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### **MSD's Therapy Area Community Grants Programme now open for applications**

### **MSD launches therapy area community grants programme to support and enable patient-centred projects aimed at empowering patients and improving outcomes**

HODDESDON, UK, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 – MSD (tradename of Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, N.J., USA (NYSE: MRK)) announced today the launch of a new therapy area community grants programme, aimed at providing funding support for projects designed to inform and empower patients, and deliver improvements in patient outcomes and experience in the UK.

Open to all UK-based organisations that meet the criteria, the new initiative will fund a number of independent projects from organisations looking to support the needs of their respective populations or communities, specifically in the areas of HIV, HPV, cancer and antimicrobial resistance, where MSD has particular expertise.

Organisations which serve the patient community, such as patient advocacy and support groups, are often closest to the day-to-day needs of patients, and how they relate to the health system and treatment pathways. These organisations play a widespread and pivotal role in advancing and improving the healthcare outcomes and experience for patients in the UK.

“We are delighted to be able to offer this new programme of support to groups working in the fields of HIV, HPV, cancer and antimicrobial resistance” said David Peacock, Managing Director MSD UK & Ireland. “Our ultimate goal is to improve outcomes and save lives, and we hope that, by supporting the community in this way, together, we can help realise this ambition.”

Details of MSD's new Therapy Area Community Grants Programme and eligibility criteria can be accessed via the MSD UK affiliate website: <https://www.msd-uk.com/partnerships/partnerships.xhtml#grants>. Organisations have until 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to submit their applications.

If you have any questions about any of the four schemes then please contact us at: [Grantscommittee@msd.com](mailto:Grantscommittee@msd.com)  
Please indicate in the subject line of your email which scheme you are enquiring about.

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