

Impact & Innovation Fund: Overview

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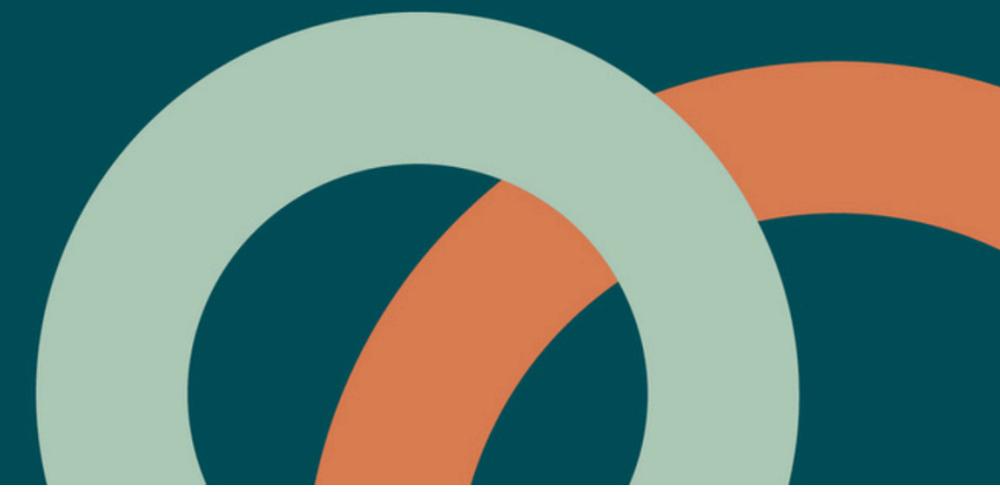
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The Impact & Innovation Fund, the Mater Hospital Foundation's grant ground for 2025, is now open for applications and allows your department to apply for Mater Hospital Foundation funding.



Building on the success of the Mater Hospital Foundation's last open call grant round, applications will be reviewed via the Foundation's **Project Appraisal Process**. This process was developed to provide a robust and transparent way to allocate funding in a fair and consistent manner that reflects the needs of MMUH.



Key Dates

1st September



Impact & Innovation Fund opens for applications. Application form goes live on <https://www.materfoundation.ie/grants/>

6th October



Application submission deadline at 5pm. Impact & Innovation Fund officially closed for applications.

October



All applications reviewed and eligible applications assessed according to PAC scoring matrix.

December



Successful applications approved for funding by Mater Hospital Foundation Board.

19th December



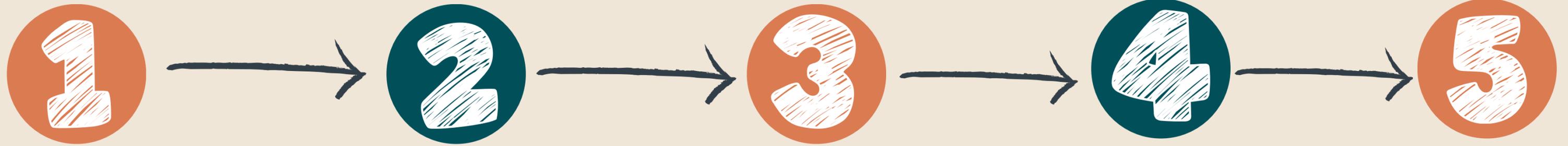
Applicants notified of application outcome and grant agreements drawn up

July - December 2026



Grant impact reports due

Impact & Innovation Fund Review Process



1 - Submit

Applicants submit applications along with relevant supporting documentation to: grants@materfoundation.ie

2 - Internal Review

Application is reviewed by Grants Specialist. All applications that meet the criteria will be reviewed for approval by the Foundation's senior leadership team

3 - Committee Review

Applications will be sent to the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) for review. Recommendations from PAC are sent to the Mater Hospital Foundation Board

4 - Approval

The Mater Hospital Foundation Board meets & approves funding for the successful grant applications

5 - Accept & Report

Applicants are notified by the Grants Specialist
Grant agreements will be issued

Grant impact report due within 6 months of funding (unless project duration is longer)

Applications under €5,000 will be reviewed for approval at this stage

Applications over €5,000 will be reviewed for approval at this stage

Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) - Overview



What is it?

A sub-committee of the Board of The Mater Hospital Foundation formed to review grant applications received for funding

Why?

Transparent, fair decision-making for effective utilisation of supporter funds & to improve support for patients

Meeting Frequency

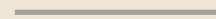
Committee meets annually



Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) - Members



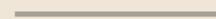
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The Mater Hospital Foundation - Board Chair



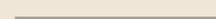
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The Mater Hospital Foundation - Board Director
& Member of the Finance Committee



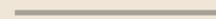
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The Mater Hospital Foundation - Board Director



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The Mater Hospital Foundation - Chief Executive
(no vote)



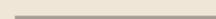
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MMUH - CEO or nominated appointee
(no vote)



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MMUH - Chair of Medical Executive



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MMUH - Director of Nursing



1. Advancing Medical Equipment



2. New Services & Hospital Redevelopment



3. Patient, Family & Staff Supports



4. Research



Funding Pillars

All grants awarded to the hospital must also fall within The Mater Hospital Foundation's Pillars of Funding

Grant Funding - Eligibility

 Ineligible for funding 
Living costs, funeral costs or repayment of debt
Warranty and repair costs
Consumables/maintenance costs
Operational & warranty ICT costs
Subscriptions costs
Ongoing salary costs
Parties, alcohol, staff presents
Ongoing operational costs
Purchase of buildings & land

 Eligible for funding 
Patient impact & engagement programmes
Equipment
Clinical Technology
Education & training for staff
New & emerging medical technologies
Innovations in Health
Capital Development
Translational research

Please note that the above list is not exhaustive and only provides examples. If you are unsure about the eligibility of your cost, please contact us.

- ✓ All applications must be typed & completed in full
- ✓ All applications must be approved by a department manager in advance of submission (Operations Manager, DN Manager, Clinical Lead)
- ✓ All applications must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation
- ✓ N/A should be inserted in sections not relevant to your application
- ✓ All applications to be emailed to grants@materfoundation.ie
- ✓ Additional info. may be provided in a separate document



Application Checklist

Please ensure that your application satisfies all of this checklist before submitting



Application Support



Application Form

Application form can be accessed through our website at:
<https://www.materfoundation.ie/grants/>

Grants Clinics

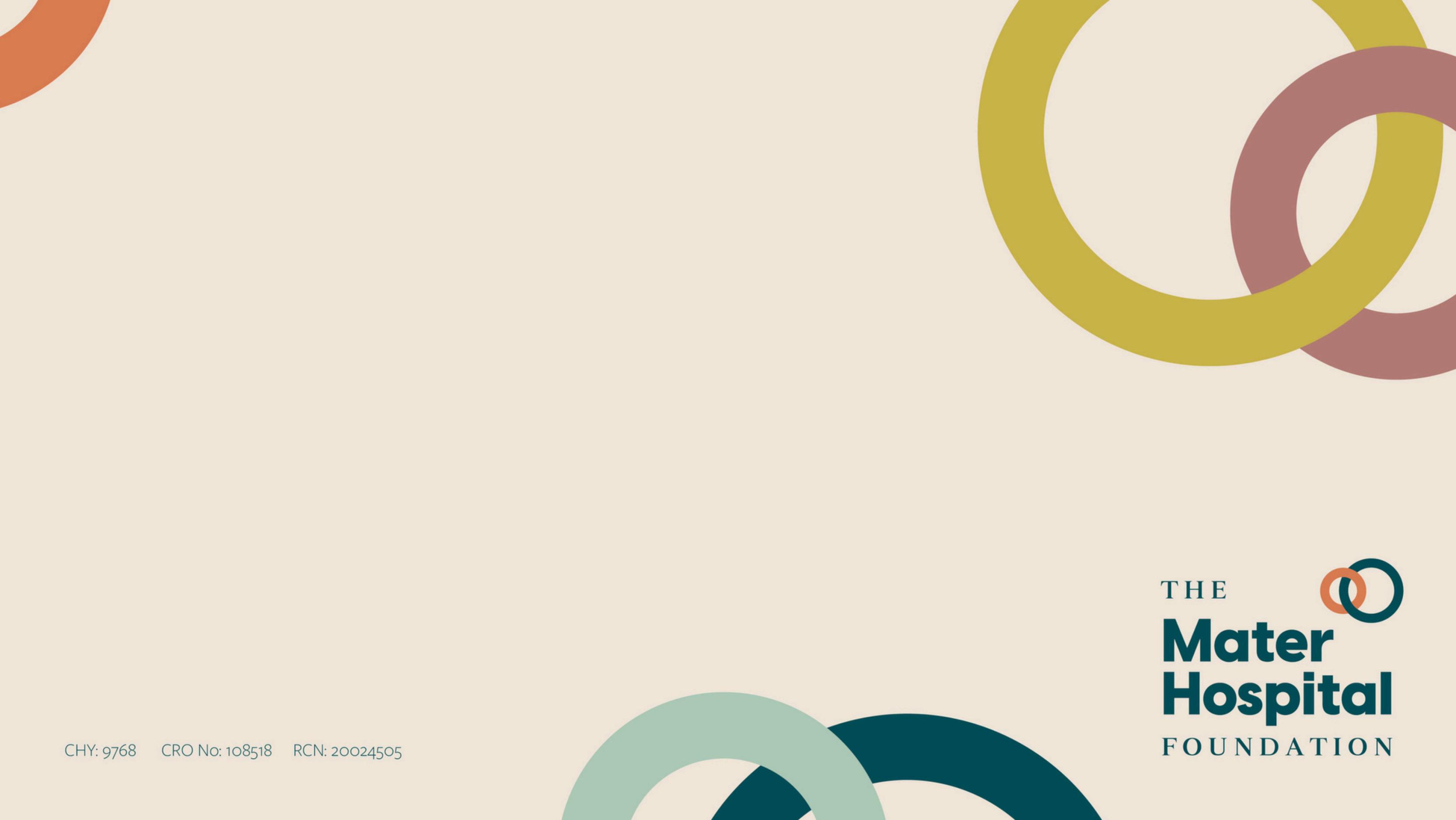
Appointments can be arranged with the Grants Specialist during the application open period to provide one-to-one support. Please find details & scheduled times on our website at:
<https://www.materfoundation.ie/grants/>

Key Contacts

If you need any further information or have any queries, don't hesitate to reach out:

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