Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities
2018 Community-Engaged Research Seed Grants
Info Session

February 20, 2018
Goals for the Session

• Seed Grant Program Purpose/Eligibility
• Application and Review Process
• Resources
• Q&A
Community-Engaged Research

- Bidirectional exchange of expertise between academics (scientific experts) & communities (local, cultural, practice experts) resulting in informed decision-making about design/conduct/use of research

- **Broad spectrum**: minimal to equal partnership in all aspects
ARCC 2018 Seed Grant Goals

• Support community-engaged research partnership and project development

• Lay the groundwork for the development of community-engaged research projects/proposals for external funding
2018 Seed Grants- 2 types of awards

• Research Partnership Development Awards
  – Similar to Partnership Development grants awarded in earlier rounds
  – Up to $5K, Up to 12 months

• Research Development Awards
  – Up to $20 (max request, not per year), Up to 24 months
Spectrum of Engagement

May be partnerships or projects to explore

- community-based participatory research (CBPR)

- patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR)

- or other types of engaged research collaborations
  • Including mechanisms for engaging underrepresented communities in clinical research

- Can be focused on any type of research- e.g. public health/population health research, clinical research, etc.
Partnership Development Grants

• Intended to support *newly developing partnerships*

• Possible activities:
  
  – Relationship building, Exploring areas of shared interest/compatible skills, Engaging addtl. partners
  
  – Defining roles/responsibilities of partners
  
  – Developing partnership/engagement infrastructure/processes
  
  – Building capacity of community and academic partners
  
  – Planning future collaboration and proposals
Research Development Grants

• Intended to support *existing partnerships*

• **Required activities:**
  
  – **Must** include some form of **data collection** or **analysis**
  
  – Should also include focus on partnership sustainability & capacity
Possible data collection/analysis activities:

– identifying, collecting, and/or analyzing new needs/assets assessment or pilot data

– reviewing and/or interpreting existing data

– developing/pilot testing new interventions
Eligibility

• Applications must be *developed & submitted jointly* by a community-academic partnership (community/faith/public organization *and* Northwestern faculty member)

• For assistance in connecting with possible partners, contact ARCC as soon as possible
Priorities

• Healthy Chicago 2.0 priorities and/or Northwestern Memorial Hospital Priority Health Needs

• *For partnership award*: applicants who *haven’t* received ARCC grant before or are new to engaged research

• *For research award*: partnerships who previously received/completed ARCC partnership grant
Awards

• Not a predetermined number of funded projects (based on submission quality)

• Budget- don’t ask for max if not necessary

• No matching required
Pre-Application Call

• Before submission, **requirement** to talk with ARCC director Jen Brown to discuss fit & feasibility of potential proposal ideas.

• **Mandatory & no later than March 23**

• [jenbrown@northwestern.edu](mailto:jenbrown@northwestern.edu)
Application

*Should not exceed 10 pages.*

- Project title
- Contact info for submitting partners (community & academic co-PIs)
- Aims
- Description/evidence of partnership
- Description of project plan: methods, timeline, milestones/outcomes, potential hurdles/limitations & how they’ll be addressed
Budget

• **Must use budget form provided on ARCC website**

• **Also form for budget justification.**

• **Split budget (proportions determined by team):**
  - $ for academic partner/related expenses go to academic co-PI
  - $ for community partner/related expenses go to community co-PI

**Possible expenses**

• partnership meetings

• participation of community/academic partners and/or community residents/patients/stakeholders

• project staff on grant activities (manage meetings/logistics, collect/analyze data)
Application Submission

• Submission through online NUCATS system
• Posted on ARCC site & part of application site
  – Application instructions
  – Budget template
  – Budget justification
• Online form requires abstract & contact info but majority of application is uploaded documents (e.g. 10 page application)
• Online submission must be by NU faculty or staff
• Application can be edited up until deadline
Review Process

• Review by experienced faculty & community partners

• Criteria: Strong science and strong collaboration
  – Quality and feasibility of community and academic partner engagement
  – Quality and feasibility of proposed activities
  – Potential for future research collaboration and funding
  – Potential for positive community impact.

• In-person NIH-style review meeting with full group of reviewers

• Applicants will receive feedback on their applications
Guidance from past grants

- Must have **research focus** - not conducting research but planning, preparing, seeking funding for research
- Clearly show community interest/involvement
- Don’t have overly ambitious expectations
- Build on other support, if you have it
- Connect to future research and opportunities
- Incorporate use of ARCC/CCH resources (training, materials, services, etc.)
Timeline

- Discuss idea with ARCC Director
  Now until March 23

- Application Deadline
  April 6

- Funding decisions communicated
  May
Other Possible Funding Opps

Voucher & Pilot Programs

• Open to all NU faculty & partners collaborating w/NU faculty
• Focus includes pilot/prep for external funding
• Predominantly for NUCATS ‘services’ e.g. data analysis
• Voucher program
  – 500 word application
• Pilot Program
  – Up to $10,000. Submission deadlines: 2x/yr: June, Nov.
  – 1000 word application
  – Research Dissemination & Implementation pilots
Resources

• Contact ARCC staff- can give guidance, review drafts, etc.
• Previous ARCC seed grants on ARCC website
• Online ARCC Resource Directory: www.ARPCResources.net

• Deadline for ARCC Award Nominations: March 5
• February Resources and Opportunities listing
National Resources

www.ccph.info

- Patient & Family Engagement Rubric
- Sample Patient Engagement Plans

http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/what-we-mean-engagement

Community-Based Public Health Caucus

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