



## Regulations Governing Pump Priming Grants

These notes are intended as guidance for applicants by identifying some features that the Scientific Advisory Committee take into consideration.

1. The grants are intended to be “pump-priming” and thus should clearly lead to further work. Mini-projects with no such prospect are not favoured.
2. The work described should be realistic, do-able and sufficiently focused to be achieved in the time and with the funds suggested. The work would not normally be expected to extend beyond a year. At the end of the study, a report should be submitted to the Trust providing detail of the results of the study.
3. The Trust favours research with a clear clinical (i.e. applied) application but would encourage collaboration between clinical and pre-clinical workers. Projects involving collaboration between institutions and practitioners will be welcomed.
4. The Trust has a strict non-invasive study policy. No experimental animals can be used.
5. Pump priming grants would not normally be expected to pay salaries, though short-term scholarships for undergraduate students may be supported.
6. Pump priming grants may be requested to support clinical investigation but the Committee would expect a contribution to the full cost from the institution or laboratory involved.
7. The Committee would normally expect studies involving established therapeutic agents to be funded, at least in part, by the manufacturer.
8. The scientific credibility of the work or hypothesis should be supported by references wherever possible.
9. Where costs involved are for consumables, some indication of the breakdown should be given. A bald request for the maximum figure allowed for “consumables” is not normally sufficient.
10. Appropriate recognition of the Trust is required in all publications and presentations.