

Gilead Sciences Canada Oncology & Hematology Community Grants Program

Background

Gilead Sciences Canada, Inc., is a leading biopharmaceutical company that discovers, develops, and commercializes innovative medicine in areas of unmet medical need. We strive to transform and simplify care for people with life-threatening illnesses around the world. Together with Kite, a Gilead company, we are making a long-term commitment to advocate for greater inclusivity and equity in cancer care.

Program Description

Through the Oncology & Hematology Community Grants Program, Gilead/Kite intends to support projects that will specifically help tackle inequalities in cancer care and improve the experiences of people from marginalized communities across Canada. Not everyone with cancer has the same choices, and it is our hope that the grantee projects go on to set a precedent for 'good practice' which can be used by others to ultimately work towards more accessible and equitable cancer care in Canada.

Selection Criteria

Gilead/Kite encourages applications that reach diverse communities and patient groups within Canada. We welcome proposals that aim to improve outcomes for specific communities impacted by cancer (of any type), including but not limited to the following:

- Racialized communities and Indigenous groups
- LGBTQIA+ communities
- Migrant communities
- People with physical or learning disabilities
- Younger or older groups

Projects may include (but are not limited to) educational programs, cancer research and data collection, disease awareness initiatives, advocacy initiatives, creation of accessible materials (e.g., leaflets translated into other languages or adapted for certain communities), increased screening for communities, etc.

Projects must provide specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-sensitive objectives as well as clear actions required to meet the project goals. Information regarding the applicant's capacity to implement the project and clear details on how data will be collected and analyzed, and by whom, must also be included. Proposals should have a clear plan to disseminate key learnings from the project.

Eligibility

- Gilead Canada considers requests from a broad range of not-for-profit organizations and registered charities, including but not limited to community health organizations, universities, professional associations, patient advocacy and support groups, and hospitals (for journal clubs and rounds or fellowships). In exceptional circumstances, Gilead may consider funding to for-profit organizations, where the purpose is charitable in nature and no profit will be made through the funding of the activity.
- Medical practices or clinics seeking funding should be not-for-profit organizations or registered charities to be eligible for funding.
- Requests by medical practices or clinics for project funding, including salaries, will only be considered where the project is distinct from the organization's regular operations, for a limited duration, and where the expenses are not otherwise reimbursable.
- Organizations should have an interest in improving health as part of their objective, including but not limited to providing health or social services, education, or advocacy for underserved or hardly reached populations.
- Projects should intend to positively impact specific communities within Canada.

Evaluation and Reporting

Grantee organizations will be required to submit final project and financial reports once the project has been completed. Through the reporting process and data collection, Gilead/Kite hopes to create opportunities to learn from both the successes and challenges faced by our partners and to assess ways to increase the impact of future programs.

Application Process

Organizations are required to submit their requests using the online application form, which can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Please review the grant Terms and Conditions prior to applying. Please ensure that the appropriate program tag (CA – Oncology/Hematology Community Grants Program) is selected within the dropdown on the application form.

Review Process

Following the submission deadline, grant applications will be reviewed by Gilead/Kite's internal Grant Review Committee (GRC). Each application will be assessed against a variety of criteria including community impact, uniqueness, feasibility, scalability and how closely the proposed project matches Gilead's outlined grants criteria, our mission and therapeutic focus.

Key Dates and Deadlines

Gilead accepts applications for Oncology & Hematology Community Grants during two intake periods each year.

1st Intake Period

Application period opens:	March 3 rd
Deadline to submit proposals:	April 18 th
Grants awarded:	May 23 rd

2nd Intake Period

Application period opens:	September 1 st
Deadline to submit proposals:	October 17 th
Grants awarded:	November 21 st

Small-scale grants (under \$6,500) are accepted throughout the year.

Funding Details

Grant requests of up to \$50,000 will be considered; projects with a smaller budget will also be considered. Additionally, Gilead will consider requests for small-scale grants of less than \$6,500 to support travel expenses for relevant conferences. Grant requests should be proportional to the scope, complexity and reach/impact of the program while reflecting reasonable, good-faith estimates of the true operational costs related to the proposed project. Gilead will require any unused grant funds to be returned at the end of the project, in accordance with the Terms and Conditions and has the right to request reasonable and appropriate documentation from the grantee in relation to grant activities.

Permitting budget availability, Gilead may also consider funding requests for one to two large-scale projects over \$50,000, but no more than \$200,000 per year, at the discretion of the Grant Review Committee. Large-scale grant requests must be discussed with Gilead before applying. Please contact Canada.Grants@gilead.com for more information.

Funding Restrictions

Gilead/Kite Oncology & Hematology Community Grant funding cannot support:

- Medication or purchasing of medication
- Existing financial deficits within an organization
- Clinical research or clinical trials
- Projects that directly influence or advance Gilead/Kite's business, including purchase, utilization, prescribing, formulary position, pricing, reimbursement, referral, recommendation, or payment for products
- Paying grants to individuals, individual healthcare providers or physician group practices

- Events or programs which have already occurred
- Government lobbying activities
- Organizations that discriminate based on race, colour, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression
- Any equipment that could be kept beyond the project timelines and which could be of further benefit to the organization, e.g. mobile phones, laptops/computers, vehicles, etc.
- To compensate individuals who provide services to Gilead Canada, such as speaking
- or advising directly for Gilead Canada
- In lieu of a discount or price concession or a part of a contract negotiation
- To fund Gilead-sponsored clinical research or investigator-sponsored research
- To pay for the compensation of HCPs with prescribing authority who are employed by the requesting organization, or
- To defray the operating expenses of the recipient (e.g., office equipment, salary, etc.) unless the grant request specifies the expenses to be covered, and such expenses are not for routine patient care or overhead that typically is reimbursed or paid for by other sources.
- Gilead must never provide grants to individual stakeholders, or to an entity that is controlled in fact by an individual stakeholder or its family member, legal representative, or agent.

Contact

Questions regarding the Oncology & Hematology Community Grants program or the application process should be submitted to: Canada.Grants@gilead.com.

Disclaimer Statement

- Application to the Gilead Grants program is not a promise of funding
- Gilead/Kite reserves the right to approve or decline any application
- Award of a grant in any one year does not imply that a subsequent grant will be awarded without further application and approval
- Applicants must provide a detailed budget as part of the application, which will undergo a fair market value assessment
- Grant funding may be revoked or delayed if reporting and evaluation requirements are not met, or funding is not used according to the application guidelines