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Health and Health Services Research Fund (HHSRF)

The HHSRF was established in 2002, with a capital commitment totalling \$76 million, to facilitate the generation of new knowledge in areas of human health and health services. The HHSRF has a focused research agenda in which three themes, namely public health, health services and Chinese medicine, have been developed to guide the direction of research and decision on fund allocation. Thematic priorities have also been set for each application round based on local relevance and importance of various health issues.

Research Fund for the Control of Infectious Diseases (RFCID)

The RFCID was established in 2003 with a capital commitment of \$450 million to encourage, facilitate and support research on the prevention, treatment and control of infectious diseases, in particular emerging infectious diseases such as avian influenza and SARS.

The RFCID supports studies initiated by individual investigators, in addition to those commissioned by the FHB, to address specific health problems, fill scientific gaps and respond to public threats or needs.