



**Charles R. Drew University
Of Medicine and Science**
Division of Cancer Research and Training
Center to Eliminate Cancer Health Disparities
In partnership with the
UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SEED GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY-PARTNERED RESEARCH IN SPA 6

Funded by the CDU-UCLA Cancer Center Partnership to Eliminate Cancer Health Disparities
(U54 CA 143931), Principal Investigators Dr. Jay Vadgama (CDU) and Dr. Robin Farias-Eisner (UCLA)

Up to two grants of \$10,000 are available for conducting pilot research activities related to cancer disparities in partnership with a community organization. The activities have to take place in SPA 6 and may represent an extension of an existing partnership or serve as a means of forming new partnerships. Applications have to include both an academic investigator and a community investigator.

Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate

- high levels of community involvement
- a focus on evidence-based strategies to address the cancer burden in SPA 6
- a strong potential for future extramural funding

The goals of the CDU-UCLA Cancer Center Partnership to Eliminate Cancer Health Disparities are to:

- (1) foster relationships between Charles Drew University/UCLA and community organizations in SPA 6 and their capacity to jointly conduct cancer-related research;
- (2) Bring culturally and linguistically appropriate cancer research information to the community and increase community capacity to develop and implement culturally appropriate health prevention strategies
- (3) enhance and develop research skills and capacity of junior investigators or mid-level investigators who are new to community-partnered cancer control research;
- (4) assist investigators to obtain pilot data for future grant proposals.

Projects eligible for funding may include efforts to promote cancer screening, HPV vaccination and efforts to address cancer risk factors (obesity, food intake, physical activity). Applications for proposals that take place in, or recruit from under-resourced communities and populations that are negatively impacted by health disparities in Los Angeles will receive priority. **Faculty members from the Cancer Outreach Core from Charles Drew University and UCLA and members of the Community Academic Council can assist with linking academic and community partners.**

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FUNDING: Up to \$10,000 for 12 months

ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS:

- work primarily with the SPA 6 community in South Los Angeles
- have an academic and a community investigator with responsibilities clearly outlined
- have a clear cancer focus that meets the needs of SPA 6
- Academic partner is responsible for obtaining IRB approval, if needed
- conduct a presentation at the end of the program e.g. dissemination of program results to community
- submit a final written report within 1 month of the project completion

PROPOSAL WILL BE SELECTED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Importance of health disparity issue addressed
- Research approach and methods
- Capacity of the project staff to successfully complete the project
- Appropriate budget
- Ability to expand to a larger project, grant submission or scientific paper

January 12, 2017, 12-1pm: Conference Call to answer questions: call 641-715-3580, code 784-961
January 19, 2017, 1:30-3:30pm: Workshop at HAAF, 4305 Degnan Blvd, to facilitate applications/partnerships
March 1, 2017: Deadline for submitting proposals April 1, 2017: Notification of awards

TO APPLY:

Please submit the following information in a Word or PDF document. Maximum length is **2 single-spaced pages**, Arial 11-point font, one-inch margins.

- Name(s) and contact information for the project academic leader(s), including departmental and center affiliation
- Name(s) and organization(s) of community leader(s) in SPA6
- Project overall goal and cancer disparity that will be addressed
- Project activities and timeline (12 months total)
- Significance
- Approach
- Anticipated impact/expected outcomes/dissemination of findings to community/sustainability
- A description outlining how this project will lead to a larger research project and extramural funding
- A simple budget and one-page justification (separate from the 2-page limit), including a description of the role of faculty and community partners. Note: Funds may NOT be used for faculty salary.
- Letter(s) of support from community partner(s) that describes their expertise and prior relevant experience (partnership history or justification for partnership) (separate from the 2-page limit)
- NIH Biosketch for Academic PI

Please submit the application to Annette Maxwell, DrPH at amaxwell@ucla.edu. Questions about the application process may be directed to Dr. Maxwell at 310 794 9282, Dr. Roberto Vargas at RBVargas@mednet.ucla.edu and Ms. Aziza Lucas-Wright, Community Faculty at Drew University at wrightaziza@aol.com.