

EuroQol Grants Management Updates – January 2026

Funding update – 20th RFP

Thank you to everyone that submitted a proposal for the 20th RFP. We received a record number of submissions again. This was a great achievement, but also increased the workload for the Working Groups, Exec and Board, whose time commitment and hard work in the review process is, as always, appreciated.

128 proposals were submitted for this funding round, and the Exec has decided to:

- fund or conditionally fund 62 applications (totalling €2,340,468.47)
- request a revise and resubmit for 20 proposals (totalling €1,541,421.24)
- reject 46 proposals

With the increase in submissions, we are on track to hit our increased spending target of € 7.5M for research in FY 2025-2026, excluding any conditional funds or revise and resubmits that are still in the review process.

A reminder that you can view the table of funded research on the website here:

<https://euroqol.org/research/funded-projects/>.

Timelines for upcoming RFPs

Proposals can be submitted at any time, however the Exec will only consider the RFP applications twice per year (in June and December Exec meetings) and will also consider low-cost proposals, resubmissions and any new proposals that missed the RFP deadline on a quarterly basis (in June, September, December and March meetings).

Please take into account that if you miss a submission deadline, you might have to wait up to five months for the next decision-making meeting, unless there is a clear need for your proposal to be fast-tracked. Any fast-track proposal requests need to be approved in advance by emailing the Grants Management team (grants@euroqol.org) with your submission ID and the reasons for requesting a fast-track review process of your proposal.

Below is a timetable with the current submission deadlines, review periods and decision-making meetings for the Q1 and Q2 2026. Please note deadlines are subject to minor changes.

Submission round	Application round opens	Application deadline	Review process (for WGS and Exec)	Exec decision meeting	Applicants informed of decisions
Quarterly review (for resubmissions/low cost proposals)	N/A	Sun 8 February 2026 23:59 CET	February/March	10 & 12 March 2026	By end of March
21 st RFP	Mon 16 February 2025	Sun 12 April 2025, 23:59 CET	April/May	4, 9, 11 June 2026	By early July

Clarification on performance period end date and final report due date

We invite final reports on a quarterly basis (at the beginning of January, April, July and October). Based on some recently received queries, we would like to clarify that the end date of your project (performance period end date) is the date by which we expect you to submit the final report. This is stated in the latest version of the GTC, attached to all 20th RFP Grant Offer Letters. We aim to invite the final report approximately three months before the performance period end date. For example, if your performance period end date stated in your Grant Offer Letter is 31 March 2026, you will have received your invitation to submit your final report at the beginning of January, with a three-month timeframe in which to submit your report. The latest date you should submit your report is 31 March 2026.

Delays to projects and overdue final reports

As of September 2025, the Exec and Grants Management team have implemented a process where new submissions will not be accepted from lead applicants who have an overdue final report by more than 12 months (without any request for a budget neutral extension that has been approved by the Grants Manager/Scientific Director).

As always, it is important that you communicate any delays to the grants team (grants@euroqol.org) as soon as possible and respond to any emails requesting updates. No response after repeated attempts to contact you could put your project at risk of closure, with any remaining funds being returned to EuroQol reserves.

Final invoices

When submitting final invoices for your project, please communicate with your team members to check who is invoicing EuroQol directly. We are noticing an increase in projects that are being over-invoiced, where an institution or PI invoices for 50% of the remaining budget, but other collaborators have already invoiced EuroQol independently. This is often time-consuming to resolve when we receive invoices that put the project over budget. Please help us by ensuring your final invoice amount is correct before submitting the invoice. You can always ask the grants team (grants@euroqol.org) for an invoicing breakdown of your project to check the remaining budget before submitting an invoice.

Financial reporting

A reminder that a financial reporting requirement was implemented for all proposals funded from the 19th RFP onwards. If a financial report is required, the PI will be notified of this in the grant offer letter, and the financial report will be invited alongside the final report.

The thresholds for the financial reporting are as follows.

- 1) Awarded grant budget under €150,000: no financial report is required but the PI is welcome to upload one with their final report if they wish.

- 2) Awarded grant budget between €150,000-€500,000: a detailed financial report will be required from the PI when submitting the final report, EuroQol will provide the template for this.
- 3) Awarded grant budget over €500,000: a full detailed accountant financial report is required when submitting the final report, the PI/accountant can use their own template for this.

Open Access Fee reimbursement

We would like to remind members that they can apply for open access fee reimbursement for papers about EQ instruments, when their institution does not cover the fee. This is particularly important for results of EQ-funded projects but could also apply to other relevant publications.

You can apply for open access fee funding via <https://euroqol-proposals.grantplatform.com/> (select category 3 – dissemination and knowledge transfer grants, and then 3.2 - open access fees reimbursement).

Please note: Payment of the Open Access fee can only be done via the publisher. Please ask the publisher to address the invoice to EuroQol and send that invoice to <mailto:accountspayable@euroqol.org>.

If you have already made the payment yourself, please note that EuroQol can only reimburse APC and not any VAT costs incurred.