

# Bridging Innovation to Impact in Community Oncology Care

## Overview

Johnson & Johnson is committed to helping community oncology bring innovations in cancer care closer to patients, addressing unmet needs and ensuring advances reach those who need it most.

Building upon recent insights from the [Oncology Care Index](#) (OCI), Johnson & Johnson invites nonprofit organizations supporting oncology care to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) for funding consideration. Grant support will be provided by the Johnson & Johnson Foundation.

## Opportunity Statement

Advances in cancer care are accelerating, creating new opportunities for patients while increasing complexity for community oncology providers. Key insights from the OCI reveal AI adoption has increased in community oncology settings since 2025, but use of advanced tools remains low, revealing a gap between adoption and deeper implementation. In addition, limited clinical trial availability in community oncology settings remains a key barrier, but improving patient education where they already receive care could be a gateway to expanding trial access and participation.

To help close these gaps, J&J seeks nonprofit-led initiatives focused on the following critical opportunity areas:

- **Turn AI promise into practical, long-term impact:** Initiatives that increase education and adoption of AI tools, enhance integration, and help oncology teams realize the full potential of AI to better serve patients and improve care delivery.
- **Build community-based clinical trial capacity:** Initiatives that improve patient awareness of clinical trial opportunities, enhance education, support navigation, reduce access barriers and expand community-based trial participation.

## Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants are U.S.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that meet J&J's charitable contributions [guidelines](#). Proposals should focus on general oncology support or serve J&J's [oncology disease areas of interest](#).

Projects may range from pilot programs to expansion of existing models and should demonstrate feasibility, sustainability, and potential for scale. Applicants do not need to address all critical opportunity areas.

## Funding Exclusions

Grants are provided with no expectation of benefit to Johnson & Johnson and cannot be associated with promoting, purchasing, prescribing, or recommending J&J products or services.

Proposals should not focus on clinical research, continuing medical education, formal quality improvement initiatives, or implementation science research.

Additional exclusions can be found [here](#).

## Funding Parameters

- Award range: \$50,000 – \$150,000
- Grant period: 12 months beginning January 2027
- Geographic focus: U.S.

## Submission Process and Timing

This opportunity will follow a two-stage review process, including an LOI and an invitation-only proposal.

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| <b>October 5, 2026</b>  | <b><u>LOI Submission</u></b> : Outlines statement of need, alignment to critical opportunity areas, budget, expected outcomes, and other eligibility considerations.                                                                           |
| <b>October 19, 2026</b> | <b>Decision Notification</b> : Notification of LOI review decision and next steps.                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>November 2, 2026</b> | <b>Full Application Submission</b> : Link to submit a full proposal shared with invited organizations for consideration and grant review.                                                                                                      |
| <b>December 2026</b>    | <b>Funding Decisions</b> : Notification of grant review decision.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>January 2028</b>     | <b>Impact Reporting Requirements</b> : Grantees will be required to submit a final impact report at the conclusion of the project period that summarizes key learnings, measurable outcomes, final use of grant funds and impact testimonials. |

## Contact

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