medications for secondary prophylaxis
- Creation of patient educational materials in local languages and cultural contexts
- Presentation/addition of RHD-related content to health worker trainee curricula
- Opportunities for task shifting in RHD prevention and control
- Implementation of outreach services to improve access to care for RHD-related health conditions



**Exclusions:**

1. Funded project activities must take place in Low and Middle Income Countries as defined by the World Bank.
2. Current Medtronic-funded RHD Action partners are not eligible to apply.
3. Applications must be submitted in English at this time. We currently do not have the capacity to translate applications in languages other than English.

**Selection criteria:**

1. The applicant must clearly state the intended impact of their specific proposal. Depending on the nature of the project, impact may be measured by numbers of people included in or benefitting from the activity, pre and post activity measures of changes in knowledge/attitudes/awareness, or adaptation/integration of the intervention into an existing programme or curriculum.
2. Alignment with and/or dissemination of ongoing RHD Action initiatives (Priorities Pyramid), dissemination of RHDA tools, materials or statements.
3. Clear, focused, measurable objectives that can be achieved in the short term with a clear time line.
4. Sustainability of the impact evidenced by viable opportunities to use the product or activity (patient education materials, translations, workshop or teaching curricula) for future build-on activities including potential collaboration with governments to strengthen or scale RHD programmes.
5. Plans for publicity/dissemination and/or capacity to approach and/or include local, regional or national Ministry of Health (MOH) representative(s) in the activity or event.

**Funding of \$ 2000 per project** (50% payable upon notification of award and the remaining 50% payable on receipt of deliverables).

**Deliverables for projects:**

- Required
  - o Short narrative and financial report (template provided) no later than 15 February 2018
  - o Photos suitable for press releases and/or electronic media
- Desired
  - o Press coverage
  - o Meeting agendas, course outlines, translated materials

Please note the additional information provided below in the Guidelines on how to proceed. We are looking forward to numerous and innovative proposals from across the globe!

Sincerely,

**RhEACH and World Heart Federation**



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**Application Guidelines:****Proposal Submission Deadline:**

Midnight (local applicant time) 19 May 2017.

Applications must be written in English, saved, attached and submitted via email to:

[grants@rhdaaction.org](mailto:grants@rhdaaction.org)

**Decision:** 16 June 2017

**Project Start Date and Duration:**

Starting no later than 1 August (and ending within 6 months of start date)

**Eligible Recipients:**

Local RHD champions across the world whose project activity will take place in a Low- or Middle- income Country (as defined by the World Bank). Recipients of the grants may be organizations, or in exceptional circumstances, individuals. (Current RHD Action demonstration country partners are not eligible to apply.)

In the case of an award, funds will be wired to your institution, place of work or NGO. In rare cases, funds may be awarded to an individual with appropriate justification.

**Selection Panel:**

A panel comprised of an RHD Action demonstration country representative (1), and representatives from RhEACH (1) and the World Heart Federation (1). Medtronic Foundation will grant final approval for selected projects.

An **amount of US\$2,000** is available to fund an educational, awareness-raising or advocacy event designed to achieve one or more of the objectives. Applications are invited from RHD champions or organizations describing how this may be achieved in their country, region or community.

**What is needed?**

The awards will be made to the five most deserving applicants based on the quality and credibility of the proposal. Applications are expected to answer the questions below on the relevant application form, and be likely to meet outlined objectives within a period of 6 months from the award of the grant.

- (1) What is the status of RHD prevention and control in your country, region or community?
- (2) Briefly describe your existing experience in rheumatic heart disease work.
- (3) What is the objective of your project? How will you achieve this objective?
- (4) How will you use the US\$2,000 funding?
- (5) Describe the stakeholders who will be involved in the project.
- (6) How will you measure the impact of your project?



- (7) Do you plan to involve the press in your project, or otherwise publicize it? If so, how?  
(8) Do you plan to obtain endorsement or acknowledgement from your MOH? If so, how?

**Final Report**

Recipients of the grant will be expected to provide a brief written report in English with photos at the end of the project (no later than 15 February 2018), using a provided template (2-3 pages).

**Project Time Line:**

Call for Proposals	19 April 2017
Deadline for Submission:	19 May 2017
Award Notices:	16 June 2017
Latest Possible Project Start Date:	1 August 2017
Latest Possible Project End Date	30 Jan 2018
Final Project Report Due to RHD Action	15 Feb 2018



# RHD Action

## Strategic Priorities

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