

## Grants

# Quality of Life - Study 2026

### 1. Theme

The Foundation against Cancer provides a total budget of 1 250 000 euros to support **operational projects and studies through its Grants Quality of Life** in Belgium.

The proposed study project must be in one of the following study areas:

- Qualitative studies:  
collection and analysis of qualitative (non-numerical) data (ex. In depth interviews, Delphi studies, etc.)
- Quantitative studies:  
collection of numerical data for statistical analysis (ex. Surveys, data analysis, etc.)
- Follow-up studies:  
a study where the same group of people are examined multiple times to detect any changes that might occur over a period of time. This is also known as a longitudinal study.
- Pilot studies:  
a small-scale test of the methods and procedures to decide how and whether to launch a full-scale study or implement the new methods and procedures.

### 2. Context

One of the main recommendations of the Belgian Cancer Barometer 2021 was:

More research is needed in which the needs, expectations, beliefs, perceptions, motivation and barriers of the general public, of patients and their relatives and of people living in a socio-economic vulnerable situation regarding cancer are investigated. This with the aim of improving our understanding and also being able to meet their respective needs for information, support and care. This applies to all aspects of cancer care, from prevention to adequate palliative care.

By supporting studies, the Foundation against Cancer aims to increase knowledge of the real needs of people affected by cancer. In this way, we hope to improve the accuracy and quality of the help offered to patients.

### 3. Eligibility criteria

Project duration: minimum 1 year & maximum 2 years

Budget: from € 10 000 to € 100 000, **with a maximum of € 50 000/year**

Projects are eligible only if they do **not conflict with** the:

- ✓ Code of Ethics of the Foundation against Cancer
- ✓ Missions of the Foundation against Cancer
- ✓ Values of the Foundation against Cancer

Projects will only be considered if they:

- ✓ Target people with cancer and/or relatives.
- ✓ Have an impact on the quality of life of patients with cancer (and relatives).
- ✓ Do not have a commercial purpose.

An ongoing project may be considered if the following two criteria are fulfilled:

- ✓ it meets the eligibility and selection criteria.
- ✓ a detailed balance sheet is presented showing the stage already reached and the results obtained.

Projects are only eligible if the **applicant** (applying organisation) **meets** the **following criteria**:

- ✓ The applicant must be a legal entity under public or private law recognized at the time of application.
- ✓ The applicant is required to provide a **financial identification** when submitting the project.
- ✓ The person, who submits the project, must have a permanent position within the organisation for which he's applying for and which is either a Belgian university, college of higher education, hospital or umbrella organization or association of healthcare professionals.
- ✓ For each project, a single **project coordinator** should be appointed. This person will be responsible for implementing the project, producing the required documents and communicating the results to the Foundation against Cancer.
- ✓ Applicants may submit only one study per site.  
Exception:  
A hospital submitting a study concerning adults may also have the possibility to submit a second study related to paediatric oncology but only if it has a government-approved specialised care programme for paediatric haemato-oncology.
- ✓ Applicants who have previously been selected must have complied with the terms of the agreement. This involves completing the evaluation form and submitting supporting documents for expenses in accordance with the budget, ensuring the necessary visibility for the Foundation against Cancer, and cooperating with communication campaigns upon request.

**Out of scope for this call:**

- Direct financial assistance to patients or their relatives.
- Scientific cancer research (fundamental, translational & clinical research).
- Prevention-related projects.
- Applicants who are individuals working in de facto associations or representing themselves cannot apply.
- Applicants who are from a commercial organisation cannot apply.
- An ongoing study funded by a Grants of the Foundation against Cancer.

**Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be proposed to the jury.**

## 4. Selection criteria

### Feasibility

- ✓ Clear study hypothesis.
- ✓ Clear and measurable objectives.
- ✓ Time-defined actions to achieve the objective(s).
- ✓ Clear description of the potential impact of the project and of the target group within Belgium.
- ✓ Justification of the requested funding and possible co-funding.

### Impact

- ✓ Demonstrate potential impact of the project, including potential number of beneficiaries.
- ✓ Measurement of the study by means of clear indicators.
- ✓ Mapping the conditions for success or failure.

### Quality

- ✓ Guarantee the quality of the study.
- ✓ Follow-up.
- ✓ Evaluation (methodology).

### Sustainability

- ✓ Communicate any success or failure to the relevant stakeholders.
- ✓ How will your organization act upon the suspected learning in the medium and long term.

### Financial

- ✓ Participation cost for the patient.
- ✓ Organization cost per patient.
- ✓ Financial details of the budget.

## 5. Funding

The funding will be granted for a minimum of 1 year and a maximum period of 2 years.

The funding will be used to finance:

- ✓ **Materials** and **services** directly related to the implementation and execution of the project.
- ✓ **Staffing\*** directly involved to the implementation and execution of the project, for a max. of 2 persons, provided that this represents an increase in work capacity for the execution of the project

This means:

1. By recruiting new employee(s) (no continuation or renewal of contract).
2. By increasing the working time of an employee (e.g., 50% to 80% or 100%) through a specific employment contract associated with the project.
3. By the recruitment of a person who enables a permanently employed employee to work specifically on the project during the funding granted by the Foundation against Cancer.

\*Important:

Each institution submitting salary costs under one of the schemes indicated above must provide employment contracts and salary slips attesting to these costs during the period covered by the funding from the Foundation against Cancer. Failure to comply with this clause will result in the obligatory full reimbursement by the laureate of the grant awarded.

The funding cannot be used to fund:

- ✓ Overheads (general costs such as heating, water, electricity, catering for internal meetings, licences for general software, insurance, maintenance of premises and equipment, fixed rent, etc.).
- ✓ The salary of a person who is already a permanent employee of the institute or organisation under which the project is submitted.
- ✓ The salary of administrative support team members, professors or doctors.
- ✓ Reimbursable expenses by nomenclature.

## 6. General provisions

**The organisation and the coordinator engage to realise the project as described in the application submitted to the Foundation against Cancer.**

The origin of any co-financing must be specified in the budgeting.

Any funding granted by the Foundation against Cancer will be the subject of a specific agreement, which contains a payment plan, defines the rights and obligations of all parties and indicates the timing and contents of the required evaluation reports.

The jury makes independently a selection of the projects and decides the amounts awarded per project.

This selection is submitted to the Board of Directors of the Foundation against Cancer for approval. No rebuttal is possible in the event of a project being rejected or partially financed.

## 7. How to apply?

### *Documents*

The application form needs to be completed and submitted via the online platform available at [www.cancer.be](http://www.cancer.be) - **NEW submission platform!**

A bank identification form, dated no longer than 1 year ago, is to upload in the application form.

### *Timetable*

Launch of the project call	12 March 2026
Deadline for submitting applications	11 June 2026 at 1:00 PM
Communication of the results	November 2026