



Canadian Liver Foundation  
Fondation canadienne du foie

*Bringing liver research to life*  
*Donner vie à la recherche sur le foie*

## **Winter/Spring 2024**

### *Re: Important Notice Regarding the 2024 Research Grant Program*

Dear Researcher,

The Canadian Liver Foundation (CLF) is proud of the role we continue to play in advancing liver research in Canada, and in the exciting discoveries that have led to a greater understanding of liver disease – and in some cases, new treatments and cures. To date, the CLF has funded over \$38 million in liver research across Canada.

Last year, we shared some changes in our approach to funding liver research in Canada, emphasizing our commitment to make every dollar count towards the fight against liver disease. As we continue to navigate the challenges brought on by recent national and global events, including the soaring prices of necessities like food and shelter, we find ourselves needing to pause and reflect once again. Despite the incredible dedication and support that our donors had in 2023, we've made the difficult decision to not move forward with a call for submissions for the 2024 Research Grant Program.

We recognize this news may be disappointing. However, our focus remains on providing direct support to patients and prioritizing prevention initiatives. Our decision reflects not just the need to be financially prudent, but also ensures we're making a tangible difference in the lives of those affected by liver disease. We will continue to fund the research proposals accepted in prior years that are still in progress, including four liver cancer research operating grants.

While we are pausing funding for new research projects in 2024, we are hopeful about the future. We aim to realign our funding towards projects that support these critical areas of patient support and prevention as soon as we are able.

We are grateful for the understanding and resilience of our research community. Your work is the backbone of progress in liver health, and we remain committed to supporting and advancing research when our circumstances allow.

We will keep you informed if the status of the 2024 Research Grant Program changes at any point this year.

For any questions or further clarification, please feel free to reach out to Lucy You, Vice-President, Strategy, Health and Technology, by email at [lyou@liver.ca](mailto:lyou@liver.ca). Your feedback and ideas are always welcome as we chart our path forward.