

## Call Grand Solutions 2022

### Life science, health and welfare technology

**Application deadline:** April 5, 2022, 12.00 PM, CET

**Project duration:** 1-5 years

#### Part A: Life science, health and welfare technology

- **Total budget:** Minimum 127.4 mill. DKK.<sup>1</sup>
- **Investment per project:** from 5 mill. DKK to 40 mill. DKK.

#### Part B: Stem cell research center

- **Total budget:** 24.5 mill. DKK.
- **Investment per project:** from 5 mill. DKK to 24.5 mill. DKK.

#### 1. About the Grand Solutions Programme

The Grand Solutions programme invests in ambitious, and preferably, interdisciplinary research and innovation projects that can create new, specific solutions to important, politically prioritized societal challenges and create value throughout Denmark. To the extent possible, the Grand Solutions programme invests in projects that are carried out in close collaboration between research institutions and the business community.

Read more about the Grand Solutions programme [here](#).

#### 2. Aim of the call

This call consists of the following parts:

	Budget for each part
A. Life science, health and welfare technology	Minimum 127.4 mil. DKK. <sup>1</sup>
B. Stem cell research center	24.5 mil. DKK

Applicants must submit their application under part A (Life science, health and welfare technology) or part B (Stem cell research center). If the applicant submits the application under part B, and the application meets the formal requirements for the application as specified in the guidelines for Grand Solutions, but nevertheless does not receive an investment, the application will subsequently automatically be considered under part A and will be processed here in the same way as other applications. This is because part A is the general part of the call, while part B is a specific part of the call, which is automatically contained in part A. If the applicant submits the application under part A, and the Innovation Fund Denmark assesses that the application also falls within the framework of part B, the Innovation Fund Denmark may choose to process the application under part B first.

<sup>1</sup> With the possibility of transferring funds from Innovation Fund Denmark's other programmes. The potential transfer of funds can concretely result in an increased budget.

### **A. Life science, health and welfare technology**

With investments within "Life science, health and welfare technology", Innovation Fund Denmark will support that Denmark's strong knowledge- and research position within the field is transformed into inventions, products and technologies which benefit citizens in Denmark, healthcare sectors, the companies' net income and Danish exports. The funds must contribute to creating societal value and economic growth for private and public companies and/or consumers in the society, not least in the life science sector. As far as possible, the research must therefore be carried out in close interaction between research institutions and the business community.

The research can e.g. contribute to the development of personal medicine, the development of the digital health area, including the health data area, artificial intelligence and digital prevention and treatment options for people with mental illness, as well as knowledge about the use of medical cannabis.

The projects can support the development of local business lighthouses (in Danish: "erhvervsfyrtårne") (see link in section 5: "Guidelines and inspiration")

### **B. Stem cell research center**

Innovation Fund Denmark also invests 24.5 mill. DKK to a center within stem cell research with significant international research and co-financing from public and private actors.

## **3. Evaluation**

The three overall decision criteria are:

- Quality of the idea – the quality of the research and innovation
- Impact – value creation during and after the project
- Quality of execution – efficiency in the project execution and the implementation of the results

Further information about the decision criteria can be found in the guidelines for Grand Solutions, which will be published on Innovation Fund Denmark's website at the end of January 2022 (see link in section 5: "Guidelines and inspiration")

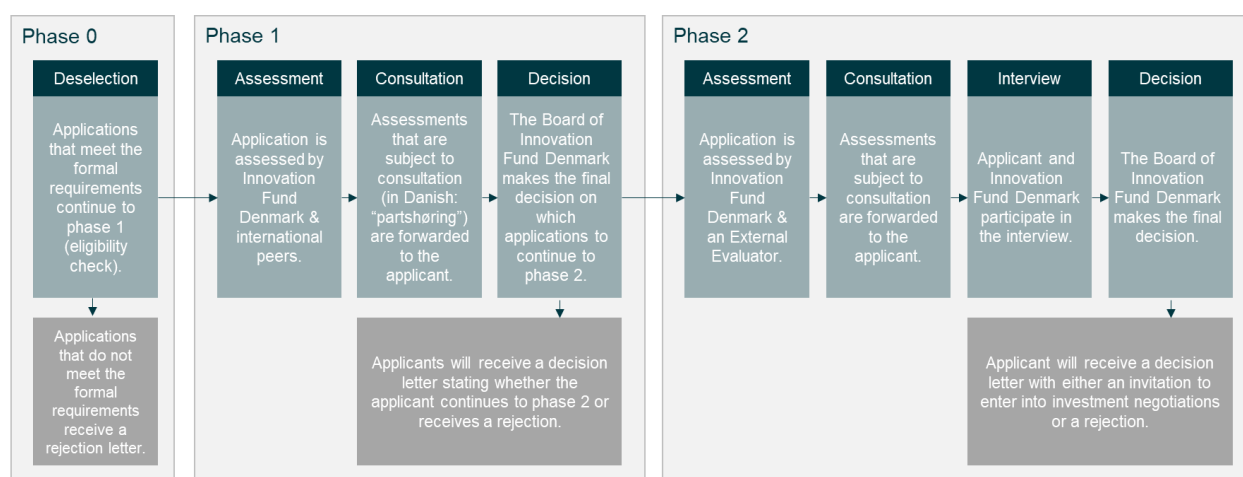
It is emphasized that key stakeholders of the project contributes to develop the project and participates in, or in other ways are directly involved in the project, e.g. through investment.

In addition to the three decision criteria, reference is made to the guidelines for Grand Solutions. The distribution of the funds originates from the current Finance Act and the agreement on the disposition of the Research Reserve (see links under section 5: "Guidelines and inspiration").

## **4. The evaluation process**

Applications to Grand Solutions must be submitted via [www.e-grant.dk](http://www.e-grant.dk), which is the application portal of Innovation Fund Denmark. The call open in e-grant on February 1, 2022. Please note, that applicants will receive a receipt for submitting the application if the application is submitted after mid March 2022.

The evaluation process is described in detail in the guidelines for Grand Solutions and briefly outlined below.



Applicants are notified of the decision via [www.e-grant.dk](http://www.e-grant.dk). E-grant has prepared a FAQ that can be accessed [here](#).

It is expected that the project applications proceeding to phase 2, will receive either invitation for investment negotiations or rejection of application in November 2022, after which the investment negotiations can be initiated with an expected project start in the beginning of 2023.

## 5. Guidelines and inspiration

Applicants within this Grand Solutions call must take into account the following:

- [Guidelines for Grand Solutions](#)

The following can be used as inspiration to the application within the present Grand Solutions call:

- Finance Act 2022
- [Disposition of the Research Reserve 2022 \(in Danish\)](#)
- [UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals \(SDG\)](#)
- [Link to local "commercial lighthouses" \(In Danish: "erhvervsfyrtårne"\) \(in Danish\)](#)

## 6. Contact

Innovation Fund Denmark hosts regular webinars and Q&A on Grand Solutions where everyone is welcome to participate. Registration for upcoming webinars and Q&A sessions takes place via Innovation Fund Denmark's website [here](#) (scroll down to see upcoming events).

Frequently asked questions to Grand Solutions and related answers can be found on Innovation Fund Denmark's website [here](#).

### 6.1. Contact Information

For questions regarding formalities, Innovation Fund Denmark's Investment Officers may be contacted. In connection to this, please note that Investment Officers or other employees of Innovation Fund Denmark are not allowed to answer specific questions regarding projects or ideas.

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## **7. About Innovation Fund Denmark**

Innovation Fund Denmark accelerates Danish research and innovation to solutions that strengthen Danish society's competitiveness and sustainability. We do this by investing in researchers, companies and entrepreneurs who create value, jobs and solve societal challenges - and by realizing potentials in the innovation system.

Innovation Fund Denmark wants to promote diversity in all its aspects. Therefore, all interested applicants, regardless of ethnicity, religion, gender identity, disability status, age or professional areas, etc., are encouraged to apply for the fund's programs.