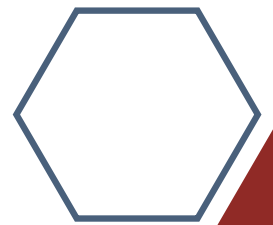


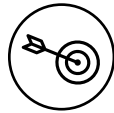


# Emerging Priorities and Consumer-Driven Research

Medical Research Future Fund  
Snapshot 2019–20 to 2020–21



Theme  
Patients



## Goal

To save or transform the lives of Australians by using research to deliver better testing, diagnosis and treatment



## Budget

**\$633.0 million**

over 10 years

Total Budget allocation  
(as at Budget 2019–20)

Total committed = \$153.9 million  
(over 12 years from 2016–17 to 2027–28, including \$7.0 million in 2016–17)

Grant rounds in progress = \$73.4 million

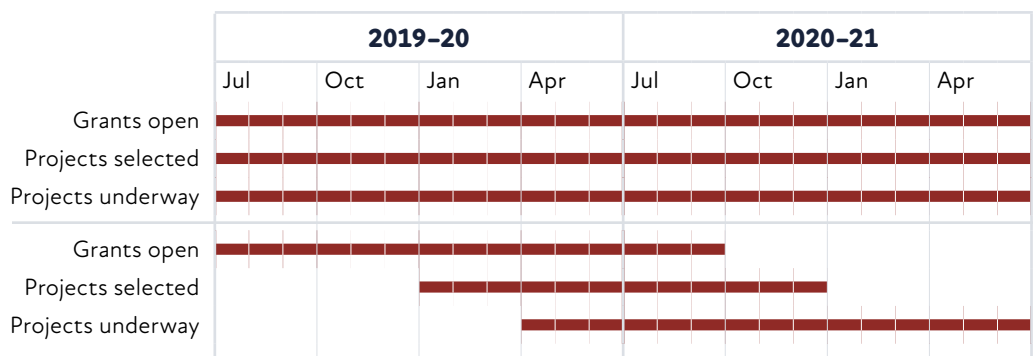
Not yet allocated = \$422.4 million (over 9 years from 2019–20)

	2019–20 (\$m)	2020–21 (\$m)	2021–22 (\$m)	2022–23 (\$m)
Budget	54.3	71.2	80.9	69.5
Committed	25.3	26.3	16.0	11.0
Grant rounds in progress	10.1	20.5	17.6	15.7
Not yet allocated	18.9	24.4	47.3	42.8

## Funding timeline

### Targeted grant opportunities

### Open and contestable grant opportunities



See [GrantConnect](#) for specific grant dates

Grant process: Multiple open and targeted grant rounds

## Early funding priorities

- Rheumatic heart disease
- Cancer research (eg ovarian, genomics)
- Juvenile diabetes
- Endometriosis research
- Multiple sclerosis
- Male infertility

## Current or completed activity

- 25 projects contractually committed to the value of \$153.9 million
- 1 open and contestable grant round for congenital heart disease opened on 16 July 2019 and closed on 12 September 2019
- Projects underway include a clinical trial of a medicine for motor neurone disease — using the new Australian Clinical Trials Consortium, this trial has recruited 107 participants across 5 states to address this area of unmet need



## Delivery horizons

### Establish 0 to 3 years

- Identify areas of priority and unmet need, with a focus on consumers
- Involve consumers in developing research priorities and the research process
- Strengthen researchers' capability and capacity in priority areas

### Expand 4 to 7 years

- Address emerging priorities and unmet needs through research and translation
- Embed consumer engagement in research
- Ensure that capability and capacity to support research in priority areas are sustainable

### Embed 8 to 10 years

- Improve translation of research into clinical practice
- Ensure consumers benefit from research faster, and that research is more practical for consumers
- Embed sustainable research systems and skills in priority areas

## Measures of success

The community accepts and adopts new technologies and treatments

Clinicians adopt best practices more quickly

Increased focus of research on areas of unmet need

New health technologies and treatments are developed and trialed

More Australians access clinical trials

Research community has greater capacity and capability to undertake translational research