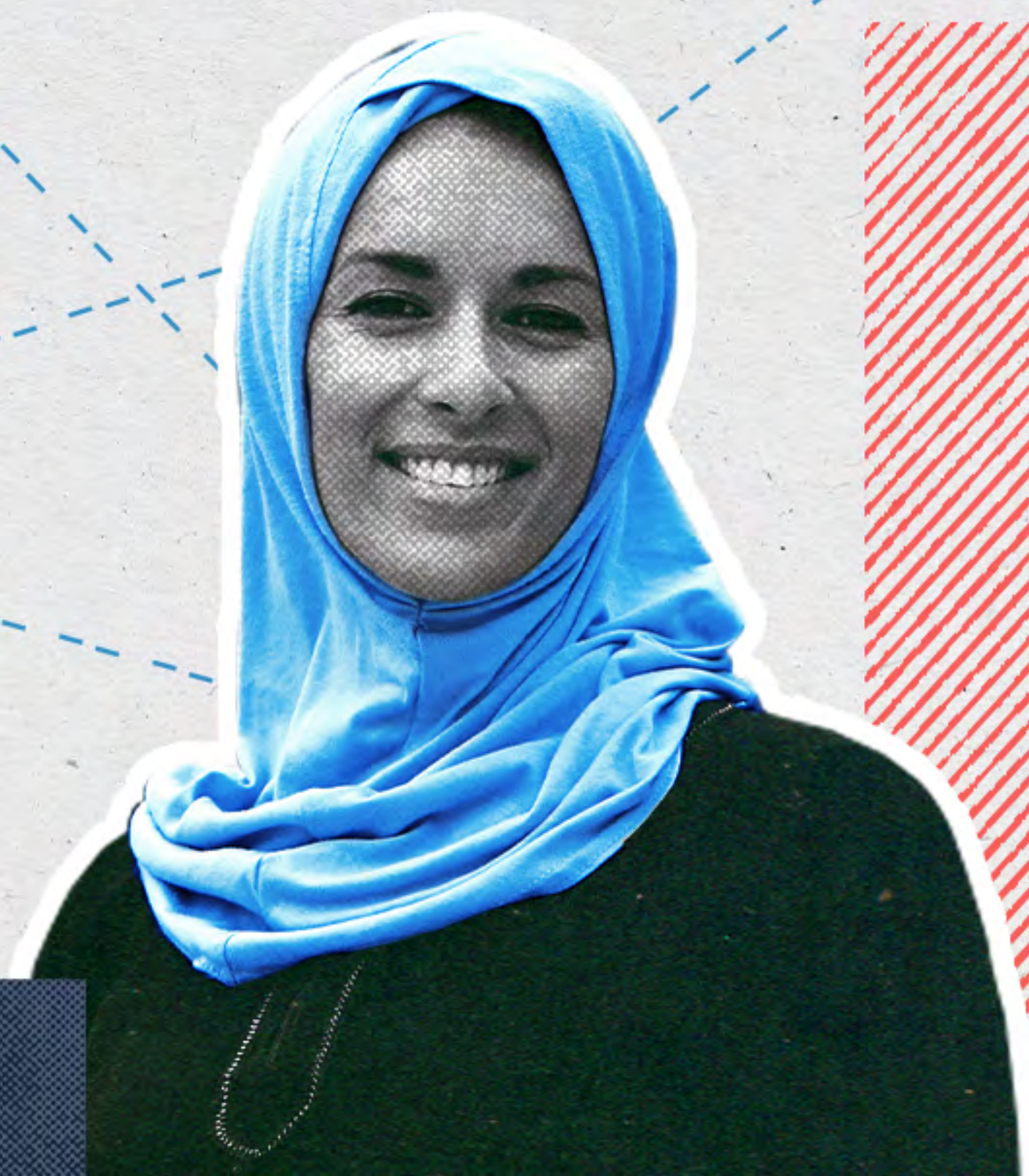


Take your city further

# Frequently asked questions



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## Can any city join C/Can?

Any city in a Low and Middle Income (LMIC) country with a population over 1 million is eligible to apply to join the City Cancer Challenge initiative. The city needs to assess their readiness based on the selection criteria outlined in the C/Can City Checklist.

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## What is the application process?

Cities will be invited to follow a three-stage application process beginning with an Expression of Interest form. Shortlisted cities only will be invited to submit a full application, and will be subject to a transparent due diligence process.

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## What is the timeline for the full application process?

The full application process takes 12 months and opens on 16 October 2023. Cities are invited to submit an Expression of Interest before the deadline of 15 January 2024. On 4 February 2024, shortlisted candidates will be notified and invited to complete a full application form, which must be submitted by 1 April 2024.

From April and September 2024, a comprehensive due diligence process will be conducted, potentially involving site visits to shortlisted cities. The successful cities will be officially announced in late 2024.

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## Who can apply to join C/Can?

- ▶ The submission of an Expression of Interest to the City Cancer Challenge initiative must be led by one or more civil society organisations, and/or local, regional, or national governments and academia. Individuals cannot submit an application.
- ▶ If successful, candidates will be invited to submit a full application through a multisectoral consortium.

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## Can I submit multiple applications?

As a non-profit organisation operating in several cities in your country, you may lead the application process for more than one city - however we would strongly encourage you to consult locally and agree on one city that meets the criteria, and that is well placed to share learnings and good practices with others.

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## Does the application cost money?

C/Can does not charge a fee at any stage of the application process. Any requests for payment or information should be refused and reported to local law enforcement authorities for appropriate action and to C/Can for its information.

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## How do I apply to join C/Can?

All applicants must complete their **Expression of Interest** online in order to have their application considered. Applications by email won't be taken into consideration.

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## How do you decide which cities are accepted?

A global taskforce is convened to review the applications based on the criteria outlined in the C/Can City Checklist.

## What are the criteria for selection?

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## If my city applied in the past, can we re-apply?

Yes, we encourage cities that have progressed since the last call for applications to apply and share what progress has been made since the last application.

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## What if a city does not get selected?

If a city does not get selected, there may be other opportunities to engage with C/Can and its network through meetings, events, and resources. Please sign up for our newsletter or visit the C/Can website to stay up to date with these opportunities.

Cities that are not selected can use C/Can's checklist to identify areas that might need strengthening. Please find more information on our [website](#).

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## What happens when a city joins C/Can?

If an applicant city has successfully been selected, they will be invited to officially join C/Can through the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding with government representatives and local organizations. One of the first key steps is to develop a comprehensive mapping of local stakeholders involved in the delivery of cancer care across all sectors. [Discover our full process here.](#)

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## What is the difference between the Expression of Interest deadline and the full application form?

Cities are invited to submit an Expression of Interest before the deadline of 15 Dec 2023. This form is to be coordinated and submitted by civil society organisations, foundations, patient associations, professional associations and/or local, regional and national governments as relevant.

Successful candidates will be invited to complete a full application form by the deadline of 1 April 2024, providing further details, and including endorsement from other local stakeholders through a multisectoral consortium.

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## How is my application evaluated?

Applications are assessed against a core set of criteria reflected in the C/Can Checklist including in the areas of: local leadership and political commitment, partnerships, enabling policy environment and cancer care pillars.

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## How many cities will be accepted to join C/Can?

The selection of cities to be selected in C/Can process will be determined by the quality of the applications, alignment with established criteria, and the outcomes of the due diligence process.

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## What is the role of C/Can's partners?

To fulfill its mission and improve access to equitable, quality cancer care, C/Can leverages the convening power of multistakeholder partnerships. C/Can partners with city, regional and national organisations, professional associations, academic institutions, private sector companies, foundations, UN agencies and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), all linked by the common desire to support cities as they work to improve access to quality cancer care. These partners are providing expertise, financial and/or in-kind contribution, at every step of C/Can's methodology.

With all its partners, C/Can has agreed on a set of constructive engagement rules regarding transparency, integrity, anti-corruption, compliance with applicable laws and data privacy. These rules create a safe space for C/Can and partners to cooperate and support C/Can's mission, while preventing any improper influence and real or perceived conflict of interest.

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