Additional information;

Call for funding for core facilities within research for the period 2022-2024

The application can be written in English or Swedish.

For expensive equipment/instruments > SEK 2.5 million

As stated in the call text, expensive equipment is defined as equipment with a purchase price exceeding SEK 2.5 million and may in special cases consist of systems of several instruments with total purchase price exceeding SEK 2.5 million.

- A core facility can seek funds for several expensive equipment.
- Procurement must begin in 2022.
- The equipment will be owned by the department at which the activity is located.
- For existing expensive equipment, the entire remaining depreciation cost will be granted while for new expensive equipment all future deprivation costs will be granted. For equipment with a purchase price < SEK 2.5 million, only depreciation costs for 2022-2024 will be granted.

Customers' scientific articles or equivalent

The report shall give a representative picture of the activities. There is an awareness that the time between the use of a given core facility and publication can be long, which is why it can be difficult to report all publications.

Possible effects of the Corona pandemic

Under the heading "Activities 2019-2020", possible effects of the Corona pandemic for the activities can be described.

In the core facility call 2021, three changes have been identified to increase clarity, transparency and predictability:

- How rental funds are distributed
- How agency capital (myndighetskapital) is taken into account
- The possibility of funding to handle financial consequences of terminated support
**Rental support**

On December 16\textsuperscript{th}, 2020, the Research Committee decided that the budget item for "special rental support" included in the budget for the Research Committee is handled by the Infrastructure Council in the core facility call 2021.

The rental support previously granted as a percentage of the grant for operating costs and special rental support is terminated. Rental costs should instead be applied for as operating costs and will be part of any granted support for operating costs. Rental support can be applied for by all core facilities that have rental costs.

**Opening balance**

At its meeting on January 11, 2021, the Infrastructure Council decided that agency capital (myndighetskapital) as of January 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2021, will be taken into account prior to a decision on the allocation of new resources. Applicants shall comment on a budgeted positive opening and closing balance in the budget template. Accumulated agency capital (myndighetskapital; excluding residual value from equipment) as of January 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2021, that exceeds the core facility's proposed annual funding in 2022-2024 shall be taken into account when deciding on funding for the 2022-2024 grant period. A high level of agency capital (myndighetskapital) in relation to the turnover will be balanced against the awarded funding (2022-2024). Agency capital (myndighetskapital) will also be taken into account in case of allocation of funds for expensive equipment/instruments.

The Infrastructure Council will judge each individual facility, to ensure optimal resource utilization. A model with a possibility to receive funding to handle financial consequences of terminated support for core facilities is intended to be implemented from the 2021 call, which essentially eliminates the need to accumulate agency capital (myndighetskapital) for this purpose (See below).

**Funding to handle financial consequences of terminated support**

At its meeting on January 11\textsuperscript{th}, 2021, the Infrastructure Council decided that core facilities supported by the core facility program announced by KI and Region Stockholm in three-year cycles, but where the support is terminated because of decisions in the 2021 call, shall be tried for funding to handle financial consequences of terminated support. The support shall be 2/3 year 1 and 1/3 year 2 after the end of core facility support based on the support the year before it is terminated. The support requires that the research infrastructure continues to provide service during the period of support, adapted to the reduced support and the operational conditions. The Infrastructure Council decides on support after dialogue with the head of department/manager responsible for operations.

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