

Call Grand Solutions 2023

Life science, health and welfare technology

Application deadline: 01/06/2023, 12:00 CET

Project duration: 1-5 years

Part A: Life science, health and welfare technology

- **Total budget:** Minimum 155.9 mill. DKK.¹
- **Investment per project:** from 5 mill. DKK to 40 mill. DKK.

Part B: Stem cell research center

- **Total budget:** 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.

Innovation Fund Denmark distributes the available funds in open competition between projects that within the two parts A. and B., (see below) demonstrate the greatest positive effect while at the same time contributing to growth and employment in Denmark.

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 155.9 mil. DKK. ¹
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 thematically contained in part A. If the applicant submits the application under part A, and the Innovation

¹ With the possibility of transferring funds from Innovation Fund Denmark's other programmes within the same theme. The potential transfer of funds can concretely result in an increased budget. The budget in this call is subject to the presentation and subsequent adoption of the Financial Act.

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.

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, and development of patient treatments which benefit citizens in Denmark, healthcare sectors, the companies' net income and Danish exports. The funds must contribute to creating societal value, value for the citizens and patients, 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 projects can e.g. contribute to:

- The development of personal medicine
- The development of the digital health area, including the health data area and artificial intelligence
- Strengthening of the local healthcare system, including development, test and use of welfare technology within the elderly, the social and health area
- Digital prevention and treatment services for people with mental disorders
- Clinical outcome and economic impact of whole genome sequencing etc.
- Interdisciplinary research in infections in both humans and animals in a One Health approach that includes environmental and climate aspects for the dissemination of these infections.
- The use of vaccines and antibiotics to avoid antibiotic resistance in the world.

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

B. Stem cell research center²

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 (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.

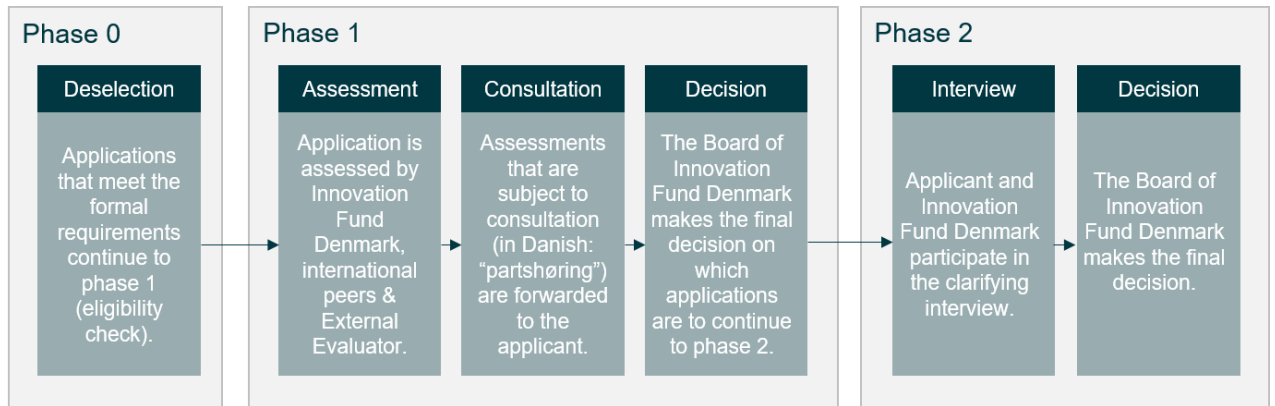
In addition to the three decision criteria, reference is made to the guidelines for Grand Solutions. The distribution of the funds originates from the current Finance Act and the agreement on the disposition of the Research Reserve (see links under section 5: "Guidelines and inspiration").

² Reservations for the Danish Financial Act

4. The evaluation process

Applications to Grand Solutions must be submitted via www.e-grant.dk, which is the application portal of Innovation Fund Denmark. The call open in e-grant on April 1st 2023 at the latest.

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. E-grant has prepared a FAQ that can be accessed [here](#).

It is expected that the board of Innovation Fund Denmark will make the final decision in November 2023 after which the investment agreement can be initiated with an expected project start in the beginning of 2024.

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 2023
- [Disposition of the Research Reserve 2023 \(in Danish\)](#)
- [UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals \(SDG\)](#)
- [Link to local business powerhouses \(In Danish: "erhvervsfyrtårne"\) \(in Danish\)](#)

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.