Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center Office of Community Outreach and Engagement

ANNOUNCEMENT

Community-Academic Collaborative Program Award

IU Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center, Office of Community Outreach and Engagement is inviting collaborative proposals for implementing evidence-based cancer related programs within the community. Proposals should focus on the cancer burden in Indiana. The program should have an evaluation component and priority will be given to one of the major cancer burdens in Indiana including lung, breast, colon, pancreas, prostate and cervical. We are particularly interested in programs that can lower risk behaviors related to cancers which drive cancer incidence and morbidity. Of particular interest are community-led programs that will increase our reach or understanding of the underserved populations in Indiana. The project must be co-led by an IUSCCC faculty member and community advocate or partner. **Applicants may request up to \$15,000 for the Community-Academic Collaborative Program Award.**

Eligibility: The duration of this program award is one year, and the budget should not exceed \$15,000. The proposal must be co-led by a member of IUSCCC (Full, Associate or Affiliate) and a community partner. <u>All members of the research team and the community partner(s) should be actively engaged in developing and executing the proposal goals.</u>

Application Terms and Guidelines:

- Applicants should submit a letter of intent (LOI) briefly describing the proposed project, including the study aims and deliverables and how the community partner will be involved. Upon evaluation of the LOIs, selected applicants will be asked to submit a full application. Consultation with the AD of Community Outreach and Engagement is encouraged.
- 2. Applications will be completed via WebCAMP. A link to the application will be sent after an applicant's Letter of Intent has been approved. For non-IU applicants this is considered external funding and signatures must be obtained from your representative institutions. Please be sure to allow time to obtain the needed signatures for submission.

Format for full proposal:

- A. Abstract (30 lines)
- B. Specific Aims (one page)
- C. Significance (Up to one page)
 - 1. Why is the proposal important to lowering the cancer burden in Indiana
 - How will the project support a community partner in controlling the cancer burden in Indiana?
 - 3. Is the proposed project evidence based?
- D. Approach (2-4 pages)
 - 1. Describe the proposed program including the evidence supporting this approach.
 - 2. Preliminary work-Have you implemented a project before that is similar to the proposed project? Explain what was done and the outcomes. Were there lessons that were learned and if so, how will they be used in the current work?
 - 3. What population will the program serve?
 - 4. Describe the process for developing and implementing the program along with the timeline.
 - 5. What are the indicators of success or deliverables?
 - 6. How will you evaluate the program-be specific
 - 7. How does the project support a bidirectional partnership between cancer researchers and community partners?
- E. Environment
 - 1. Explain why this is the appropriate environment to implement the program.
 - 2. Discuss the community relevance of the proposed work
- F. Investigators
 - 1. Indicate if the lead investigators and/or community partner have worked together before and include outcomes of that partnership

- G. Budget (no page limit): A detailed budget and justification must be attached. Proposals should <u>not</u> include percent effort (salary) for the Principal Investigator.
- H. Biosketches (no page limit): Resume or biosketch of community partner and all investigators involved in the project must be included

Expenditures Allowed:

- Supplies directly related to development or execution of the proposal
- Funds can be used to support research assistants or community workers with direct responsibility for some aspect of the proposal.
- Limited travel costs
- Biostatistics or evaluation costs

Expenditures Not Allowed:

• Funds cannot be used to support the salary of principal investigators (faculty or community partner salary)

Criteria for review:

- 1. Is this program/research focused on an area with the potential to reduce cancer mortality and morbidity.
- 2. Are the aims clear?
- 3. Will the approach support the aims?
- 4. Are the deliverables clearly defined and will they provide data to support the purpose of the proposal?
- 5. Is the evaluation plan clear?
- 6. Are the investigators appropriate and do they have the ability to complete the project
- 7. Will the proposal lead to new information that will lead to or is related to decreasing the cancer burden?
- 8. Is the community relevance clear?

Applications will be reviewed by a select panel of cancer center members, university content experts, and external reviewers as needed.

Award Process and Recognition:

- Awardees are expected to provide public presentations to venues identified by the community partner.
- Progress reports will be requested yearly in December of each year.
- Awardees are also required to report any publications and proposals submitted and/or funded as a result of this award to IUSCCC.

The timetable is:Letter of Intent:
Completed application:
Rolling submission
Following LOI approval

An electronic copy of the Letter of Intent should be submitted to:

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Project Manager Specialist
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IUSCCC / OCOE Community Partners

Below is a list of community partners to consider. This is not a comprehensive list, but just a sampling of partners that other investigators at IU have worked with on projects. Please contact Dr. Victoria Champion (vchampio@iu.edu) or Calvin Roberson (cerobers@iu.edu) before reaching out to any community partner directly. Also, if you have a project idea, but not sure who to partner with, please reach out to Vickie or Calvin for suggestions.

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