

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL RESEARCH NETWORK (CPCRN) AT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN PREVENTION RESEARCH CENTER (RMPRC) COLORADO SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CSPH) COMMUNITY MINI-GRANTS PROGRAM, 2023-2024

DUE: August 25, 2023 with funding to begin by September 29, 2023

For questions, please attend the pre-application question and answer session (see below under 'Milestone and Deadlines' for Zoom information) or contact Westley Lighthall, Program Manager @ westley.lighthall@ucdenver.edu

Background: The goal of the Colorado site in the Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network (CPCRN) is to reduce the burden of cancer, especially among those disproportionately affected. We are soliciting proposals in one or more of the following areas:

- ✓ **Identification and management of individuals at increased risk of cancer, especially those with a family history or genetic risk.** This includes use of patient navigation; patient, community, and provider education; and/or workflow/system changes to support screening and management.
- ✓ **Implementation of evidence-based approaches in cancer prevention and control to reduce cancer-related disparities** as described in the Community Guide for Preventive Service or the Evidence-based Cancer Control Program: <https://www.thecommunityguide.org/topics/cancer.html> or <https://ebccp.cancercontrol.cancer.gov/searchResults.do>
- ✓ **Use of best practices to increase the implementation and uptake of evidence-based approaches in cancer prevention and control programs.** This includes any of the following: strategies to increase patient/client engagement; the provision of evaluation and iterative feedback to program implementers; change in staffing and infrastructure to support implementation; adaptation of programs to better meet patient/client needs including telehealth; development of partnerships; use of new payment models or financial incentives; support of healthcare providers to implement programs; provision of technical assistance and training/education to partners.

Program Description: In September 2023, the CPCRN at the RMPRC intends to award a minimum of **\$65,000 in grants of variable amounts (minimum \$5,000 to maximum \$35,000 per application)** to organizations in Colorado. Contracts will be issued for anywhere from 6 months to 12 months depending on the proposed scope of work (end date no later than September 29, 2024). The goal is to allocate at least 25% of total available funding toward a project with a focus on high-risk individuals as described above.

- Items that can be included in the budget's scope of work include, but are not limited to: program materials, participant and partnership incentives, information technology/database enhancements relevant to program delivery and evaluation, salaries for patient navigators and clinical champions, staffing of helplines, and technology-based solutions such as use of patient portals or website/app enhancement to support patient education, access to services, and informed decision-making. Indirect costs of up to 10% will be allowed.

Eligibility: Registered non-profits, community-based organizations, federally qualified health centers, safety net clinics, rural health center or clinics, critical care access hospitals, imaging providers, specialty care such as genetic counselor services or gastrointestinal practices, local public health agencies, or healthcare systems reaching Coloradans can serve as the lead applicant organization. *This community grant mechanism is for organizations other than those part of the University of Colorado (CU) system and therefore faculty from the University of Colorado (CU) are not eligible to apply.*

IMPORTANT MILESTONES AND DEADLINES

Optional pre-application question and answer session on Thursday, June 15th from 11:00-12:00 am MST.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/98291404082>

Meeting ID: 982 9140 4082

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Step 1. Submit a Letter of Intent with the following information:

- o Name of organization;
- o Point of contact name and contact information;
- o Tentative title of project;
- o An email with this information is sufficient. This letter of intent is brief, non-binding and only serves as notification of interest to further discuss the funding opportunity.

Submit to **betsy.risendal@cuanschultz.edu** with copy to Program Manager, **westley.lighthall@ucdenver.edu**.

DUE: Friday, June 30th, 2023

Step 2. Participate in a one-on-one meeting with CPCRN staff to review your Letter of Intent, discuss scope of work, and decide if proceeding with an application is feasible.

Specifics of requirements for the full application will be discussed at the one-on-one meeting.

DUE: Meet with CPCRn staff by Friday, July 21st, 2023

Step 3. Submit a full application to **betsy.risendal@cuanschutz.edu with copy to westley.lighthall@ucdenver.edu. Full application is limited to 5 pages and includes:**

- o Narrative description of program (3 pages maximum) with overview of project and timeline, target population, description of evidence-based approach or best practice to be used, alignment with other organizational activities, current funded grants*, or established goals;
- o Evaluation plan (1 page) with plans to gather reach and impact outcomes;
- o Personnel and Planned Budget Expenses (narrative, 1 page);
- o Additionally, at least two letters of support from leadership and partners are required (not included in the 5-page limit).

*Scope of work can align with but cannot duplicate other current funding.

DUE: Friday, August 25th, 2023

NOTIFICATION OF FUNDING: BY Friday, September 8, 2023 with scope of work to begin by September 29, 2023.

This mini-grants program is offered by the Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network at the Rocky Mountain Prevention Center, Colorado School of Public Health. The Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network (CPCRn) is a national network of academic, public health, and community partners who work together to reduce the burden of cancer, especially among those disproportionately affected. Its members conduct community-based participatory cancer research across its eight network centers, crossing academic affiliations and geographic boundaries.

The CPCRn is a thematic research network of the Prevention Research Centers (PRCs), which are CDC's flagship program for preventing and controlling chronic diseases. This mini-grant program is supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award with 100 percent funded by CDC/HHS (Cooperative Agreement Number U48 DP006399).

For more information about the CPCRn and the Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center, including leadership and a description of activities, please see: cpcrn.org or <https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/research-and-practice/centers-programs/rmprc>

The priorities for action in this funding announcement were determined by a Steering Committee with statewide representation of partners in cancer prevention and control including advocates, community-based organizations, primary care clinics, oncology, and public health (see <https://www.alliance-colorado.org/cancer-prevention-control-research-network/steering-committee/>).