



## FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

### **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary £5,000,000 Special Research Funding Round** ***“Beyond the laboratory” - Focussing on specific cancer problems*** ***in Yorkshire***

**Our purpose is to improve cancer outcomes for people in Yorkshire by investing in research and other relevant activities that will help us all avoid, survive and cope with cancer.**

The Charity has incredible support from local people and has significantly increased its fundraising over the last two years. As a result, we are making an additional £5m available for patient-centred cancer research activities over the next five years. This will be a Special Research Funding Round to understand the root causes behind Yorkshire’s cancer problems and to develop strategies and initiatives that could make step-changes in reducing cancer incidence and mortality rates in our region.

YCR is developing a more proactive research strategy that will go “beyond the laboratory” in order that we can make an even greater impact on cancer outcomes in our region. We are also working closely with other charities and health professionals to make best use of our combined resources.

**For us to provide true benefit to the people of Yorkshire, we need to know much more about the cancer landscape and environment within which we are working. It is for this reason that we are calling for proposals to assist us in this critical task.**

Applications are invited in 5 Strategic Impact Areas:

#### **1. Understanding the Yorkshire Cancer Landscape and Health Inequalities**

It is paramount that we understand more about the current specific cancer problems across Yorkshire. We are aware of some types of inequalities but need to research why they exist, the differences between inner city areas and rural or coastal communities and how cancer outcomes vary demographically across Yorkshire’s rich and diverse population.

#### **2. Improving Education, Awareness and Prevention**

Strategies of engagement with the general public, particularly the young, need to change to promote healthier lifestyles. We need to understand more about the link between the level of education and understanding of cancer, the causes of cancer and the effect of individual lifestyle choices including smoking, obesity and exercise in the county.

#### **3. Enhancing Screening and Early Diagnosis**

Major screening initiatives have been hugely successful but significant variations occur across the region in terms of take-up rates across cancer types. The availability and access to existing techniques and facilities needs to improve as does investment in developing new, more effective methods and tests.

#### **4. Accelerating New Treatments and Clinical Trials**

Opportunities exist to support new treatments and clinical trials to speed up the process of moving research from the laboratory to clinical application. The intention is to increase the number of clinical trials for novel cancer treatments including surgery and radiotherapy in Yorkshire.

#### **5. Improving the Quality of Life of Cancer Patients**

There are over 500 new cancer diagnoses every week in Yorkshire but not enough is known about the problems and issues patients experience with their treatment and how this impacts on their daily lives including their family life, employment, finances, transport and psychological state.

**Applications may be of any size from £25,000 to £1.5 million over 1-5 years in duration. The Charity encourages applications from a wide range of disciplines but preference will be given to those that address unmet needs, 'at risk' groups or communities and involve cancer patients in Yorkshire. Eligibility is open to all universities, healthcare and research organisations in the UK.**

For more details on the £5m special research funding round and how to apply visit

Yorkshire Cancer Research at [www.yorkshirecancerresearch.org.uk](http://www.yorkshirecancerresearch.org.uk)

<b>Invitations to Apply</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2014
<b>Preliminary Application Deadline</b>	12pm, 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2014
<b>Funding Decisions</b>	Late March 2015