

Information meeting 4th of June 2026 – Caribbean Health Research

Subject: Grant call Strengthening the organization of the healthcare system on the ABCSSS islands

From: programme team Caribbean Health Research

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Q: Is it possible to receive this presentation in Dutch?

Answer: Yes! We will send the presentation in both Dutch and English.

Q: If training is needed, can a Dutch training organization be engaged?

Answer:

Yes, but please keep in mind that 75% of the requested budget must be spent on the islands and that parties based in the Netherlands may act as co-applicants, but are not entitled to a share of the grant. However, an organisation based in the Netherlands may be engaged on a contractual basis.

Q: If you are currently working on a ZonMw-funded project that ends this year, can you also apply for this new funding call?

Answer:

Yes, that is not a problem.

Q: If the local organization does not have an available project leader, can the organization hire someone from the Netherlands?

Answer:

Yes, but please keep in mind that 75% of the requested budget must be spent on the islands and that parties based in the Netherlands may act as co-applicants, but are not entitled to a share of the grant. However, an organisation based in the Netherlands may be engaged on a contractual basis.

Q: To what extent may a government body participate in writing or implementing a project? Or is a government body automatically excluded?

Answer:

Not necessarily excluded. It depends on the specific situation and whether the organization is a full government entity or a semi-government institution. Each case must be assessed individually. You may describe your situation and email it to cariben@zonmw.nl so that we can provide a definitive answer with support from our legal department.

Q: Could you clarify what the financial reporting requirements look like? Specifically, how detailed should the financial accountability be?

Answer:

The final financial report consists of

- a substantive final report → you will receive the template from the programme team before the project ends
- a financial report → In the Excel you will add a column which shows the final costs for each budget item, in accordance with the structure of the approved budget. This will be checked by ZonMw's finance department, if any questions occur, they will contact you,
- an application for grant approval.

Q: When will the results of the approved projects be announced, and will there be any follow-up from ZonMw?

Answer:

We expect to announce the results in December 2026. ZonMw will remain in regular contact during and after the process through follow-up activities.

Q: If I would like to know whether there are other islands with the same idea, how can I find out? I would like to collaborate.

Answer:

Please email us. We also encourage other interested parties to do the same so we can connect organizations with similar interests. Email cariben@zonmw.nl or steffen@sc-curaçao.com.

Q: Will there be a quota or reserved budget per island? Some islands have more facilities than others, thus resources are not distributed comensurately.

Answer:

This is an important issue that we are very aware of, including the review committee. It is taken into consideration during the assessment process. However, the program is not yet at a stage where such distinctions in budget allocation can be implemented, partly because of the complex legal processes involved in making these subsidies available to the ABCSSS islands.

Q: What is the success rate of a rebuttal? If a rebuttal is submitted, what is the likelihood of success?

Answer:

The rebuttal is a crucial step in the proposal assessment process. It provides an opportunity to directly address questions raised by reviewers and is given substantial weight by the committee. Every proposal team will be asked to submit a rebuttal after reviewer comments have been received. Submitting a response is optional.

Q: If you have multiple ideas that fit within the €60,000 budget, can you submit multiple applications?

Answer:

Yes, you can. Each application is assessed on its own merits.

Futher questions on next page.

Q: Are material costs reimbursable?

Answer:

Costs relating to the purchase of equipment or the construction/refurbishment of premises are **not** eligible for funding.

Organisational and material costs for training, working groups and meetings – such as venue hire, materials and catering – are eligible for funding.

Staff and material costs for communication, dissemination and implementation activities are eligible for funding.

If you are unsure about certain costs, please contact the programme team.

Q: If we want to purchase specialized materials for a nursing home, such as wheelchairs, patient lifts, and similar equipment, can these items be included as part of a project?

Answer:

No. Costs relating to the purchase of equipment or the construction or renovation of premises are not eligible for funding.