



The Spark Innovation Programme in collaboration with the Acute Hospitals Division is delighted to introduce the **Hospital Innovation Fund**, an initiative designed to promote innovation in Irish Hospitals by funding senior-led hospital projects. This initiative offers funding from **€20,000 up to a maximum of €60,000**.

Senior healthcare professionals can apply for funding for **novel initiatives** that have the potential to improve the way care is delivered in our public health service.

The initiative will fund projects that:

- Add **value** to your hospital through increased delivery of best practice care, cost savings or increased capacity.
- Demonstrate **new ways** of working
- Encourage **collaboration** within the hospital and between organisations.
- Can be **scaled up** and transferred to other services or other hospitals.
- Show **commitment to innovation** from your hospital or hospital group.

In particular, we are looking for the following features in your project:

- An emphasis on **sustainability** and a commitment to reducing the carbon footprint of healthcare
- Evidence of innovative or **design thinking**
- Engagement with emerging **technologies**

This fund is designed to empower hospital staff to deliver innovative solutions to problems faced in the health service by all of its stakeholders. This initiative should be considered a substitute funding source for staff resources, usual renovations or routine equipment etc. The Hospital Innovation Fund opens **14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**.





Eligibility of application:

- Hospital staff -Eligible Grades:
  - Doctors – Consultants and above
  - Nurses/Midwives – CNM3, ANP, ADON and above
  - Health and Social Care Professionals – Managers and above
- Signed approval for project from Hospital CEO, Deputy CEO, COO or Operations Manager is required.

**Applications must be made using the application form by 5pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2022. Please follow the link [here](#).** Applicants should refer to the Applicant's Guide for further details when completing the application. Please note that incomplete applications and proposals for ineligible items/funding of job posts will **not** be considered.

Further information on each of our initiatives can be found on [our website](#) or by contacting [spark@hse.ie](mailto:spark@hse.ie)

Best of luck!

The Spark Team.



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