

PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

Florida Department of Health Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program Competition for Cancer Research Grants

-Open Call for Technology Transfer Proposals-

The Florida Department of Health, through the Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program will open a competition for technology transfer grants on or around June 15, 2010. This will be an open call, meaning that applications will be accepted through March 31, 2011 or until available funds are awarded, whichever comes first. All applications will undergo peer review, and funding decisions will be based upon scientific merit as determined by this process. For Fiscal Year 2010-2011, \$700,000 has been allocated for these grants.

Eligible institutions are limited to Florida public and private colleges and universities, and established non-profit research institutions operating in the state. Small Business Concerns (SBCs) in Florida may partner with eligible institutions but may not apply directly for grants.

Applications will only be accepted electronically through an online process. Interested parties should SUBSCRIBE at www.floridabiomed.com to receive the formal *Call for Applications* at which time they should REGISTER in order to create an account in the online system.

Two distinct grant types or mechanisms will be offered:

1. Technology Transfer Feasibility (TTF) Grants (NEW OFFERING)

The TTF Grants offer early stage funding in order to develop intellectual property and improve its commercial potential and competitiveness for later development activities, including company formation or partnering with private interests. Recipients of a TTF award remain eligible to apply later for a TTCP Grant for the same project. Although preliminary data are not required, projects should be designed to establish the technical/scientific merit and feasibility needed to attract commercial interest. Unlike the TTCP Grant, there is no SBC partnership requirement.

Award Amount: \$100,000

Award Period: 12 months

2. Technology Transfer/Commercialization Partnership (TTCP) Grants

The intent of the TTCP grant mechanism is to encourage the collaboration of investigators at eligible institutions with SBCs to stimulate technology transfer activities for promising research discoveries and strengthen a project's economic feasibility and commercialization prospects. Applications must involve a partnership between an eligible institution and an SBC in Florida. Each partner must contribute a minimum of 30% of the effort required to complete the proposed project. There must be at least one key personnel (including the Principal Investigator) at both the eligible institution and the SBC. TTCP Grants are for projects further along the development continuum than TTF applicants, but not yet competitive for federal funding such as is offered through various

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) or Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. TTCP Grants may be applied for independent of whether or not the applicant has previously received a TTF Grant.

Award Amount: \$100,000

Award Period: 12 months

General Program Information:

The Bankhead- Coley Cancer Research Program was established in s. 381.922, *F.S.*, to advance progress towards cures for cancer through grants awarded through a peer-reviewed, competitive process.

The Program has three long-term goals:

1. Significantly expand cancer research capacity in the State.
2. Improve both research and treatment through greater participation in clinical trials networks.
3. Reduce the impact of cancer on disparate groups.

It is not the intent of the Program to replicate or replace funding from other traditional sources such as the National Institutes of Health, but rather to provide funding to fill gaps left by those traditional sources or to make Florida researchers more competitive for extramural funding, thus these grants are designed to be a precursor to federal funding such as the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) or Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. It is incumbent upon the applicant to clearly show why funding from these sources is not available for the proposed project.

Cancer Relatedness:

All applicants must clearly demonstrate how the proposed project is relevant to cancer. Grant requests must support the work of biomedical and biotechnological research addressing the etiology, pathogenesis, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and/or cure of cancer. Social scientific and behavioral proposals must address the development, implementation, and/or evaluation of existing or novel approaches to cancer prevention, diagnosis, or treatment. Proposed projects that do not or cannot demonstrate a close relationship with advancing progress toward cures for cancer or endeavor to dramatically improve cancer morbidity and mortality will not be funded.

National Cancer Institute Designation

The Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program and the James & Esther King Biomedical Research Program have received the National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation as a funding organization with approved peer review and funding systems. This designation means that institutions can include cancer-related Program awards (with the exception of Shared Instrument Grants) in the required research base for Cancer Center Support Grants and the NCI Cancer Center designation.

Other Details:

1. When the competition opens, an announcement will be e-mailed to all original recipients of this e-mail and any new subscribers through the program website.
2. Award determination will be announced within approximately 90 days of application submission.
3. If you know other parties who would be interested in receiving information on this or other research grant opportunities through this program, we encourage you to forward this email to them.

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