**Call for Proposals (CFP) for R&D plans of projects in the Early (Ideation) Stages Able to Assist in Dealing with the Challenges Posed by the Coronavirus**

**Submission deadline:** March 26th, 2020

**CFP summary**

The Israel Innovation Authority, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and the Headquarters for the National Digital Israel Initiative at the Ministry of Social Equality are issuing a Call for Proposals to Israeli technology companies (that are not one of Israel's health organizations) to submit R&D plans for technological ideas and/or drafted implementations in the early (ideation) stages for dealing with the challenges posed by the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

Submission will be through [Track 2 (see Appendix A).](https://innovationisrael.org.il/rules/3761)

**CFP description**

This CFP refers to **technological ideas and/or drafted implementations in the early (ideation) stages.**

The plan must engage in research and development of technological ideas that may assist in dealing with the challenges posed by the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

There is no restriction on the project field for this CFP and it may include, among others, one of the following:

* Streamlining and improvement of the diagnostic process, including: diagnostics, streamlining and improvement of testing and diagnostic process and solutions that will enable efficient and massed testing for the coronavirus to be carried out in Israel in the near future.
* Tools for contagion reduction and prevention.
* Expansion of remote healthcare services, including a significant expansion of the quantity and types of services that are provided digitally, or which can be provided without a need to physically visit the health organization. All this including, but not limited to, treatment, prevention, diagnostics, monitoring, process streamlining, interfaces and systems, for the individual and/or the general public.
* Development and re-purposing of antiviral products for treatment of the disease, or other products that may serve as a supporting therapy, or for diagnostics and prevention.
* Solutions for patients in home confinement or hospital quarantine.
* Digital solutions for controlling, monitoring, and forecasting the spread of the virus.
* Solutions for smart management of public assistance centers, and for the effective communication with the public in times of pandemic outbreak
* Solutions to expand the capacity of respiratory intensive care units and that assist in the monitoring and simultaneous treatment of multiple people hospitalized with acute respiratory disease.
* Solutions that assist with the physical activity and the well-being of senior citizens staying at home.
* Solutions that help support special needs population, due to their home stay outside their routine special-ed system.

**All this in order to encourage:**

* Development and implementation of innovative technologies in treating and coping with the coronavirus.
* Advancing the healthcare system and public health in Israel and abroad.
* The creation and growth of complete and sustainable companies by promoting innovative technological solutions.

**What you get?**

* Financial support of 20% – 50% of approved R&D expenses.
* Exceptional financial support of 60% – 75% of approved R&D for a project with an outstanding potential to contribute to the advancement the healthcare system and the public health in Israel and abroad.

\*The scope of the total support will depend on the scope of total financial sources for this CFP.

**Submission Deadline**

* Applications may be submitted up to March 26th, 2020 at 14:00 (technical support will also be provided up to 14:00).
* Responses are expected within ten days of the deadline.
* An additional CFP will opened on March 26th 2020, with its submission deadline being April 7th, 2020 up to 14:00 on that day.

**How to submit an application for the CFP?**

The submission process and application forms are described in detail in the [Innovation Support Track for Selected Fields – Digital Health](https://innovationisrael.org.il/growth/pilot/digitalhealth#field-name-field-application-instructions). The forms should be submitted through the personal area on the Innovation Authority's Hebrew website.

\* Note: In addition to the general forms, select and complete the "form for the support of R&D in an Ideation stage for the outbreak of the coronavirus" (instead of the form used for Track 2 routine submissions).

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