Accelerating Medicines Partnership (AMP) in Type 2 Diabetes: Requests for Proposal (RFPs) 5, 6 and 7

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Timelines

1. How long is the AMP T2D project and how do the current RFPs fit into it? 
The overall AMP T2D project is estimated to be five years in duration. The current FNIH RFPs cover years 3-5 of the project. See timeline below for project timeline overview.

2. When will the award announcements be made? 
FNIH anticipates final award announcements will be made by May 1, 2017. FNIH grants and milestone-based contracts will be negotiated in H1 2017, for funding to be distributed thereafter when the work will begin.

3. What is the review process for the applications? 
The applications will be reviewed by the AMP T2D Steering Committee via a peer review process, administered by FNIH. Top tier candidates might be asked to provide additional information and may be invited to participate in a teleconference with the AMP T2D Steering Committee Members in early 2017.

Budget and Funding

4. Is the funding meant to cover direct or indirect expenses? Is the funding range the total amount available for the entire two years?
The funding covers both direct and indirect costs. Because the FNIH is a non-profit organization, indirect costs are capped at 15%. For each RFP, the funding range provided is the total for the duration of the award.

5. **What start date should be assumed for the budget calculations?**
The budget should be based on years, not a given start date. Please, generate the budget in an annual format without specific dates (e.g., Y01, Y02). This should assume Y01 starts when the award agreement with FNIH is signed. For ease of budget estimation, applicants can assume August, 2017 as the start date.

6. **How many awards will be made?**
Multiple awards are anticipated for the RFPs. FNIH cannot determine how many awards until all applications have been reviewed.

**Content and Format**

7. **Can utilization of funds towards generating data from already existing samples be proposed?**
Yes, as long as what is proposed fits the budget and timeline constraints.

8. **Can data from additional phenotypes than those listed be proposed for inclusion? Can data collected using methods other than those discussed in the RFPs be proposed?**
Yes, provided these are consistent with the overall goal of AMP T2D.

9. **Are there specific submission forms for FNIH and is there a specific format?**
Proposals should be limited to 25 pages (not including investigator curricula vitae, limited to 4 pages each in standard NIH format, and letters of support). Please use 12 point font, single-spaced formatting with half-inch margins.

In addition to submission of a proposal, FNIH asks that each applicant include a completed RFP Application Details Table. This table is intended to help standardize the information found in submitted proposals and can be found on the FNIH website at:

http://fnih.org/what-we-do/current-research-programs/amp-t2d-project

Please complete and submit one table per proposal submission and note that each table consists of two tabs.

Email the final application as a PDF document to nspear@fnih.org and swhitaker@fnih.org.

10. **Can multiple investigators apply together on an application?**
Applications from multiple investigators from the same or different institutions are encouraged.