ASH Bridge Grant Required Documents

☐ Response to Critiques from Original R01
  o For applicants whose initial (A0) application was not funded: include a two page response to the study section critiques that addresses the work to be performed prior to resubmission and how each major issue raised in the critique can be answered in a resubmission (Please follow NIH formatting.).
  o For applicants whose resubmitted (A1) application was not funded: Include a proposed one-page "specific aims" statement from the next R01 you intend to submit, and give up to two pages that describes how these aims are achievable in the light of the non-funded A1 critiques and your ongoing and near future research plans (Please follow NIH formatting.).

☐ Applicant's NIH Biosketch (5-page limit)
  o Please ensure the biosketch includes present position, training, publications, and current other funding.

☐ Institutional Commitment Letter From Department Chair or Division Chief
  o It must be signed and on official letterhead.
  o The letter should attest to:
    1. The institutional commitment to applicant.
    2. The value of the applicant to the institution.
    3. An explicit commitment to provide an institutional match of $50,000 in new monies (see detailed discussion below).
    4. Commitment to maintaining the investigator's space and position for the duration of the award.
    5. Any training or other professional development opportunities the institution will make available to the applicant during the period of the award.

☐ Specific Aims Page From Original R01
  o Please do not include the complete R01 application.

☐ Complete Summary Statement From Original R01
  o This should include the committee recommendations and individual study section member critiques
  o Please redact all scores and percentiles from this summary statement and all other documents in your application as they will not be used by the Study Section during the review process.

☐ Documentation From NIH Confirming That Your R01 Score Was Outside of Fundable Range

☐ Completed Bridge Grant Budget Justification form

☐ Completed Budget Supplemental Form

☐ First-Year Budget From R01
  o This will be used only to confirm the percent effort of the applicant on the original R01 application. If your R01 was built on a modular budget, please also provide a detailed budget breakdown.

Matching Funds and Budget

ASH intends for the applicant’s institution to match $50,000 in new monies. This is meant to demonstrate the institution’s support for the investigator and to ensure that the investigator has sufficient support for his/her research efforts.
The matching funds may be used on the salary and benefits of the investigator, the salary and benefits of research personnel, reagents and other research supplies, equipment purchases for use by the investigator (up to $10,000), and indirect costs (up to $25,000).

ASH recognizes that a lapse in funding may occur before the Bridge Grant is awarded. Within reason, funds provided to the investigator following this lapse in funding - but prior to the Bridge Grant being awarded - may be counted toward the match. The institutional commitment letter should attest to the necessity of accounting these funds toward the match.

The matching funds should be well documented in the application. Ideally, applicants will present a detailed description of how the matching funds will contribute to their overall research effort in combination with the Bridge Grant and other available funding. This documentation will be considered during the study section review.