



Canada's Drug and
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Information Session: Rare Disease Registry Funding Request for Proposals

Drug Data Services and Analytics Team

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Rare Disease Registries (RDR) at CADTH



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Overview



- 1 Introduction to the rare disease registry portfolio at CADTH
- 2 Request for Proposal: funding opportunity for RDR quality improvement initiatives
- 3 Application process
- 4 Proposal evaluation and selection approach
- 5 Q & A

Commitment to improve rare disease registries



- Drugs for Rare Diseases is a health care priority, with substantial unmet need and potential for growth
- Canada is health **data rich, but information poor**
- CADTH funded by Health Canada to lay the foundation for improving real-world evidence generation for rare diseases
- Three Key Activities
 - **Understand** the landscape of rare disease registries (RDR)
 - **Develop** standards & **identify** best practices
 - **Support** quality improvement



Transform

Funding opportunity for RDR quality improvement



- CADTH is providing a new stream of funding through the National Strategy for Drugs for Rare Diseases

This time-limited funding (until March 2025) supports RDR to:



Improve infrastructure and data quality



Increase capacity to produce decision-grade real-world evidence

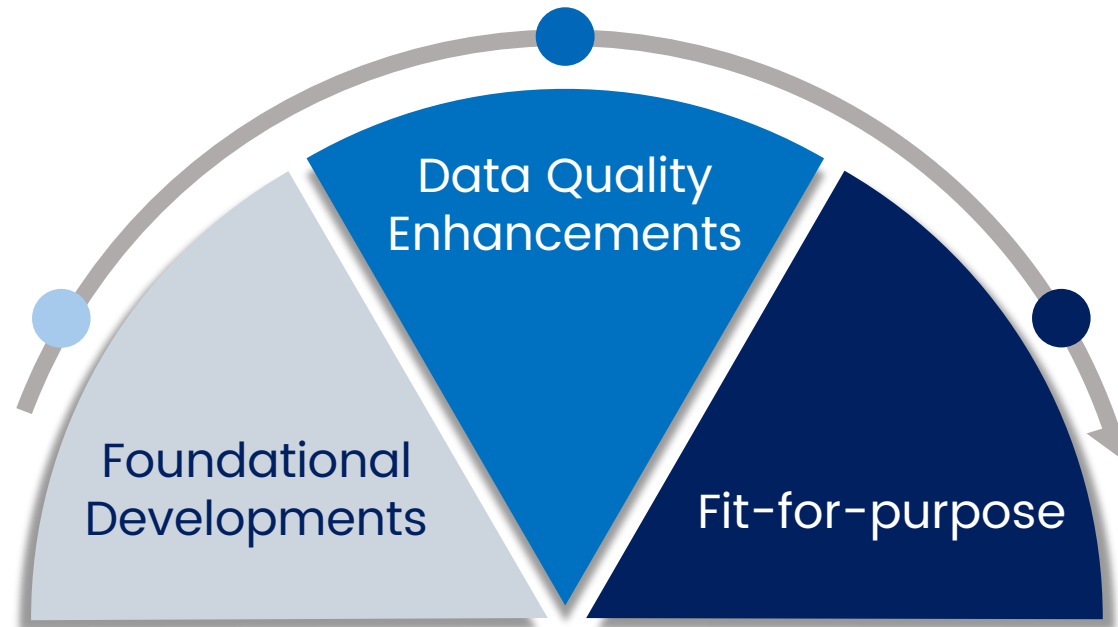


Enhance ability to answer regulatory, HTA, and payer evidence questions

Funding opportunity for RDR quality improvement (Maturity)

- Funding is available across three key improvement domains

Rare Disease Registry Maturity



Potential initiatives for registry funding



Foundational Developments

- Enhance registry governance structure
- Refine the data quality assurance plan
- Improve data sharing and access policies

Data Quality Enhancements

- Enhance adherence to standardized coding
- Improve completeness of data
- Increase coherence of data

Fit-for-purpose

- Improve longitudinal data collection of treatment outcomes
- Enhance relevance of data elements to align with data collection from clinical trials

Who is eligible for funding?

Rare Disease

- Informed by the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the European Medicines Agency (EMA)
- **May include additional considerations** for unmet needs in clinical care, access to medicines, etc.

Registry

- Active registry (does not only use retrospective patient data)
- Collects observational data about specific disease(s) or condition(s)
- Collects data that can be used to answer clinical, scientific, and policy questions (patient contact database alone is not sufficient)
- Has the potential to inform wider health care decision making

Unsure if you meet eligibility criteria? Please reach out to us at Registries@cadth.ca

Application and proposal components



1 Letter of Intent

- Notify CADTH of the applicant's intention to submit a proposal
- Include a brief overview of planned quality improvement activities
- Maximum 2 pages

2 Technical Proposal

- Overview of registry and team
- Proposed work plan, including risk and mitigation strategies
- Work plan must align with RFP objectives and include performance measures
- Maximum 12 pages

For invited applications

Financial Proposal

- CADTH will provide a Financial Proposal Form
- Submitted as an Excel

Send all documents to contracts@cadth.ca

If you are unsure about the application process or components, reach out to us at registries@cadth.ca

Application process



RFP release date:

March 27, 2024



Submit a Letter of Intent (LOI):

Deadline: April 10, 2024

Decision: April 17, 2024



Full proposal:

Deadline: May 17, 2024, for invited applications

Decision: May 31, 2024



Submission:

All documents to contracts@cadth.ca;
include **Registries RFP** in the subject line



Review process: assessment for compliance, relevance and merit. Includes confirmation receipt and review outcome.



After approval: Implementation and monitoring, including specified deliverables, and performance measures.

Proposal evaluation and selection



Evaluation process: review by a multidisciplinary panel



Selection methodology: evaluation based on feasibility, immediate impact, and strategic importance

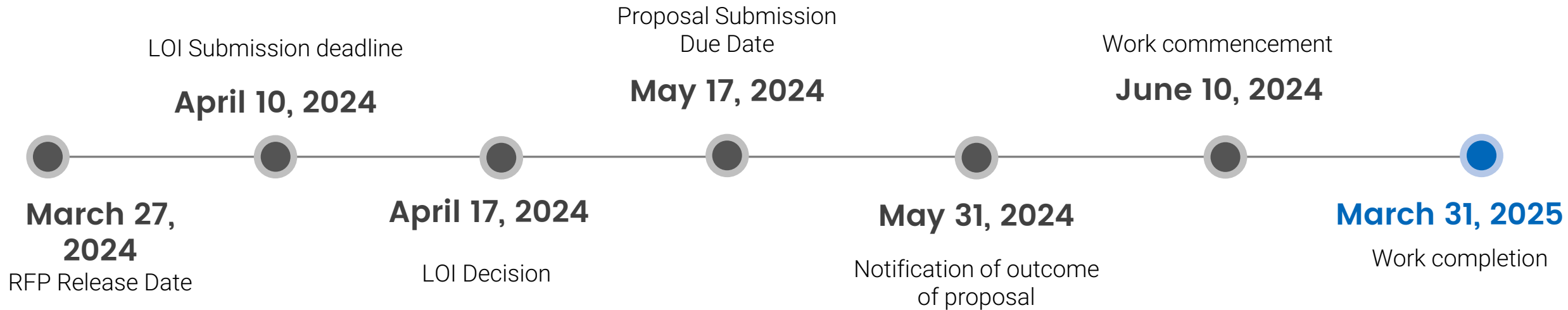


Open to innovation: while focusing on specified areas, we remain open to innovative proposals with strong potential for impact



Alignment with objectives: applicants are encouraged to demonstrate project alignment with priority areas and evaluation criteria, providing specific examples

Registry Funding Timeline





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Thank you

