Biospecimen Collection Grant – Round 3

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• Grants capped at $100K
• $877,000 is available
• The grant funds:
  - collection, processing and storage in the NSWHSB
AND covers:
  - data linkage to health administrative datasets
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**Aim:** to build research assets for the state that can be used to investigate priority health issues affecting the NSW population.

**Objectives**
- support collections that support research on priority health issues in NSW
- build capacity in research that draws from linked data
- reduce time from evidence generation to implementation
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• Two step application process (EOI due on 30 Nov, full application due on 31 Jan)

• Eligibility criteria:
  • use Consent Toolkit
  • accessible to researchers by an agreed milestone (see Access Policy)
  • have biospecimens linked to BLSDA by agreed milestone
  • assessed as feasible by NSWHSB and CHeReL (see EOI)
  • if previously funded, funding must be for additional biospecimens and previous collection must be onboarded.
Access Policy

• Samples/data are available to bona fide researchers (including internationals) with approved applications

• Applications for access:
  • are only granted after the milestone for open access is reached
  • must be approved by the Collection Access Committee
  • must be approved by the Collection Custodian

• Researchers are required to return results (ie. make them available) and report Incidental Findings.
Selection Criteria

- **40% collection** – priority health issue, research asset, uniqueness, collaboration

- **30% flagship research** – concept, scientific basis, feasibility, use of linked data

- 10% project management
- 10% team
- 10% budget
**Program Logic**

**Inputs**
- **Funding** List funding amount and sources (include NSW Health funding and other funding) here
- **Staff resources** List key project staff here
- **Other project resources** List other in-kind resources (e.g., equipment) provided by other sources here
- **Partners/Collaborators** List organisations who are partnering/collaborating on your project here

**Activities**
- What are you going to do with the funds? List the activities required to produce program outputs here (e.g., recruit and consent participants, process biospecimens)

**Outputs**
- What will your activities produce? List the deliverables of your project (products or services) needed to achieve short term outcomes (impacts) here (e.g., a collection that will enable the investigation of xyz)

**Outcomes**
- **Short Term**
  List short term outcomes (impacts) of the flagship research project that are required to meet long term outcomes (impacts) here (e.g., discovery of a new biomarker).
- **Long Term**
  List long term outcomes (impacts) of the flagship research project here (e.g., diagnostics, drug targets, new clinical prototypes, changes in clinical practice, new models of care)

**Assumptions** Identify assumptions here (i.e. What assumptions are made about the link between: inputs and activities, activities and outputs, outputs and short term outcomes, short term outcomes and long term outcomes? Are these assumptions supported by evidence?)
Plain English

• Reviewers may not work in your content area

• Clearly explain and justify your research proposal

• Explain technical terms

• Plain English, descriptive title

• Informal peer review
Process to apply

By 30 November
• Provide an EOI to NSWHSB for feasibility assessment and quote
• Provide an EOI to CHeReL for feasibility assessment

By 31 January
• Submit application with Letters of Support from CHeReL and NSWHSB

Notification
• May 2022
Onboarding to NSWHSB

You will need to sign
• **Standard Agreement**
• **MTAI** – for deposit of collection to NSWHSB

You may be interested to see:
• **MTAII** – for withdrawal of collection from NSWHSB
• **Ethically Defensible Plan Guidance** and **IF Policy**
QUESTIONS?