COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PILOT GRANT APPLICANTS’ WEBINAR

February 14, 2018
12:00pm – 1:00 pm MST
IMPORTANT DATES

01/19/2018: RFA Release Date
02/14/2018: Applicants’ Webinar/Conference Call (optional)
03/09/2018: Mandatory Intent to Apply Form Deadline
05/18/2018: Application Submission Deadline
08/01/2018: Tentative Notification of Award
August 2018: Mandatory in-person training
11/01/2018: Tentative Award Start Date
10/31/2019: Tentative Award End Date
GOALS OF THE PILOT GRANT PROGRAM

- Support pilot studies that will strengthen community-academic relationships and produce preliminary data for future competitive grant applications.

- Build capacity in community-academic partnerships to conduct translational (T3/T4) research using community-based participatory research (CBPR) principles to translate established efficacy into effective implementation at the community or clinic level.

- Address health disparities related to: (1) childhood chronic conditions, (2) social-emotional health; or (3) cardiovascular disease (applications addressing hypertension are strongly encouraged).
AVAILABLE FUNDING

➢ The Community Engagement Core expects to award up to $60,000 to fund Joint Pilot projects.

➢ The expectation is that previous Partnership Development Projects are applying for this round of Joint Pilot projects (second year of funding) for up to $30,000.
APPLICATION CATEGORIES

**Partnership Development**

Intended to support new or potential partnerships.

Hopeful two-year commitment: the first year of funding is dedicated to relationship building, exploration of shared areas of interest, creation of a partnership structure, identification of a specific research collaboration, and the development of a research project for a one-year Joint Pilot Project. The second year of funding (pending an acceptable Joint Pilot Project application) will be dedicated to implementing the proposed research project.

Partnerships may request up to $15,000 (Total budget, per project, for community and academic partners combined.)

Applicants must allocate a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of requested funds to the community partner.

**Joint Pilot Project**

Intended to support experienced researchers or junior investigators (who demonstrate appropriate mentorship) who have an established community-academic partnership in place and seek funds for a well-defined joint research project that produces preliminary data for future competitive grant applications.

Joint Pilot Projects must be completed within one year and an extramural grant submission submitted at that time.

Collaborative proposals will be based upon partnerships that have demonstrated working success in the past.

Applicants for Joint Pilot Projects may request up to $30,000. (Total budget, per project, for community and academic partners combined.)

Applicants must allocate a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of requested project funds to the community partner.
JOINT PILOT POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES

- Data collection and/or analysis of community-specific information or other quantitative and qualitative data.
- Disseminating and translating research findings (e.g., development and implementation of appropriate dissemination tools, such as, fact sheets and policy briefs, to community and academic audiences and to policy-makers).
- Studies of the community translation process, including dissemination methods.
PROJECTS WE WILL NOT FUND...

- Projects designed to demonstrate that a health disparity exists (we want projects focused on reducing health disparities or designed to understand how to decrease health disparities)
- Projects with NO community engagement
- Projects outside of the Rocky Mountain Region
- Junior Investigators who have NOT identified a mentor and included a Letter of Support in their application
- Project/program development or implementation
- Renewals or continuation funding requests from previously-funded Partnership Development or Joint Pilot Projects
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- All projects **must** have a community partner **and** an academic partner identified at the time the application is submitted. Either is eligible to serve as the Principle Investigator.

- **Academic Researchers:** Researchers who are housed at or working on behalf of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus or any CCTSI Affiliate Organization Researchers who are employed at other institutions of higher education may also be considered “academic researchers” for the purposes of this grant program.

- **Community Researchers:** Researchers or other professionals who work primarily in community-based organizations, state or local government, faith-based organizations, community health clinics, private practice, etc. Community researchers also may be independent contractors who are not attached to any one organization.
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Academic researchers who are listed on pilot grant applications must become members of the CCTSI in order to submit the application.

- If projects include Human Subjects Research, Institutional Review Approval must be obtained and submitted, through CCTSI staff, to the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS). NCATS approval must be received prior to conducting any project activities involving human subjects.
BUDGET GUIDELINES: UNALLOWABLE EXPENSES

- Requested total grant funds will be split between Community and Academic Partners, with Community Partners receiving **at least half** of total grant funds.
  - Funds allocated to the Community Partner flow through Trailhead Institute directly to the community partner.
  - Funds allocated to an Academic Partner come from the University and are managed by the investigator.
  - Once the allocations are made to each partner, they **cannot be modified** (i.e., money can’t be shifted from the academic budget to the community budget and vice versa).
BUDGET GUIDELINES: UNALLOWABLE EXPENSES

- Indirect costs are not an allowable expense for this grant program.
- Office furniture or other items not typically allowed on federal grants are not allowable expenses for this grant program unless otherwise stated in the RFA (i.e., food and other meeting expenses).
- Modifications within the academic budget or within the community budget are allowed, providing the expense was approved in the original application.
- Pilot funds cannot be used to pay for program implementation costs (i.e., costs related to program development, or for educational or dissemination programs)—funds CAN be spent on research/evaluation of such programs or for other translational research.
BUDGET GUIDELINES: ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

- Joint Pilot Applicants may request funds for expenses related to developing and sustaining a new community-academic partnership as outlined in the RFA, such as:
  - costs related to hosting meetings, including refreshments;
  - costs related to further developing the community-academic partnership (e.g., facilitation or training materials); and
  - costs associated with planning collaborative research projects and joint grant proposals (e.g., literature searches, printing articles, grant proposals).

- Applicants must budget for participation in the poster session at the Community Engagement Research Exchange and Networking Forum. The budget should include costs for poster development, printing and necessary travel expenses for participants.
POST—AWARD REQUIREMENTS

- Awardees conducting research involving human subjects must submit their projects to an accredited Institutional Review Board (IRB) and must comply with IRB training requirements. Additionally, Institutional Review Approval must be obtained and submitted, through CCTSI staff, to the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) for approval prior to conducting any project activities involving human subjects.

- Awardees must attend a mandatory training workshop, participate in project-specific Facilitated Coaching Sessions, and additional training and technical assistance activities.

- Awardees are required to attend a 30-minute finance and administration webinar.

- All awardees are required to submit a mid-project progress report at the midpoint of the award period and a final progress report at the end of the funded project. Additional reports detailing progress to-date and all submitted publications and grant applications (pending or funded) may be required.

- All awardees are required to participate in CCTSI evaluation activities related to the pilot grant program.
POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS (CONT.)

- All awardees must agree to present their research at the annual Community Engagement Research Exchange and Networking Forum, which is tentatively scheduled for Fall 2019.

- If you intend to use any Clinical and Translational Research Centers (CTRC) resources, your research protocol also will require separate Scientific and Advisory Review Committee (SARC) submission and approval. CTRC resources include: inpatient and outpatient research facilities, clinical research nursing support, nutrition research support, exercise research laboratory, ancillary funds; and CTRC Core lab support. For more information, visit http://cctsi.ucdenver.edu/Research-Resources.

- Research dissemination in scholarly peer-reviewed journals, meeting settings, and back to the community.
IRB APPROVAL

- Upon award notification, awardees who will be engaging in Human Subjects Research (HSR) will need to prepare for IRB submission and subsequently to the National Center for the Advancement of Translational Sciences (NCATS)
  - Projects involving Human Subjects Research must have IRB approval and approval from NCATS before doing any HSR work
  - Assistance on NCATS approval will be provided by CCTSI staff

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- Applicants are strongly encouraged to demonstrate their capacity to submit to IRB as soon as possible if awarded.

- Applicants are encouraged to contact Deborah Barnard related to questions on IRB for COMIRB. This will streamline the IRB application process should the project be selected for an award:
  DEBORAH.BARNARD@UCDENVER.EDU
  - This will be different for applicants whose academic institution is not UCD.
REVIEW CRITERIA

- Applications should be well written, precise, succinct, and should answer all applicable questions in the order in which they are presented in the application.
- Preference to those that have the potential to improve community translation and decrease health disparities while meeting the criteria outlined in this RFA.
Scoring criteria will include:

- General responsiveness to the RFA requirements
- A well-demonstrated conceptual understanding of the principles of community engaged research
- Quality of the study design and measurement methods within the framework of CBPR collaboration
- Project focus
- Project outcomes related to community-engagement, partnership development, translational research, and health disparities
- Probability of extramural funding, if successful
Intent to Apply form must be submitted online no later than 5:00pm on March 9, 2018 at:
http://www.ucdenver.edu/research/CCTSI/funding/CommunityEngagementPilotProgram/Pages/default.aspx

Applications must be submitted online no later than 5:00pm on May 18, 2018 at:
http://www.ucdenver.edu/research/CCTSI/funding/CommunityEngagementPilotProgram/Pages/default.aspx
Applications must:

- be submitted online as a single document in Adobe PDF format (applications will require some information to be completed online and some will be completed offline and uploaded in PDF format)
- be written in Arial, 11-point font
- be single-spaced with one-inch margins
- adhere to the page limits and other instructions outlined in the RFA

Applications may include up to two letters of support/commitment, up to two MOU’s and a one-page bibliography as a single appendix (which means they must be merged into one, PDF document). The Appendix does not count toward the application page limit.
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