Children's Cancer Foundation Grants Round 2026 - Application Form

Before you apply

Thank you for your interest in the Children's Cancer Foundation's national grants round. We want to hear about projects in paediatric cancer care that will make a real difference to children, adolescents and their families. You don't need to be an experienced grant writer to apply. Clear, honest answers matter more to us than polished language.

Applications open	Friday 30 October 2026
Applications close	Monday 14 December 2026, 5pm AEDT
Funding available	Up to $500,000 in total; applications from $10,000 welcome
Outcomes advised	By the end of March 2027
Funding available from	July 2027 (FY2027/28)
Who can apply	Australian health services (lead applicant). Community organisations and NGOs are welcome as partners.
Submit to	grants@childrenscancerfoundation.com.au as a Word or PDF file
Questions	grants@childrenscancerfoundation.com.au

Before you start, please check that your project:

- is led by an Australian health service with an ABN (community organisations and NGOs may be involved as partners).
- is in paediatric cancer care and benefits children, adolescents or their families.
- fits one or more of our focus areas (Section B).
- is not discovery or translational research. These are funded separately through the Children's Cancer CoLab, but we welcome projects that implement research findings in clinical practice.
- does not seek funding for ongoing positions, administrative staff, or host organisation administration fees or levies.
- is not already funded by another charity.
- can start within 12 months of the funding award.
- has your organisation's support to work with CCF to promote the project if it is funded.

If your project doesn't meet all of these, it won't be eligible for this round. If you're unsure, please contact us before you apply.

How to complete this form: Answer every section. Word limits are shown for each question; **together, the written answers should total no more than about 1,550 words (around three pages, not counting tables).** Please don't attach material we haven't asked for. Supporting evidence may be attached where noted. Grants are one-off, not recurrent, but funds can be spent over more than one financial year.

Section A: Applicant and organisation details

Field	Response
Organisation name	
ABN	
Organisation type (e.g. public health service, hospital)	
Registered for GST? (Yes / No)	
Department or unit	
Postal address	
Project lead: name and position	
Project lead: email and phone	
Authorising executive (CEO or delegate): name and position	
Authorising executive: email and phone	
Finance contact: name and email	
Partner organisations (if any), e.g. other health services, community organisations or NGOs	
How did you hear about this round?	

Section B: Project overview

Field	Response
Project title	
Total amount requested from CCF ($, excluding GST if your organisation is registered for GST, or including GST if it isn't)	
Proposed start date	
Proposed end date	
Location(s) where the project will be delivered	
Focus area(s): mark all that apply	☐ Equipment for paediatric cancer care ☐ Family welfare and family support ☐ Implementing research in clinical practice ☐ Clinical care in hospital or at home ☐ Regional and rural care and family support

B1. Plain-English summary (up to 150 words) In one paragraph, tell us what you want to do, who it will help and what will be different as a result. Write it for someone without a medical background. If your project is funded, we may use this summary in our communications with supporters.

> *Your response*

Section C: The need and the project

C1. The need and the project (up to 500 words in total) In one response, please address each of the points below. You can decide how to divide the words between them.

- **The problem or gap:** what need will the project address, and how do you know it exists (e.g. service data, family or clinician feedback, waiting times, an audit or published evidence)?
- **What you will do:** how the project will work in practice, and what is new or how it changes the way care or support is delivered. If it builds on existing research or a model used elsewhere, say so.
- **Who will benefit:** who the project is for (e.g. age group, diagnosis, stage of treatment, families or siblings), roughly how many children or families will benefit, and over what area. Include children treated in oncology settings for non-malignant conditions if relevant.

- **Access and equity:** how you will reach the children and families who need it most, including those in regional and rural areas, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.
- **Duplication:** any similar services or projects, and whether this project, or any part of it, is funded by or has been submitted to another funder.

> *Your response*

Section D: Objectives, milestones and timeline

D1. Project objectives List up to three specific objectives. Each should describe a result you can show you've achieved.

#	Objective
1	
2	
3	

D2. Milestones List the key milestones and the date you expect to reach each one. CCF payments will be linked to these milestones, so make them realistic and proportionate to the size and length of your project. A smaller or shorter project may need only one or two. Add rows as needed.

Milestone and deliverable	Target date	Linked objective
e.g. Project coordinator recruited and ethics approval received	e.g. Sep 2027	1

D3. Risks (up to 150 words) What could delay or stop the project (e.g. recruitment, approvals, demand), and how will you manage it? Name the role responsible for each risk.

> *Your response*

Section E: Impact and evaluation

E1. What difference will this project make, and how will you evaluate it? (up to 250 words) Describe the change you expect for children, families or the way care is delivered, both during the project and after it ends. Explain why you believe your activities will lead to this change. Tell us who will evaluate the project (internally or externally), and whether any data collection needs ethics approval and, if so, when you expect it.

> *Your response*

E2. How will you measure it? List up to four measures that will show whether the project is working. Include at least one measure of outcome or experience (what changed for children or families), not only activity (how much was done). Add rows as needed.

Measure	Starting point (if known)	Target	How you'll collect the data
e.g. Number of families supported	e.g. 0	e.g. 80 per year	e.g. Service activity records
e.g. % of parents who report feeling better supported	e.g. Not measured	e.g. 75%	e.g. Short parent survey at 3 months

Section F: Sustainability and scalability

We know no-one can guarantee future funding, but we'd like to see that you've thought about what happens next.

F1. What happens when CCF funding ends? (up to 150 words) Will the project have ongoing costs? If so, how might they be met, for example through your organisation's operating budget or other funding? If there are no ongoing costs (e.g. equipment or a one-off resource), say so.

> *Your response*

F2. Could this be scaled or shared? (up to 100 words) Could the project, or what you learn from it, be extended to other sites, services or regions?

> *Your response*

Section G: Budget

Show all amounts in Australian dollars, **excluding GST if your organisation is registered for GST, or including GST if it isn't**.

G1. Itemised budget and funding by financial year List each cost item and show when you plan to spend the CCF funds. If the project runs for one year only, complete the FY2027/28 column. Add rows and columns as needed. Salary on-costs (such as superannuation, payroll tax, workers' compensation and leave entitlements) can be included up to a maximum of 25% of the salary costs requested.

Item	Description and basis of cost (e.g. 0.4 FTE for 18 months at $X)	FY2027/28	FY2028/29	FY2029/30	Total CCF request
Staff (fixed-term project roles)					
Salary on-costs (max. 25% of salary costs)					
Equipment					
Consumables and materials					
Travel (e.g. regional outreach)					
Training and education					
Evaluation					
Other (please specify)					
Total CCF request					

G2. Co-funding and in-kind support List any cash or in-kind contributions from your organisation or partners.

Source	Cash or in-kind	Amount	Confirmed or pending

G3. Total project cost (all sources): $

G4. Budget justification (up to 100 words) Explain any significant items and how you arrived at the costs.

> *Your response*

Section H: Project team, partners and approvals

H1. Project team List the key people who will lead and deliver the project.

Name	Role in project	Position and organisation	Relevant experience (1–2 lines)

H2. Track record, partners and consultation (up to 150 words) Tell us briefly about your organisation's or team's experience in paediatric cancer care, family support, or implementing research in clinical practice. Tell us who else is involved (e.g. other health services, community organisations, families or consumer representatives), and how families or clinicians have helped shape this project.

> *Your response*

H3. Approvals Where required, ethics or governance approval must be in place before CCF releases funds. Please allow for this in your milestones and timeline (Section D2).

Question	Response
Does the project involve patients, families or their data? (Yes / No)	
If yes, is ethics or governance approval needed? Current status and expected date	
Are any other approvals needed (e.g. executive, IT, procurement)?	

H4. Supporting documents (optional) List any short attachments, e.g. a letter of support or a timeline.

Document	Purpose

Section I: Declarations and sign-off

By signing below, the applicant and authorising executive confirm that:

- ☐ the information in this application is true and correct to the best of our knowledge.
- ☐ the application is submitted with the knowledge and support of our organisation's executive.
- ☐ we will tell CCF promptly if any information in this application changes.
- ☐ we have disclosed any actual or perceived conflict of interest with CCF, its Board or its Grants Funding Sub-Committee (details below).
- ☐ if successful, we will enter into a funding agreement with CCF and meet its conditions. These include obtaining ethics and governance approvals, where required, before funds are released, six-monthly and final reports, an annual financial acquittal, payments linked to agreed milestones, acknowledgement of CCF's support, starting the project within 12 months of the award, and returning unused funds.
- ☐ if successful, we will work with CCF to promote the project, for example by providing updates, stories and images (with appropriate consent) for CCF's communications with supporters.
- ☐ we agree that CCF may share a summary of a funded project with its supporters, and that any family stories will only be shared with consent.
- ☐ we have read and understood the privacy statement below.

Conflicts of interest (if any):

> *Your response, or "None"*

	Project lead	Authorising executive (CEO or delegate)
Name		
Position		
Signature		
Date		

Privacy statement

The Children's Cancer Foundation collects the personal information in this application to assess it, administer the grants round and manage any funding agreement. We share it with members of our Grants Funding Sub-Committee, including independent external members, and with the CCF Board for these purposes. We may also contact you about future grants rounds; you can opt out at any time.

We store information securely. This may include third-party cloud platforms with servers outside Australia, such as in Japan and the United States. We don't sell, trade or loan personal information.

Please don't include identifiable information about patients or families in your application.

You can ask to access or correct your personal information, or make a complaint, by contacting our Privacy Officer at hello@childrenscancerfoundation.com.au. If you're not satisfied with our response, you can contact the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner at www.oaic.gov.au. We handle personal information in line with the Australian Privacy Principles in the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and our Privacy Policy.