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Subject: My Suggestion ...

Hello,

Thank you in advance for considering my suggestion.

My suggestion relates to research grant funding for small businesses. Specifically, grant funding requirements thwart innovative ideas that can lead to global health changes and marked improvement by making funding available per grant too low.

If I have an idea to cure cancer and would like to pursue it, yet the grant offers not enough money to allow me to quit my job and give a go at doing so. Well, I don't quit my job and I don't give a go. Leaving what could be the greatest idea ever an idea with no hope of being recognized.

Now, I have such ideas and am ready to give a go. But, alas funding requires me to keep the idea a dream. How many others ideas have been lost that could have been recognized because grant funding is too low.

Making more money available per grant to support the payroll for researchers would bring tidal wave of new and amazing ideas that would change the world. My recommendation, change strategy to stop financing many small ideas to be worked on part-time. Rather, financially back potential block busters that can be worked on by those who have the know how and the skills. But again, do not even attempt nor contemplate due to the amount of money not being able to compete with what a full-time job provides.

Best,

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