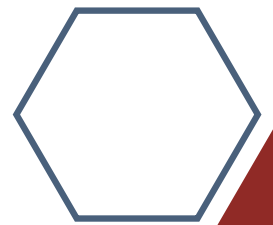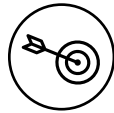# National Critical Research Infrastructure

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

Theme
Research translation

Goal

To establish and extend infrastructure of critical importance that will be used to conduct world-class health and medical research

Budget

Total Budget allocation
(as at Budget 2019–20
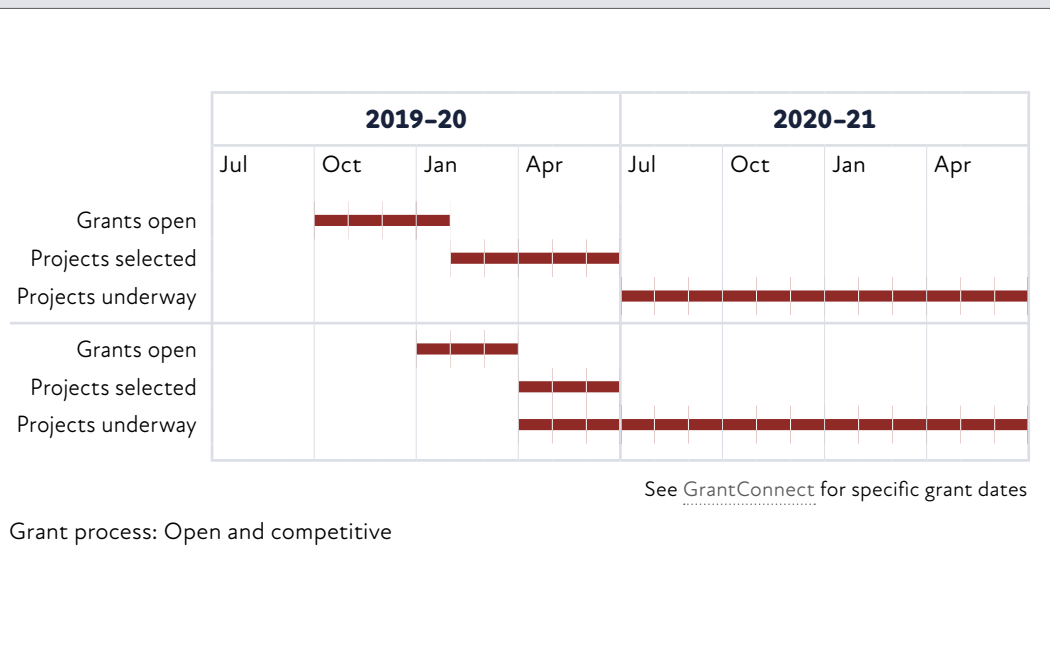
$605 million
over 10 years

Total committed = Nil
Grant rounds in progress = Nil
Not yet allocated = $605.0 million

	2019–20 ($m)	2020–21 ($m)	2021–22 ($m)	2022–23 ($m)
Budget	5.0	43.8	106.2	75.0
Committed	-	-	-	-
Grant rounds in progress	-	-	-	-
Not yet allocated	5.0	43.8	106.2	75.0

Funding timeline

Rural, Regional and Remote Clinical Trials Enabling Infrastructure (RRRCTEI)

Grant round

	2019–20				2020–21			
	Jul	Oct	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct	Jan	Apr

Grants open
Projects selected
Projects underway

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See GrantConnect for specific grant dates

Grant process: Open and competitive

Information correct as at 8 November 2019

Early funding priorities

- The RRRCTEI Program will provide $100 million for facilities, research equipment, systems and services in rural, regional and remote areas

Current or completed activity

- Guidelines for RRRCTEI grants are being developed to align with broader sector initiatives

Delivery horizons

Establish (0 to 3 years)

- Complement the $614 million in funding for clinical trials under the MRFF
- Expand clinical trials to rural, regional and remote sites
- Conduct a gap analysis and needs assessment to help develop other investment strategies
- Develop processes that are consumer/end-user driven, including co-design where appropriate to ensure new AI technologies respond to a clinical need and are fit for purpose

Expand (4 to 7 years)

- Develop infrastructure that supports a stronger health and medical research sector including the use of new technologies

Embed (8 to 10 years)

- See the outcomes from research infrastructure contributing to new cures and treatments for Australians

Measures of success

The community accepts and adopts new technologies and treatments

Clinicians adopt best practices more quickly

New health technologies and treatments are developed and trialled

More Australians access clinical trials

Research community has greater capacity and capability to undertake translational research