

Good morning!

I hope you are all finally seeing the same glimmers of summer that we are experiencing here in South Wales as we optimistically scamper to the supermarket for BBQ supplies and sunscreen!

It has been a busy few weeks here at GPDF, hopefully you have had a chance to read the correspondence we have sent out with the BMA regarding the Deed of Grant. You can find this letter along with the Deed of Grant and Memorandum of Understanding on the website [here](#). .

We would very much welcome any questions or comments you have at [mail@gpdf.org.uk](mailto:mail@gpdf.org.uk) (or come and chat to us at UK LMC conference) so please do reach out to us, especially if there's something you need clarifying!

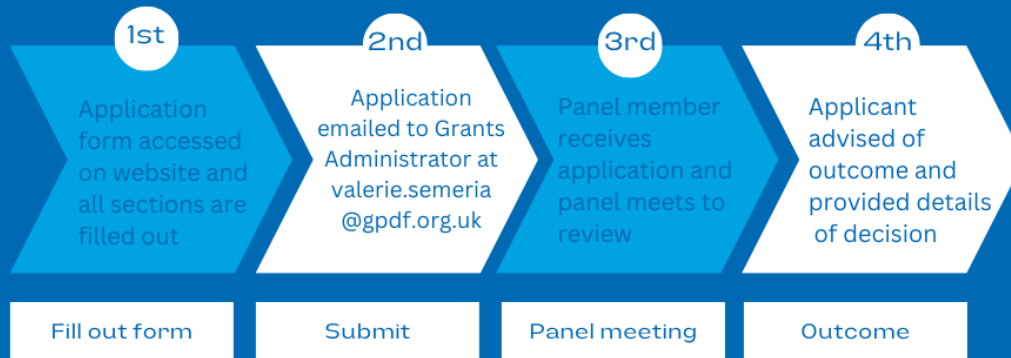
We are in the process of finalising the evaluation framework for the Deed of Grant, which includes all the key stakeholders. This will be used to ensure that the Grant delivers value for money and will be used as an essential part of the discretionary component approval process. I will be delighted to share this with you once it is complete and you will be able to find it on our website under 'news' [here](#)

I'd also like to remind you of our newly designed [LMC development grant](#) application process, which awards up to £50,000 per quarter, and the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 for this cycle of applications. We've been really impressed by many of the project applications we have received since we went live in November 2023, which are having a real impact on General Practice and we are proud to have funded:

- [The LMC Support Network](#)
  - A reference library of materials and tools to support LMCs utilising collaboration and mutual sharing.
- The LMC Resource Liaison Project
  - Development and production of targeted and focused electronic resources, messaging and guidance for dissemination and use by LMCs across England.
- Partnership competency framework
  - Helping individual partners and partnerships to think about how they run their practices as businesses.
- Transparency of Enhanced Services project
  - Generating a benchmarking tool showing all enhanced services (LES, DES, NES) available across Wales describing specification, fees and post payment verification requirements. This will facilitate GP practices financial planning and service delivery. It will also assist LMCs in negotiating with their respective Health Boards.

You can find out more about what sort of projects are funded, how to apply, the application process and download key documents on our [website](#) or by speaking to our lovely Grants Administrator [valerie.semeria@gpdf.org.uk](mailto:valerie.semeria@gpdf.org.uk) who many of you met at Secretaries Conference.

## The LMC Development Grant Application Process



### Quarterly Submission Deadlines

Funds Released: 1st April (**Submission Deadline 28th February**)  
Funds Released: 1st July (**Submission Deadline 31st May**)  
Funds Released: 1st October (**Submission Deadline 31st August**)  
Funds Released: 1st January\* (**Submission Deadline 30th November**)

\*Please note that 1st January is a bank holiday and therefore funds will not show in a successful applicant's bank account until a couple of days later.

As I've said before, please do reach out if you have any questions or comments. We genuinely do welcome "constructive dissent" so please don't be afraid of raising potentially controversial topics or querying anything you don't understand. You can contact me personally at [phil.cox@gpdf.org.uk](mailto:phil.cox@gpdf.org.uk) or book a 1-1 chat at conference using the link [https://calendly.com/\\_drcox/15-min-meeting](https://calendly.com/_drcox/15-min-meeting) which is the same one found on my t-shirt!

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