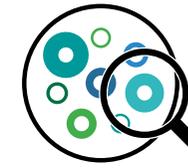


Fleming Fund Grants

Investing in laboratory capacity to deliver more effective surveillance of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) through a One Health approach. A collaboration between the UK Government and 24 country partners to address AMR.



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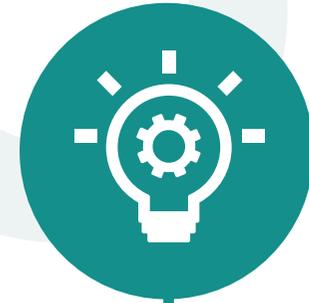
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Purpose and approach >

The Fleming Fund Grants Programme supports improved laboratory capacity and diagnosis, AMR surveillance, and data use in low and middle-income countries. To achieve this, the programme offers Country and Regional Grants and Fellowship awards. All grants and awards must observe the Fleming Fund principles of One Health, country ownership, alignment and sustainability.



Funding source and management >

The UK Government funds the Fleming Fund Grants Programme through the UK Department of Health. Mott MacDonald is the appointed Management Agent. The functions of the Management Agent include leadership and coordination, grant scoping and administration, reporting, monitoring and risk management.



Country and regional focus >

The Fleming Fund Grants Programme covers 24 Official Development Assistance (ODA) eligible countries across the four regions of East and Southern Africa, West Africa, South Asia and South East Asia.



Scope of funding >

Fleming Fund grants cover five investment areas at country and regional levels through three funding streams. The investment areas are: strengthening laboratory infrastructure, capacity building, strengthening surveillance, improving AMR data use and promoting rational use of medicines.



Grants Programme

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Country Grants: supporting countries to address AMR



◀ Purpose of Country Grants

The purpose of Fleming Fund Country Grants is to support the roll-out of National AMR Action Plans. Country Grants strengthen the collection and use of AMR data and improve antimicrobial use through a One Health approach. Country Grants constitute around 75% of Fleming Fund grant resources.



◀ Steps in grant awards

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Establishing a Country Grant follows a five-step process that includes: 1) a Country Needs and Capability Assessment, 2) consultations and technical 'Positioning Activities', 3) development of a country-specific Request for Proposals (RFP), 4) Grant Application and 5) Application Review. Applications are developed hand-in-hand with country AMR Coordination Committees to ensure alignment with National Action Plans. Awards will take place over two funding rounds.



◀ Eligibility criteria

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Eligible applicants for Country Grants include organisations or consortia that meet the specific criteria listed in Requests for Proposals. Applicants responding to Requests for Proposals are assessed on the technical and financial merits of proposals to ensure the highest value for money.



◀ Tools and information

Applications are invited only in response to specific requests. Full details of application processes are released for Country Grants at the time of publishing Requests for Proposals.

Country Grants

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Steps in grant awards

COUNTRY GRANTS

There are five steps in the grant making process at country level:

- 1 Country Needs and Capability Assessment:** this includes an initial desk-based assessment, introduction of the Fleming Fund team to the country, and more detailed scoping assessments. Step 1 culminates in a 'Country Request for Support' – a country's formal request to the Fleming Fund to proceed with Positioning Activities.
- 2 Positioning Activities:** these are undertaken by the Fleming Fund team, with the National AMR Coordination Committee and include site visits and capacity assessments, for example, in order to produce the specific information needed for the design of a Request for Proposals.
- 3 Development and publication of a Request for Proposals:** based on the findings from steps 1 and 2, the Fleming Fund team works with a country's AMR Coordination Committee to develop a competitive Request for Proposals. An open call is then published.
- 4 Grant Applications:** once a country's Request for Proposals is published, eligible organisations can submit applications. All applicants must demonstrate their capacity to deliver the scope of work requested within the timeframes and resources specified. They must also provide credible evidence that they will deliver activities to the highest professional and ethical standards, observe all principles of the Fleming Fund, manage risk and provide the highest levels of value for money.
- 5 Application Review:** all applications are systematically scored against the evaluation criteria laid out in the Request for Proposals and application guidelines. Shortlisted applications are subject to a full technical and financial review and a due diligence appraisal. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed officially through a standard letter, with feedback provided.

Grant Application process



Country Grants: supporting countries to address AMR

What activities can be funded?

COUNTRY GRANTS

Fleming Fund Country Grants will fund the following five areas:



Laboratory infrastructure enhancement: investments must be tailored to a country's starting point and can include infrastructure renovation, equipment, reagents, durables and consumables, biosafety and biosecurity. Investments may improve capacity at a facility, increase the number of facilities, or a mixture of both.



Human resource strengthening and workforce reforms: this includes training and long-term support aligned with the level of capability of the surveillance system and its constituent parts. This activity area extends to the Fleming Fellowship Scheme.



Surveillance system strengthening: this includes support for improved governance, technical capacity and advocacy. It also covers transfer and analysis of data between sectors and levels of the system to enable a hierarchical surveillance system based on quality-assured data.



Building foundations for AMR surveillance data use: this includes building demand for data at all levels, from clinical and veterinary practitioners to senior policy makers. This activity area also includes providing policy relevant analysis for evidence-based changes in strategy, policy and practice.



Encouraging the rational use of antimicrobial medicines: this includes providing data that illustrates inappropriate use of antimicrobials and makes recommendations for action.

Who is eligible for funding?

COUNTRY GRANTS

Potential Country Grant applicants must satisfy the following eligibility criteria before applications are assessed in detail. Applicants:



Must demonstrate they are competent organisations citing an appropriate track-record in supporting laboratory capacity development, disease surveillance, capacity building, and One Health in low and middle-income countries;



Can be a single organisation or consortia. Organisations can be:

- National institutes – such as universities or research institutes.
- Non-governmental organisations, UN agencies or private companies.
- Government-owned enterprises or institutions, provided they can establish that they are (i) legally and financially autonomous, (ii) operate under commercial law, and (iii) are not dependent agencies of national governments.



Must demonstrate that they are registered to work within the country and provide essential documents, such as articles of incorporation.



Should be able to provide clear evidence of financial standing and systems of financial management and control.



Should be able to provide references from clients and donors for previous work undertaken within the last three years.

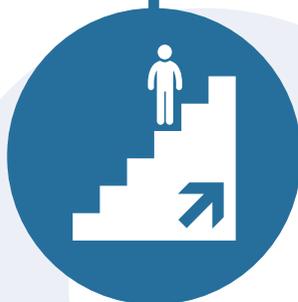
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Regional Grants



◀ Purpose of Regional Grants

The purpose of Fleming Fund Regional Grants is to support regional One Health approaches to improved surveillance of AMR. They also aim to strengthen the collection, management and use of AMR data by improving data quality and exchanges between all system levels.



◀ Steps in grant awards

Regional Grants are awarded over two funding rounds. Round 1 focusses on improving data availability and access to AMR data. Round 2 focusses on improving coordination, and data quality assurance, sharing and use. Eight Regional Grants are awarded over the two funding rounds.



◀ Eligibility criteria

Eligible activities include: a) improvements to regional data and information-sharing platforms; and b) initiatives to improve the quality and use of surveillance data. Regional Grants are only awarded following a competitive process to ensure the highest value for money.



◀ Tools and information

Applications are invited only in response to specific requests. Full details of application processes are released for Regional Grants at the time of publishing Requests for Proposals.



Regional Grants: supporting collaboration at the regional level

Purpose of Fleming Fellowships >

The purpose of Fleming Fellowships is to provide long-term mentorship and career enhancement opportunities to enhance the sustainability of Country and Regional Grants. Priority is given to One Health practitioners and core disciplines, such as microbiology, surveillance and epidemiology. Support to Fellows is provided by Host Institutions.



Steps in Fellowship awards >

Fellowship awards follow a two-step process. Step 1 involves the competitive recruitment of Host Institutions – these provide customised support for Fellows' career development. Step 2 involves the competitive recruitment of Fellows at country level, who are then matched with Host Institutions. We intend to recruit 4–8 Fellows per country over two funding rounds.



Eligibility criteria >

Eligible applicants for Fleming Fellowships include leading practitioners and change agents (e.g. laboratory scientists, microbiologists, medical veterinary and livestock epidemiologist, and pharmacists) from supportive organisations.

Fellows are selected exclusively from countries with active Country Grants. Host institutions (2–3 per region) must demonstrate expertise and capacity to deliver customised programmes of professional development activities.



Tools and information >

Applications are invited only in response to specific requests. Full details of application processes will be released for the Fellowship Scheme at the time of publishing Requests for Proposals.

Supporting future
leaders in AMR

Fellowship Scheme



Fellowship Scheme: supporting future leaders in AMR