



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS:

ALIGN-T1D – Co-Financing Mechanism for Sustainable Insulin and Diabetes Commodity Access

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Issuing Organization:	Breakthrough T1D
Program/Project:	ALIGN-T1D Catalytic Co-Financing Mechanism for Sustainable Insulin and Diabetes Commodity Access
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Estimated Budget:	\$1.9 Million
Contract/Grant Type:	Grant Agreement
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OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE

Organizational context, program background, and solicitation rationale

A.1 About the Issuing Organization

Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF) was founded in 1970 by families of people diagnosed with type 1 diabetes (T1D). We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit and the leading global T1D research and advocacy organization. Our mission is to accelerate life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent, and treat T1D and its complications.

Breakthrough T1D serves as the Secretariat for [ALIGN-T1D](#). ALIGN-T1D is a first-of-its-kind global alliance that aspires to align up to \$100M in philanthropic investments in T1D care and enabling health systems across a portfolio of low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) by 2040. ALIGN-T1D vision is to bring together representatives across industry, government, philanthropy, civil society, and people with lived experience to help close deadly gaps in access and guarantee that comprehensive care and quality supplies are within reach for all people living with T1D, regardless of where they live.

A.2 Program Background and Development Context

Access to insulin and diabetes monitoring remains one of the most persistent inequities in global health. While investments in service delivery and health systems strengthening have expanded diagnostic and treatment capacity, access to essential commodities continues to lag due to structural financing and market barriers.

In many LMICs, insulin and BGM markets are characterized by a reinforcing cycle of weak demand and limited supply: constrained and inconsistent government financing—often supplemented by donation programs—results in low-volume, short-term, and unpredictable procurement. These dynamics reduce supplier incentives to engage, limit competition, and sustain high prices and supply insecurity. Payment uncertainty and limited working capital further increase market risk. As a result, millions of individuals remain dependent on donor-supported access, with demand projected to grow significantly over the next decade.

At the same time, there is a growing window of opportunity. Many countries are advancing national NCD and diabetes strategies, expanding financial protection schemes, and strengthening procurement and supply chain systems. ALIGN-T1D and other complementary initiatives are also helping expand diabetes service delivery and country readiness, creating a timely opportunity to pair those investments with a catalytic commodity financing approach. However, these efforts alone are often insufficient to overcome the initial financial and market barriers to transitioning from dependence on donations to sustainable, government-led procurement at scale.

Experience from analogous global health interventions—such as donor subsidies, co-payment mechanisms, and revolving drug funds—demonstrates that time-bound, catalytic financing can help break this cycle. Co-financing refers to a structured, time-bound mechanism in which philanthropic funding partially subsidizes government procurement to increase volumes while transitioning toward full domestic financing over time.

This initiative is designed to test a set of core hypotheses: that catalytic co-financing can (i) increase government procurement volumes, (ii) improve affordability through stronger market signals, and (iii) enable a transition from donor-supported to sustainability-financed access.

This concept represents a unique opportunity to shape a strategic shift from fragmented, donor-dependent models toward sustainable, government-led access to essential diabetes commodities. As bilateral development assistance is increasingly constrained, this ambitious project aims to test how time-bound philanthropic capital can help expand and accelerate public procurement of essential diabetes supplies. By aligning financial incentives with long-term system strengthening, the co-financing mechanism may unlock durable improvements in access, affordability, and market health.

A.3 Purpose of this RFA

The goal of this funding opportunity is to initiate the design and pilot of a time-bound, conditions-based co-financing mechanism to catalyze sustainable government procurement of insulin and blood glucose monitoring (BGM) supplies in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Through this pilot, the implementer will determine if it is feasible, build on existing public financing for diabetes supplies, and accelerate coverage through the support of catalytic, philanthropic capital.

Despite increasing attention to diabetes and non-communicable diseases (NCDs), access to essential diabetes commodities remains highly constrained. Many countries continue to rely on fragmented, donation-based models that fail to deliver sustainable, equitable, or scalable access. This concept aims to shift the paradigm by aligning donor funding with government procurement systems, incentivizing increased domestic investment while improving affordability and healthy market competition. Where relevant, applicants should describe how the proposed work will complement ALIGN-T1D and other diabetes investments in service delivery, supply chains, and health systems strengthening.

Through targeted country pilots, this initiative will design, implement, and evaluate a co-financing model that:

- Expands government-led procurement of insulin and BGM supplies
- Reduces reliance on donations over time
- Improves market attractiveness and competition through increased, consolidated volume
- Establishes a pathway toward long-term financial sustainability

The goal is to create a replicable, catalytic co-financing model that can be scaled across countries and embedded within broader health financing systems.

Note: RFA 1 (“Co-Financing”) and RFA 2 (“Demand Visibility”) are being issued in parallel. Applicants may apply to one or both RFAs; however, each proposal must clearly respond to the specific objectives, scope, and requirements of the respective RFA. While complementary or coordinated approaches across the two concepts are encouraged where relevant, applications will be reviewed and evaluated independently for each RFA. Proposals can combine both concepts into a single submission, including through a coalition proposal.

A.4 Solicitation Type and Competition

This is an open solicitation to all eligible organizations.

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B****Proposal Requirements***Technical approach, geographic scope, and cross-cutting requirements*

B.1 Technical Approach

Proposals should present a clear technical approach aligned to the phases outlined below, including implementation approach, partnership model, key risks and mitigation strategies, monitoring and learning approach, and a high-level pathway to sustainability or scale.

Applications should detail how the organization will address three core phases of work.

1) Exploration & Discovery (6-9 month target)

First, the applicant should propose criteria for a short list of geographies. These short-list geographies are expected to include LMICs with demonstrated readiness for transition, including:

- Existing government procurement infrastructure
- Procurement trends, including existing public procurement capacity
- Complementary philanthropic, development, and community initiatives expanding diabetes service delivery and supply chain capacity, including from ALIGN-T1D
- Capacity to accurately quantify and forecast diabetes supply, including complementary technical partners
- National diabetes or NCD strategies and operational plans
- Emerging domestic financing pathways (e.g., insurance or subsidy schemes)
- Sufficient system capacity to manage procurement, storage, and distribution
- Additional criteria as defined by the applicant

Our desk research analysis indicates potential impact and feasibility in the following countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. While additional government engagement is necessary, our early analysis suggests both significant unmet need and increasing government engagement on diabetes and NCDs, alongside complementary investments in service delivery and supply chain strengthening. While a significant share of diabetes care currently occurs in the private sector in LMICs, this initiative focuses on testing how to strengthen existing public-sector procurement. However, applicants can propose and recommend alternative priority country analysis.

Second, the applicant will outline how it will assess and prioritize geographies in close consultation with national governments and key stakeholders. This assessment phase should evaluate countries across three core dimensions: assessing the potential impact of co-financing, the feasibility and structure of implementation, and the strength of government commitment. The applicant should describe how government commitment and readiness will be assessed and evidenced in short-list geographies, including engagement with relevant government counterparts, indications of willingness to increase domestic financing over time, and the feasibility of integrating the mechanism into existing procurement and financing systems.

2) Implementation & Governance Design (1-2 countries)

Building on the short-list geographies and government consultations, the applicant will define how it will move into pilot implementation in 1-2 countries, supporting improved financing for insulin and blood glucose monitoring supplies. The applicant will detail how findings from this exploration phase will inform the co-financing mechanism, including structuring costs, co-financing parameters, operational structure, and implementation roadmap for pilot countries. Proposed approaches may include, for example, matching or co-investment structures, time-bound catalytic subsidy approaches, or other models that strengthen government-led procurement while supporting a transition toward increased domestic financing over time. Applicants are encouraged to illustrate context-specific co-financing models that could be tailored to country needs during the implementation phase.

The co-financing mechanism must be guided by four core design principles:

1. Government-led: All financing flows through national procurement systems, reinforcing—not bypassing—existing structures
2. Time- and conditions-bound: Philanthropic co-financing contributions taper over time and are contingent on increasing government investment
3. Supplier-agnostic: Procurement remains open and competitive, with no restrictions on supplier participation. All product selection decisions should be directed by national policies, technical considerations, and transparent procurement processes.
4. Quality assurance – Procurement of medicines and diagnostics using philanthropy co-financing must meet international quality assurance standards, including WHO prequalification, authorization by a stringent regulatory authority, or authorization by a WHO-listed authority. These standards mirror Global Fund [policies](#).

The applicant's implementation strategy will detail how it will:

- Establish financial and operational mechanisms for co-financing
- Support governments in central procurement planning, forecasting, and budgeting
- Align co-financing with national health insurance or subsidy schemes where applicable
- Monitor procurement volumes, prices, and coverage
- Establish a risk monitoring strategy (e.g., operational complexity, supply leakage)
- Engage and build capacity for people with lived experience & community-based organization to inform design, implementation, and partner accountability.

Proposals should also describe key fiduciary, procurement, and implementation risks, and how these will be managed through appropriate oversight, controls, and contingency planning.

3) Monitoring, Evaluation, & Learning

The applicant will define how the pilot will generate critical evidence on the feasibility and effectiveness of co-financing as a catalytic tool. The applicant is expected to monitor outcomes, including:

- Increased share of insulin and BGM procured through government systems
- Decreased share of insulin and BGM obtained through donations
- Expanded population coverage
- Reduced procurement prices and improved affordability
- Increased SKU rationalization
- Reduced stockouts of key products
- Increased total government investment in diabetes commodities
- Societal and systems-level value, such as improved long-term health

The applicant will describe how the initiative will generate actionable learning to inform replication and scale, including any public toolkit or implementation guidance to be developed. Proposals should articulate a credible pathway toward sustainability, including how co-financing is expected to evolve and assumptions related to increased government financing beyond the grant period. Proposals should demonstrate technical rigor, feasibility, strong partnership and implementation capability, and a clear approach to learning and broader market impact.

B.2 Geographic Scope

Our analysis from the [T1D Index](#) indicates potential impact and feasibility in the following countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. While additional government engagement is necessary, our early analysis suggests both significant unmet need and increasing government engagement on diabetes and NCDs, alongside complementary investments in service delivery and supply chain strengthening. While a significant share of diabetes care currently occurs in the private sector in LMICs, this initiative focuses on testing how to strengthen existing public-sector procurement. However, applicants can propose and recommend alternative priority country analysis.

B.3 Cross-Cutting Requirements

All activities under this program must integrate the following cross-cutting priorities.

Access and Participation: All activities must be designed to ensure fair and effective access and participation for intended beneficiaries. Offerors must describe how their approach addresses potential barriers to participation and promotes broad engagement across target populations. Data should be collected and reported, as applicable, to support monitoring of participation and outcomes across relevant population groups.

Meaningful Engagement of People Living with T1D: When engaging at the country level, offerors must demonstrate a credible strategy for gathering the viewpoints and guidance of people living with T1D. ALIGN T1D has adopted Meaningful Engagement principles (annexed) that should be applied where possible.

Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting (CLA): The implementer must establish systems for ongoing learning and adaptive management, including regular pause-and-reflect events, documentation of lessons learned, and a process for adjusting activities based on evidence and context changes.

Do No Harm / Safeguarding: Implementers must have organizational safeguarding policies in place, including protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA). A copy of the policy must be submitted with the application. All field staff must complete safeguarding training within 60 days of award.

Sustainability: Activities must demonstrate a pathway toward sustainability beyond the grant period. Offerors should describe how health systems, local partners, or government entities will be able to maintain gains after funding ends.

SECTION C	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA <i>Who may apply – organizational and programmatic requirements</i>
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C.1 Eligible Organization Types

This Request for Applications (RFA) is open to a broad range of organizational types. All prime applicants must meet the requirements set forth below. Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) — defined as organizations established by treaty or formal agreement among sovereign states or governments — are not eligible to serve as prime applicants but may participate as sub-awardees or consortium partners subject to Breakthrough T1D’s approval.

Thresholds marked [TBD] should be calibrated to the expected award size and program scope.

Requirement	Threshold / Evidence Required
Eligible Applicant Types	
Organizational type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Non-governmental organizations (NGOs), including international NGOs (INGOs) ▪ Academic and research institutions ▪ Universities and institutions of higher education ▪ Private sector entities, including for-profit firms and social enterprises ▪ Public health institutes and think tanks ▪ Consortia comprised of any combination of the above
Ineligible prime applicants	Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs)—organizations established by treaty or formal agreement among sovereign states—are not eligible as prime applicants. <i>IGOs may participate as sub-awardees or technical partners within an eligible consortium, subject to Breakthrough T1D’s approval.</i>

C.2 Minimum Organizational Requirements

To be considered eligible, the lead offeror and sub-recipients must meet ALL of the following requirements at the time of application submission.

Legal Status and Registration	
Legal registration	Proof of legal registration as an entity in the country of domicile (e.g., certificate of incorporation, registration with relevant national authority).
Years in operation	Minimum of 5 years of continuous operation as a registered organization before the application deadline.
Legal authority	Documentation demonstrating authority to enter into binding grant or contract agreements (e.g., organizational bylaws, board resolution).
Financial and Organizational Capacity	
Annual budget	Please provide audited financial statements demonstrating your annual organizational budget in each of the two most recently completed fiscal years.

Financial management systems	Documented financial management system capable of tracking and reporting restricted grant funds in accordance with GAAP or an equivalent internationally recognized accounting standard.
External audit	Independent external financial audit or equivalent review (e.g., agreed-upon procedures) completed within the past [two] fiscal years.
Prior award management experience	Demonstrated experience managing donor-funded programs of comparable scope and complexity, including multi-country or international programming [if applicable]; references or past performance documentation may be required.
Governance and Compliance	
Governing oversight body	Evidence of a governing board or equivalent oversight body independent of day-to-day management (e.g., organizational chart, board roster).
Policies and procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Documented financial and procurement policies and procedures ▪ Safeguarding and child protection policy ▪ Anti-corruption and conflict of interest policy
Regulatory compliance	Ability to comply with all applicable grantee regulations, reporting requirements, and applicable local law in countries of operation.
Consortium Applications	
Prime applicant responsibility	One eligible organization must be designated as the prime applicant and will bear full legal and programmatic responsibility for the award.
Identification of partners	All sub-awardees and consortium partners must be identified in the application, with their proposed roles and qualifications documented.
IGO/multilateral participation	IGOs and multilateral agencies may serve in a sub-award, advisory, or technical assistance capacity within a consortium, but may not serve as the prime applicant.

Note: Breakthrough T1D reserves the right to request additional documentation to verify any of the above requirements and to determine organizational eligibility at its sole discretion.

C.3 Conflict of Interest

Any organization that was involved in the design of this program, assisted in drafting this RFP, or has an existing financial or governance relationship with Breakthrough T1D that could create a real or perceived conflict of interest must disclose this in writing at the time of submission. Breakthrough T1D reserves the right to disqualify any offeror where a conflict of interest cannot be adequately mitigated.

SECTION D	DELIVERABLES AND REPORTING SCHEDULE <i>Required outputs, reports, and submission standards</i>
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D.1 Key Organizational Roles

Role	Responsibilities	Point of Contact
Program Officer (Issuing Org)	Technical oversight; approves deliverables; day-to-day technical liaison; approves workplans	Karen Caldwell, kcaldwell@breakthrough1d.org
Grants/Contracts Officer (Issuing Org)	Contractual authority: approves budget modifications, key personnel changes, no-cost extensions; formal amendments	Heather Stombaugh hstombaugh@breakthrough1d.org
Chief of Party / Program Director (Implementer)	Overall programmatic accountability; primary relationship with Program Officer; signs deliverables	To be named at award
Finance Manager (Implementer)	Financial reporting, invoice submission, and budget management	To be named at award

D.2 Standard Deliverables

Deliverable	Description	Frequency	Due Date
Inception Report	Start-up plan including final workplan, staffing chart, MEL and CLA plan, partnership agreements, and Year 1 budget	Once	30–60 days post-award
Annual Work Plan (AWP)	Activity plan with outputs, targets, Gantt chart (implementation schedule), and budget by quarter	Annual	30 days before each program year (July – June)
Quarterly Progress Report	Activities completed, results vs. targets, financial summary, challenges, adaptations made	Quarterly	30 days after quarter end
Annual Performance Report	Comprehensive results against indicators; expenditure report; lessons learned; case studies	Annual	45 days after program year-end
Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning Plan (MELP)	Full indicator table, data sources, collection methods, frequency, responsible party, and targets	Once + annual update	90 days post-award; plan revised annually

Biannual Data Reporting	Full indicator table, data sources	Biannually	30 days after the collection period ends (each collection period runs for 6 months)
Mid-Term Review	Internal or independent review of progress; adaptive management recommendations	Year 2	Per approved timeline
Final Report	Comprehensive summary of all results, financial closeout narrative, sustainability plan, and lessons learned	Once	90 days before close-out
Quarterly Financial Reports	Expenditure reports against the approved budget; burn rate analysis	Quarterly	30 days after quarter end
Annual Financial Report	Expenditure report against approved budget; burn rate analysis	Annually	30 days after the end of the program year

D.3 Report Format Standards

- All narrative reports submitted in Microsoft Word (.docx) and PDF.
- Financial reports submitted in Excel (.xlsx) using the Breakthrough T1D approved budget template.
- All deliverables submitted in English.
- Reports must be submitted electronically by email to kcaldwell@breakthrough1d.org and global@breakthrough1d.org.
- Branding: All public-facing materials must acknowledge ALIGN-T1D and Breakthrough T1D and, where applicable, the funding source. Logo usage guidelines will be provided at award, and information regarding use and restrictions will be included in the grant agreement

D.4 Inspection and Acceptance

All deliverables are subject to review and approval by the designated Program Officer within 30 business days of submission. Deliverables not meeting agreed quality standards will be returned with written feedback. The implementer has 15 business days to revise and resubmit. Persistent quality issues may trigger a performance improvement process.

SECTION E	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION <i>Roles, financial management, and payment terms</i>
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E.2 Financial Management and Payment

- Contract type: Grant agreement
- Payment Schedule and Reporting Requirements: Annual workplans and budgets will be approved for each year of the three-year award. Disbursements will be made on a quarterly basis and are contingent upon submission and approval of the required quarterly reports. Payments will be issued in four equal installments: one-quarter (25%) upon agreement activation, and one-quarter (25%) following approval of each subsequent approved quarterly report. Submission of invoices is not required.
- Payment: Payment is 45 days net terms upon approval of quarterly reports (programmatic and financials).
- Accounting: The implementer must maintain a separate accounting code or cost center for this program.
- Budget Realignments: The Recipient must obtain prior written approval from Breakthrough T1D before any reallocation of the budget.
- Unspent Funds: Unspent funds at close-out must be returned to Breakthrough T1D within 60 days of the end of the performance period.

E.3 Sub-Awards

The implementer may issue sub-grants or subcontracts to other eligible organizations. The implementer is responsible for ensuring all sub-awardees comply with the terms of this agreement, including safeguarding, risk management, financial management, and all reporting requirements.

**SECTION
F****SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS***Program-specific obligations and organizational policies*

F.1 Key Personnel

The following positions are designated as Key Personnel. The named individuals must be approved by Breakthrough T1D before the grant award is finalized. Any substitution requires written notification and approval from the Program Officer at least [30] days in advance for any of the following positions: (1) Chief of Party/Program Director, (2) Deputy Director/Technical Lead [if applicable], (3) Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) Director, or (4) Finance Director.

F.2 Data Ownership and Intellectual Property

All data, reports, tools, training materials, and other outputs produced under this program are the property of Breakthrough T1D, unless otherwise agreed in writing. The implementer may retain copies for organizational learning purposes. Publication of program findings requires prior written approval from ALIGN-T1D and Breakthrough T1D. The implementer retains ownership of pre-existing intellectual property brought into the program.

F.3 Data Protection and Privacy

The implementer must comply with applicable data protection laws in Uganda and the United States as relevant. Beneficiary data — including health records, personal identifiers, and survey data — must be stored securely, de-identified where possible, and never shared with third parties without informed consent. A data management plan must be submitted as part of the MEL Plan.

F.4 Organizational Safeguarding

The implementer must have and enforce a safeguarding policy that meets ALIGN-T1D's minimum standards, including: a clear prohibition on sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment; a confidential reporting mechanism; mandatory staff training; and a process for investigating and responding to complaints. Incidents must be reported to Breakthrough T1D within 72 hours of the implementer becoming aware of the incident.

F.5 Audit Rights

Breakthrough T1D reserves the right to conduct financial and programmatic audits of the implementer's and any sub-awardees' records related to this program at any time during the award period and for 5 years following close-out. The implementer must maintain all financial records and supporting documentation for this period.

F.6 Visibility and Communications

The implementer must obtain prior written approval from the Program Officer before making any public statements, media releases, or media engagements that reference ALIGN-T1D or Breakthrough T1D. Social media posts referencing program activities must use agreed hashtags and tag Breakthrough T1D's and ALIGN-T1D's official accounts. Crisis communications should be communicated immediately to the Program Officer. All public-facing materials must acknowledge ALIGN-T1D and Breakthrough T1D and, where applicable, the funding source. Logo usage guidelines will be provided at grant award, and information regarding use and restrictions will be included in the grant agreement.

**SECTION
G****INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS***How to prepare and submit your application***G.1 Technical Application Requirements**

The Technical Application must not exceed 25 pages (excluding CVs and annexes). Use 12-point font, 1-inch margins, and single spacing. Pages must be numbered. Offerors may directly copy sections from the concept note, as appropriate; however, responses must be tailored to the Objective you are applying and include additional context as necessary.

#	Section	Content Required	Page Limit
1	Executive Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program Overview and summary of key objectives ▪ Your organization's value proposition ▪ Summary of approach and expected results 	1
2	Background / Problem Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development context and situational analysis ▪ Evidence base and data supporting the proposed intervention, including citations ▪ Gaps in current programming or service delivery ▪ Alignment with host country strategies and priorities ▪ Link between problem diagnosis and proposed solution 	2
3	Technical Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed activities by phase ▪ Evidence-based and Innovation practices ▪ Responsiveness to SOW. Must explicitly address each cross-cutting requirement in Section B 	8
4	Sustainability Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Describe the strategy for ensuring that activities are sustained beyond the timeline of the grant period (financial and programmatic) ▪ Opportunities, threats, mitigating actions ▪ Stakeholders who will ensure the continuation of investments and achievements 	1
5	Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organizational structure ▪ Key Staff qualifications ▪ Staffing plan showing LOE ▪ Roles/responsibilities of all sub-partners ▪ Risk management approach 	5

6	MEL Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Data sources and collection methods ▪ CLA approach ▪ MEL staffing ▪ Proposed targets (preliminary) 	3
7	Past Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2-3 examples of similar programs (similar scope, budget, geography, or technical area) ▪ Include program name, funder, dates, budget, key results, and a reference contact 	3

ANNEXES

Annex	Contents
A	Key personnel CVs (2 pages per CV)

G.2 Financial Application Requirements

- Submit using your organization’s budget template.
- Provide a Budget Narrative explaining the rationale for each major line item.
- Breakthrough T1D has a standard 10% indirect cost rate. Please apply this rate when budgeting.
- Proposed budget should reflect realistic costs, neither inflated nor undercosted. Breakthrough T1D will conduct a cost reasonableness review.

G.3 Submission Instructions

- Submit your completed application and all attachments via email to kcaldwell@breakthrough1d.org, global@breakthrough1d.org.
- All narrative reports submitted in Microsoft Word (.docx) and PDF.
- Financial reports submitted in Excel (.xlsx) using the Breakthrough T1D approved budget template.
- File naming convention: [OrganizationName]_[RFANumber]_Application.
- All deliverables submitted in English.
- Questions must be submitted in writing to kcaldwell@breakthrough1d.org by May 11, 2026.
- **Deadline for submission is June 1, 2026, at 5 pm EDT.**
- Applications must remain valid for 120 days from the submission deadline.

SECTION H	EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR AWARD <i>How applications will be scored and selected</i>
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H.1 Evaluation Process

All applications will be reviewed by a Technical Review Committee composed of at least three (3) members with relevant technical and programmatic expertise. Technical and financial reviews will be conducted independently.

H.2 Evaluation Factors and Scoring

#	Evaluation Factor	Detailed Description	Relative Score Weight
1	Problem Understanding & Strategic Clarity	Assesses whether the applicant clearly identifies the specific constraint the co-financing model is intended to address and aligns it with the RFA's core hypotheses. Strong proposals demonstrate focused, prioritized problem framing and avoid trying to solve multiple system challenges at once.	20
2	Government Credibility & Sustainability Pathway	Evaluates the extent to which there is a credible path toward government ownership and long-term financial sustainability. Strong responses show realistic engagement with government actors and articulate a plausible transition from donor support to domestic financing.	15
3	Technical Approach & Co-Financing Design	Assesses the clarity, feasibility, and appropriateness of the proposed co-financing model. Strong proposals present a well-defined structure—such as rates, conditions, and tapering—that is practical, context-specific, and aligned with national systems.	20
4	Implementation Feasibility & Risk Management	Evaluates whether the proposed approach can be implemented within real-world government and operational constraints. Strong responses demonstrate a clear understanding of risks and provide practical, context-appropriate mitigation strategies.	20
5	Market Impact, Learning & Scale Potential	Assesses the potential for the intervention to influence market dynamics and generate broader system-level insights. Strong proposals clearly articulate how the model could affect pricing, supplier behavior, and future scalability.	15
6	Cost / Financial Application	Evaluates whether the applicant has the experience, partnerships, and capacity to deliver the proposed work. Strong responses demonstrate a proven track record in relevant areas and the ability to operate effectively within complex, multi-stakeholder environments.	Pass/Fail + Reasonableness Review

H.3 Rating Definitions

Rating	Score	Definition
Very Strong	5	Best-in-class, implementable - Compelling and convincing response within application constraints; clear alignment and strong internal logic, credible and well-articulated trajectory.
Strong	4	High quality - Response is clear, coherent, and well supported for the application stage; risks are acknowledged, and a plausible pathway forward is articulated.
Adequate	3	Meets expectations - Core elements addressed at a high level; logic is sound, but gaps remain.
Weak	2	Major Gaps - Some relevant elements are mentioned, but the response lacks coherence, credible support, or completeness; important gaps remain, and risks are only partially recognized. Major gaps.
Very Weak	1	Not Credible - Key elements missing, unclear, or poorly supported; major risks unacknowledged.

H.4 Award Decision

The Technical Review Committee will prepare a written evaluation report. Breakthrough T1D reserves the right to: (a) award without conducting negotiations based on initial applications; (b) request clarifications from offerers; (c) not make an award if no application meets the minimum requirements outlined in this RFA. All offerors will be notified of the outcome in writing and may request a debrief.

SECTION I	REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS <i>Offeror confirmations required at the time of submission</i>
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By submitting an application, the authorized representative of the offeror certifies that:

I.1 Organizational Standing

The organization is legally registered and in good standing in its country of registration, and has the legal authority to enter into a binding agreement.

I.2 Financial Integrity

The organization has not been debarred, suspended, or otherwise declared ineligible for funding by any major bilateral or multilateral funder within the past 5 years. The organization will disclose any ongoing or pending investigations relevant to financial integrity upon request.

I.3 Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest exists as defined in Section C.3, or any potential conflict has been fully disclosed in writing as part of this submission.

I.4 Accuracy of Information

All information submitted in this application— including organizational data, past performance, personnel qualifications, and financial figures — is accurate and complete to the best of the offeror's knowledge. Misrepresentation is grounds for immediate disqualification or award termination.

I.5 Safeguarding Compliance

The organization has a safeguarding / PSEA policy that meets the minimum standards outlined in Section F.5. A copy is attached to this application.

I.6 Anti-Corruption

The organization certifies that no payment, gift, or other consideration has been offered or given to any employee, officer, or representative of Breakthrough T1D in connection with this solicitation.

I.7 Key Personnel Availability

The Key Personnel proposed are available and committed to this program for the period and level of effort stated in the application.

Authorized Signature:

Name:	Title:
Organization:	Date:
Signature:	

SECTION J	LIST OF ATTACHMENTS <i>Supporting documents issued with this RFP</i>
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Ref	Attachment Title	Description
J-1	ALIGN-T1D Meaningful Engagement Principles	Reference document meant to inform the offeror's approach to engaging people with T1D.